

Barking Dogs & Roaming Dogs

May/June 2019

We have received a number of phone calls regarding barking dogs and dogs roaming the subdivision.

According to the Bastrop County Code and Regulations, Section 5 (Dogs at Large) subsection 5.01 a. reads: Dogs shall be prohibited from being/running at large.

If ownership is determinable, and the owner can be located, the owner may be cited for violation of this order..... Subsection 5.02 (Dogs at Large) reads: No dog owner shall fail to prevent his dog from being/running at large.....

City of Bastrop Ordinance 2009-13 reads: The term “public nuisance” shall include, but is not limited to any animal..... that 1) Is found to be at large ... 3) damages, spoils or defecates on private property, other than the animal owners property..... 5) chases vehicles, or otherwise molests, attacks or interferes with other animals or persons on public property;

Per Tahitian Village deed restrictions animals must be confined to the owners premises. County law and City Ordinance dictates that you must prevent your animals from running at large and being a nuisance. If you do not keep your dog contained, you can be cited. It is against the law to allow your dog to run loose.

If you see dogs running loose in the subdivision you should contact the Bastrop County Animal shelter at 512.549.5160.

Barking dogs are more complicated. The TV deed restrictions, County Law and City Ordinance all address dogs barking as a nuisance. City and County law enforcement, which have jurisdiction, are usually undermanned and it is difficult for them to come out and “catch” the culprits in the act of being a nuisance.



Tahitian Village Calendar of Events

May 2019

May 6—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM

May 7—BCWCID #2 Road Meeting at 5:45 @ Bastrop Convention Center

May 13—Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

May 14 & 28—Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ City Hall

May 16—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30 @ Bastrop Convention Center

May 21—Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM

June 2019

June 3—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM

June 10 & 24—Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

June 11—BCWCID #2 Road Meeting at 5:45 @ Bastrop Convention Center

June 11 & 25—Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ Bastrop Convention Center

June 18—Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM

June 20—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30 @ Bastrop Convention Center



Keeping You Posted

- Next Clean Sweep will be on Saturday, July 20, 2019, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Donations for the Animal Shelter and Animal Rescue are still being accepted at the POA office.
- If you call to report a violation, please leave your name and number in case further information is needed. This information is confidential and will not be shared. If you prefer violations can also be reported on the website, www.tahitianvillagepoa.com.

Tahitian Village Neighborhood News Network (TVNNN) - Notice to Tahitian Village Residents:

In an effort to provide you quick and easy access to information important to you as a resident of our beautiful Tahitian Village, we would like to add you to the new TVNNN e-mail list. You can do this by emailing our office staff at info@tahitianvillagepoa.com or filling out this form and turning it in or mailing it to the TVPOA office.

This list is also vital in distributing information about political and TVPOA, TVACC & BCWCID #2 Board candidates, missing/found pets and unfortunately, vandalism and burglaries. Please help us keep you informed by providing the following information (by doing so, you will automatically be added to the TVNNN e-mail list):

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Thanks for your support and interest in our beautiful neighborhood!

NOTE: Please do not resubmit your information if you have already turned this in from a previous issue



ANNOUNCING THE FALL 2019 BASTROP COUNTY MASTER GARDENER TRAINING CLASS



**Classes meet every Saturday,
August 3 – November 2, 2019
9 am until 1 pm**

Please attend one of our information sessions for an application
and to find out more: 10 AM – 11 AM

- May 4** – Bluebonnet Electric Co-op HQ, 155 Electric Ave, Bastrop, TX
- June 8** – First National Bank, 312 Main St., Smithville, TX
- June 22** – Elgin Public Library, 404 N Main St, Elgin TX
- July 20** – Bluebonnet Electric Co-op HQ, 155 Electric Ave, Bastrop, TX

Registration fee: If paid by June 30, 2019 \$225 per person.
After June 30, fee increases to \$250.

Deadline for application and payment is July 20th.

Applications are available at the Bastrop County Extension office, 201 Pecan St, Bastrop, TX
Applications are also available on the website at <https://txmg.org/bastropcounty/master-gardener-training/bastrop-county-master-gardener-application/>

For more information, email us at: bcmgaclass@gmail.com or call **512-957-1443.**

<https://txmg.org/bastropcounty/> or <https://facebook.com/bastropcountymastergardeners>

The Bastrop County Master Gardener Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is a program of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

*Happy
Father's
Day*

The Future of Fireflies by Larry Gfeller

Night time paints with a fickle brush. As a child growing up, I remember old familiar things which appeared foreign and threatening at night. An old stock tank and windmill by day; a spooky gallows at night. The pastoral red barn I played inside by day transformed itself into an imposing castle at night; a place you could not pay me to set foot inside. But the night sky was different—looking up, it was me, the observer, who was transformed! There above me as I gazed into the firmament was a crystal night with silent stars, a broken fingernail of moon and a few wisps of cloud—a child could only stare in wonder.

What are your memories of seeing the night sky as a child? As we grow older and learn more about the world around us, the miracle of the universe is eclipsed by our own self-centeredness, only to surprise us anew at a later time. Remember laying out on a blanket (or the bed of a pickup) on a summer evening gazing at the stars? Georgia O’Keefe, the famed artist, reportedly used her adobe rooftop in New Mexico to soak in the beauty of the nighttime spray of stars overhead. It’s an eternal show that has inspired us for centuries! Yet, as the world urbanizes, the practical need to light our cities has placed a cataract over our ability to appreciate the heavens. Miles upon miles of city lights combine to illuminate the night sky, bleaching out the stars overhead. Does it really matter that folks can’t see the Milky Way with the naked eye anymore, or find the Big Dipper? The International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) thinks it does; they view the night sky as a natural resource, like forests and snow-covered mountain ranges. Dark skies must be conserved for future generations to enjoy.

The IDA has been recognized for 29 years as the leading authority on light pollution and is the largest nonprofit organization working to protect night skies and combat light pollution worldwide. When engineers, designers, planners, architects, astronomers, and dark sky enthusiasts from around the world come together in their passion for the conservation of natural night, it sparks connections that lead to real change. It’s a process of outreach and education. By use of stringent standards for measuring light pollution, the IDA recognizes communities that have taken steps to preserve dark night skies by declaring them an “international dark sky community.” Such worldwide designations are a rarity and they are a mark of distinction which numerous cities and locations around the world strive to achieve.

Standards are tough and are based on The Bortle Scale, which rates how well you can see celestial objects in a certain place, taking into account light pollution and sky glow. Lower numbers indicate darker skies. For example, Big Bend Ranch State Park has a Bortle Scale rating of 1, while Cedar Hill State Park, near Dallas, has a Bortle rating of 8. There is a lengthy IDA application process to document the sites' dark sky attributes and outline steps taken to comply with dark-sky best practices. Once the application is complete it must be favorably reviewed by the IDA's Dark Sky Places Committee and subsequently approved by the association's board of directors for locations to attain the coveted dark sky designation.

What does all this have to do with nature?

Research in this area is continuing but scientists have known for some time about circadian rhythm, that roughly 24-hour cycle in the physiological processes of living beings that affects brain wave activity, hormone production, cell regeneration and other biological activities. Anybody who's ever suffered jet lag or severe insomnia understands! Although most of these cues are internally generated, light can also play a role. Light pollution is mostly concerned with artificial lighting at night and it affects much more than humans.

Scientists in Switzerland have demonstrated that artificial light introduced to nighttime meadows reduced the number and frequency of active pollinators. Isolating one plant species—the cabbage thistle—ecologists found fewer insect visits to the lit meadows. They also noted fewer pollinators than in the control plots, which resulted in fewer fruits on the cabbage thistle plants they were studying. Because there was reduced fruit production in the study plots, it appears that pollinators that work during the day were unable to make up for the reduced number of pollinators at night.

In Maryland scientists found similar disruptive effects of light pollution on the reproduction of fireflies. These little beetles (there are over 2,000 species found on every continent except Antarctica) light up to find mates and artificial light causes fewer flashes (there are other reasons fireflies flash, but mating is a major one). In Virginia, researchers even tethered females so they couldn't fly and free-flying males could easily find them. In the presence of artificial light courtship activities and mating success was reduced.

In separate unrelated studies of sea turtles, moths and certain seabirds, the presence of artificial light has been shown to alter or adversely impact natural processes critical to survival not only of the species concerned but, by extension, the larger food chain of which they are a part. Baby sea turtles had difficulty making their way to the sea by night, moth reproduction was stunted and predation increased in the presence of strong artificial light and nocturnal seabirds, which are attracted, disoriented, and grounded by artificial lights nearby their colonies had problems navigating.

So light pollution generates a range of ecological impacts, but from a conservation perspective, light-induced mass fatality events in nature are one of the most severe ecological consequences.

So what can we do about it?

Modern society tends to carry a sense of entitlement and takes most of the natural world for granted. At the general citizen level, all of us can help by using fewer exterior lights, installing lighting that is directed toward the ground and turning off lights that are not in use. It's just uncommon sense.

From a personal standpoint, as citizen naturalists, we can participate in various rescue programs of national and state conservation organizations, citizen science research groups or concerned citizen groups in areas where these problems are understood. We can also work with Texas state parks to assist with lighting audits and help promote and participate in public star gazing events.

But at the community level, solutions begin with awareness. Supporting the IDA (there is a Texas chapter) and other research groups promotes working with industry and local government councils to better manage their lighting. Such actions as replacing outdoor lights with more efficient low-light fixtures and retrofitting others to keep light from emanating upward not only enhance the nighttime sky but also save energy on the ground. At the community level it's an educational/persuasion process.

As citizen naturalists, some of the best places to appreciate the celestial beauty of our heavens are in our state parks. Happily, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has embraced the dark skies concept and is striving to get many state parks qualified as "international dark sky parks." In recent years, TPWD started recognizing the impact of urban sprawl and resulting light pollution on many of its 95 state parks and is developing policies and lighting management plans to address the issue. Texas State Parks leadership is partnering with the McDonald Observatory and the Texas chapter of the IDA to audit the night skies above the parks and implement their recommendations.

Copper Breaks State Park (panhandle) and Enchanted Rock State Natural Area (hill country) were the first to be designated and they have been joined by Big Bend National & State Parks and South Llano River State Park since. Others will follow. Although not part of TPWD, the Texas City of Dripping Springs is also classified as an international dark sky community.

“Texas is rapidly becoming a national leader in the dark sky movement,” says John Barentine, manager of IDA’s Dark Sky Places Program. “There are some really dedicated folks in Texas’ parks and communities taking significant steps to protect the night skies and educate policymakers and the public about the importance of preserving one of the state’s most precious natural resources.” Whether you enjoy the upside down quality of the night sky from the bed of a pickup or simply enjoy the marvel of fireflies on a warm summer’s eve, a dark night sky is worthy of conservation. It’s a treasure not in money but in beauty. Although the show may be eternal, our ability to see and enjoy it is slowly fading away.





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RUN, White & Blue 5K & 1K Fun Run

Saturday, June 29, 2019 ■ Bastrop, TX 78602

Starting Time and Place

8:00am/1K Fun Run Fisherman's Park
8:20am/Run, White, and Blue 5K Fisherman's Park

Race Day Registration: 6:30-8:00am

Course

1K Fun Run & RUN, White, and Blue 5K will be a fast and flat run through historic downtown Bastrop. Start and finish are located at Fisherman's Park in Bastrop, TX.

Entry

\$10 for 1K Fun Run for 13 and up (Free for 12 and under)
\$25 for RUN, White, and Blue 5K
postmarked by June 7, 2019
\$30 for RUN, White, and Blue 5K
postmarked after June 7, 2019

Make checks payable to: Bastrop Chamber of Commerce

Mail entry and payment to:

Bastrop Chamber of Commerce
927 Main St
Bastrop, TX 78602

Awards

Awards will be given to the top 3 overall male and female race winners for the 5K.

Age group awards will be given for the top 3 male and female finishers in each age group for the 5K.

Age Groups: 0-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

Race Information

Bastrop Chamber of Commerce
(512) 303-0558

<https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Bastrop/RUNWhiteBlue5Kand1KFunRun>

Directions:

From TX-71: Take the TX-95 N exit, turn N on TX-95 (toward Buc-ee's), turn left on Farm St

From US-290: Turn onto TX-95 S, turn right onto Mesquite St, turn left onto Main St, turn right onto Farm St

Sponsors:

Edward Jones Investments | Bryan Wilczewski
Germer Insurance
YMCA

No refunds, exchanges, or transfers. Race held rain or shine.

ENTRY FORM

PLEASE CHECK ONE: RUN, White & Blue 5K 1K Fun Run

First Name (please print) _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____ email _____

Age on Race Day _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Gender M F Shirt Size S M L XL 2XL

Runners Agreement Waiver: Release & Acknowledgment

All runners are required to sign the waiver below. Registrations that are not signed will not be processed.

I know that running a road race is potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter a run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risk associated with running this event, including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, wave and release the City of Bastrop, Texas, the Chamber of Commerce, all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use and photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. This is a road race conducted under the rules of RRCA and USATF. It is not intended for individuals with headphones, baby strollers, dogs on leashes, skateboards, skates, or rollerblades.

Signature of Runner _____ Date _____

Signature of parent/guardian if runner is under 18 _____ Date _____

We love getting to visit with our furry friends too during Clean Sweep...

Cutie



Joey & Amber



Weasel



Willie & Tito

The best therapist has fur and four legs!!

**EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHANCE ...
IS IT YOU?**



CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties has served 86 abused and neglected children in Bastrop County, but there are still 39 children without a CASA Volunteer. Our goal is to provide every vulnerable child with a CASA to stay by their side during one of the most difficult times of their lives. Ready to speak up for a child? Learn more and get involved by calling **512.409.0771 today!
CASA Training starts May 1, 2019. Morning & evening sessions.**

Please Don't Kidnap Me!



What to do if you find a nest of baby bunnies....



Bunnies are one of the most frequently "kidnapped" mammal species. Mothers dig a very shallow nest in the ground that is easily uncovered when mowing or raking the yard. If you find a rabbit nest-leave it alone!

Mother rabbits only return to the nest two or three times a day, usually before dawn and right after dusk.

To determine if they are orphaned, either place a string across the nest in a tic-tac-toe shape or circle the nest with flour. Check the nest the next day. If the string or flour is disturbed, the mother has returned. If not, take the bunnies to a rehabilitator.

A bunny that is bright eyed and 4-5 inches long is fully independent and does NOT need to be rescued! If you find a bunny that does need to be rescued, put it in a dark, quiet location. Bunnies are a prey species and while they may look calm, they are actually very, very scared!

JOIN THE WATER DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE TO RECEIVE TIMELY INFORMATION

The Water District has started a Facebook page intended to be an outbound notification system. The page will be used to inform residents of information in a timely nature or to announce upcoming activities.

Please join the page if you would like to receive notifications such as water main breaks, road closures, upcoming meetings or other items of interest.

The page is not a means to contact the District.

www.facebook.com/BCWCID2



Posting of information

TVPOA/TVACC shares information passed on from other entities so that residents can remain informed in regards to ongoing matters in Tahitian Village. For more information on those matters, please contact them directly. Phone numbers for some are listed below.

Attention BCWCID #2 Customers

Another option for paying your water bill. Use the new automated system to pay your water bill.

Save time — pay by phone!

Bastrop County WCID #2 gives you access to your account 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It's a convenient way to pay your bills on your own time — with no waiting!

- Save postage by paying your bill by phone.
- Access your updated account instantly.
- Hear real-time balances, payment amounts, and due dates.
- Enter your information securely through an automated system.

Call **855-213-4937** today to make your payment over the phone!



Register for E-Billing and Notification Program!

We are very excited about some changes we made regarding billing and online bill pay. With E-Billing you receive your bills sooner. You can now pay your bills online with no additional charges. Go to our website at bcwcid2.org and sign up or complete form and return.

Receive a text message or an automated phone call regarding water outages, road closures or other emergencies within the District when you register for the Notification Program.

To Opt-In to the Notification Program, please complete the form and return by mail, place it in our drop box or email this form to Patricia@bcwcid2.org.

Message and data rates may apply.

Yes, I would like to register for E-Billing.

Yes, I would like to receive notifications at my home phone number.

Yes, I would like to receive notifications via text message on my cell phone.

NAME: _____

(Please print)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(Please print)

ACCOUNT #: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE #: _____

CELL PHONE # _____

General Information

Tahitian Village Property Owners Assn/Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee 106 Conference Drive Suite B, P O Box 636, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Phone 512.321.1145 email: info@tahitianvillagepoa.com Website: www.tahitianvillagepoa.com

ACC meets the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Open to the public
POA meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Open to the public

Bastrop County Water Control & Improvement District #2 (BCWCID #2)

106 Conference Drive, P O Box 708, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Phone 512.321.1688 Fax 512.321.1692 website: www.bcwcid2.org

Meetings held the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. – Open to the public

Pines & Prairies Land Trust

1018 Main Street, Suite B, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Phone 512-308-1911 website: www.pinesandprairieslandtrust.org Email: info@pplt.org

Pine Forest Golf Club

636 Riverside Drive, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Phone 512.321.1181 website: www.pineforestgolfclub.com

Bastrop County Animal Shelter

589 Cool Water Drive, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Phone 512.549.5160 website: www.co.bastrop.tx.us/site/content/animalcontrol

Bastrop County Sheriff's Department - 512.549.5100

Bastrop County Sheriff's anonymous line - 512-549-5003

Bastrop County Precinct 1 - 512-332-7295

For tree trimming around Bluebonnet utility poles, please contact Bluebonnet Electric at 800-842-7708 or go to their website at <https://www.bluebonnetelectric.coop/Residential/Overview>

TVPOA Violation Information**February and March 2019**

Unit:	Violation:	Action:	Date:	Status:
1	Mow yard	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
1	Brush in right of way	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
1	Nuisance barking	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Unresolved
1	Mow yard	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
1	Abandoned vehicle	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
1	Political Sign	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
1	Abandoned vehicle, household items in yard	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
2	Mow yard	First letter sent	2.8.2019	Resolved
2	Items on side of house	First letter sent	2.28.2019	Resolved
2	Furniture in street	First letter sent	3.11.2019	Resolved
2	Household items in yard	First letter sent	3.11.2019	Resolved
2	Chickens	First letter sent	3.11.2019	Resolved
2	Brush in right of way	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
2	Car in RV Port	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Unresolved
2	Chickens and Coop	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Unresolved
2	Temporary Structure	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
3	Solar Panels unpermitted	First letter sent	2.28.2019	Resolved
3	RV cover disrepair, Brush, fencing	First letter sent	2.28.2019	Unresolved
3	furniture, fencing, household items	First letter sent	2.28.2019	Resolved
3	Trash in yard	First letter sent	2.28.2019	Resolved
3	Bandit sign	First letter sent	2.28.2019	Resolved
3	Construction items in yard	First letter sent	2.28.2019	Resolved
3	Trash, household items, brush	First letter sent	2.28.2019	Resolved
3	Trash can in street	First letter sent	3.11.2019	Resolved
3	Solar Panels unpermitted	First letter sent	3.11.2019	Resolved
3	RV cover, brush, fencing	Second letter sent	3.11.2019	Resolved
3	Furniture, household items, fencing, trash	Second letter sent	3.11.2019	Unresolved
3	Mailbox issue	First letter sent	3.11.2019	Resolved
3	Nonrunning vehicle, Christmas décor	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Unresolved
3	Abandoned vehicle	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Unresolved
3	Household items in yard	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
3	Bandit sign	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
4	Bandit sign	Third letter sent	2.4.2019	Resolved
4	Unpermitted fence	First letter sent	2.5.2019	Resolved
4	Unpermitted fence	First letter sent	3.11.2019	Unresolved
4	Unpermitted driveway	First letter sent	3.11.2019	Resolved
4	Household items in yard	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
4	Bandit sign	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
4	Solar Panels unpermitted	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
4	Temporary Structure	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
5	Fence panels in lot	Second letter sent	2.15.2019	Unresolved
5	Unpermitted fence, household items	First letter sent	2.5.2019	Resolved
5	Household items in yard	First letter sent	2.28.2019	Resolved
5	Temporary Structure	First letter sent	2.28.2019	Unresolved

5	household items and full trailer	First letter sent	2.28.2019	Unresolved
5	Household items in yard	First letter sent	3.11.2019	Resolved
5	Animal issues	First letter sent	3.11.2019	Resolved
5	Fence panels in lot	Third letter sent	3.11.2019	Resolved
5	Mow yard	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved
5	RV in use	First letter sent	3.26.2019	Resolved