

Sept/Oct 2019

CLEAN SWEEP

The next Clean Sweep is Saturday, Oct 19th from 8:00-2:00 p.m. This event is for Tahitian Village and Pine Forest residents only.

Please be prepared to show proof of residency such as a drivers license or a bill showing your address.

Now is the time to get rid of any trash, debris, etc... that you no longer want! If you have tires, please remember there is a \$4.00 charge per tire because that is the fee charged to us for disposal.

We cannot take computers or monitors and refrigerators must have the coolant drained from them before we can take them.

We also cannot take hazardous materials and paint cans must be completely dry. (to dry out paint, add cat litter)

For large loads, you may be asked to take it to the facility on Hwy 20.

If you would like to volunteer your time and help us, we could use some extra hands as well!

To volunteer or for more information call, 512-321-1145 or email us at info@tahitianvillagepoa.com.

**A Chipper will also be provided at the Bastrop
County Nature Park aka Riverside Takeout area
on October 19th from 9-2 pm**

Residents needing to get rid of limbs/branches, the County has graciously stepped in to provide services to Tahitian Village residents. Chipper capacity up to 15" in diameter. For more information, please call 512-321-1145 or email us at info@tahitianvillagepoa.com.



TAHITIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

the Pine Post

Tahitian Village Calendar of Events

Sept 2019

Sept 9—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Sept 9 & 23—Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

Sept 10—BCWCID #2 Road Meeting at 5:45

Sept 10 & 24—Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ City Hall

Sept 17—Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Sept 19—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30 @ Bastrop Convention Center

Oct 2019

Oct 7—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Oct 7 & 21—Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

Oct 8 & 22—Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ Bastrop Convention Center

Oct 15—Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Oct 17—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30 @ Bastrop Convention Center

Oct 19—CLEAN SWEEP from 8-2 p.m.

*****NEW MEETING LOCATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*****

**ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT Bastrop Fire Dept 2 LOCATED AT
120 CORPORATE DRIVE, BASTROP, TEXAS**

**Are you ready
for some Football?**



Keeping You Posted

- Next Clean Sweep will be on Saturday, Oct 19, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 2 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!

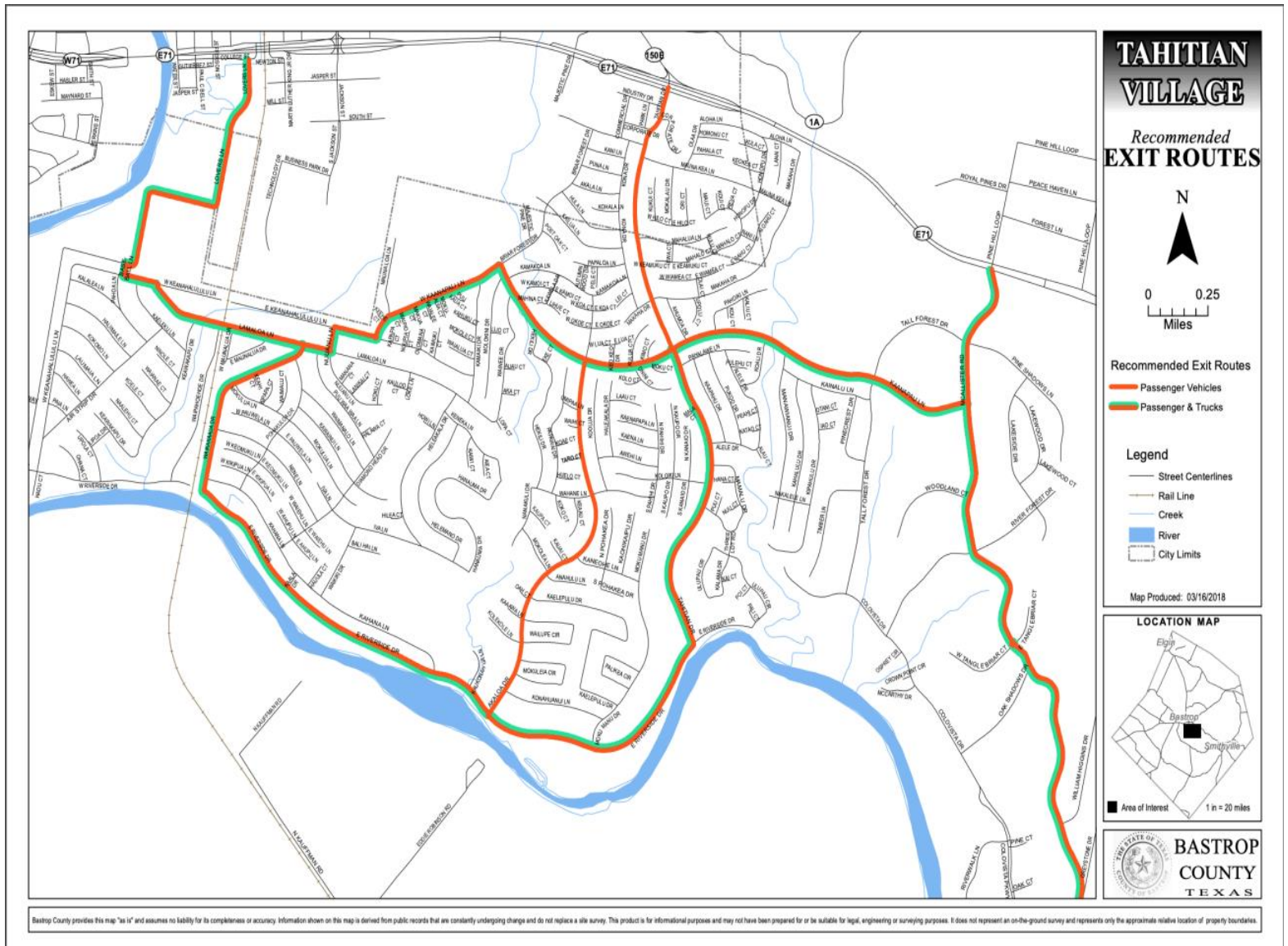
NOTE: Please do not resubmit your information if you have already turned this in from a previous issue

Wildfire Preparedness

The following link has a lot of the fire preparedness info from TFS that you are looking for: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/content/landing.aspx?id=19841>

This next link is from the TxDPS and has a bullet list of fire preparedness tips: <https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/Preparedness/tips/wildfirePrepTips.htm>

This article is by Bustle, which has a pretty good list of 10 things to take with you in the event of an evacuation: <https://www.bustle.com/p/what-should-you-take-in-a-fire-evacuation-10-things-youll-need-7430078>



For a larger view, click on the link below.

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6c3677b9e20c187ec93e140e/images/ffa3d171-3e73-445b-b80c-12b447d5add1.png>



Bastrop County Master Gardener Association

Lunch and Learn

11:30am - 12:30pm

Bring your lunch and learn with us

Join us for our fall lineup of monthly Lunch and Learn programs.

Sept 09, 2019 - Fall Gardening - Learn how to have a successful fall garden

Location: Bastrop County Judge Office / downstairs

804 Pecan St, Bastrop, TX 78602

Oct 14, 2019 - Butterflies and Gardening

Location: Bastrop Community Gardens, 1067 TX-71, Bastrop, TX 78602

Nov 11, 2019 - Aquaponics

Location: Bastrop Community Gardens, 1067 TX-71, Bastrop, TX 78602



**Join Bastrop County Master Gardeners for free gardening classes every Saturday in
September**

Time: 10am - 11am

Location: **H-E-B** at 104 Hasler Blvd, Bastrop, Tx

Dates and Topics:

Sept 07 Landscape Basics / Greenhouse

Sept 14 Texas Superstars

Sept 21 Butterflies / Native Plants

Sept 28 Succulents & Cactuses

Come learn with us.

Bastrop County Master Gardeners

PLANT SALE

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Location: Bastrop Rodeo Grounds Show Barn
(off Loop 150 behind American Legion Post #533)

Proceeds benefit the Bastrop county Master Gardener Association's
garden projects and horticulture education programs.

Check our Facebook page or website as more details become available.

<https://www.facebook.com/BastropCountyMasterGardeners/>
<https://txmg.org/bastropcounty/>



COMMUNITY GARDENS
1067 Highway 71 W
Bastrop, Texas



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All money raised benefits Pines and Prairies Land Trust, which conserves land in Central Texas and owns and manages the Colorado River Refuge in Tahitian Village.

Naughty at Night By Larry Gfeller

Because we tend to kill or run off animals that eat our children, the majority of the United States is nearly devoid of the great predators and large mammals of yesteryear. There is still quite a lot of life out there, but it is mostly small. According to a wildlife census by an ecologist at the University of Illinois named V.E. Shelford, a typical ten square mile block of eastern American forest holds almost 300,000 mammals—220,000 mice and other small rodents, 63,500 squirrels and chipmunks, 470 deer, 30 foxes, and 5 black bears. With the exception of black bears, this census data might come pretty close to describing our experience in Central Texas. Surprisingly, raccoons do not appear in this breakdown—and they are known to inhabit the eastern U.S.—but we most certainly have them in Central Texas. In fact, ours is a large dark subspecies commonly known as the Texas Raccoon. It is found in more states than Texas, but somehow it carries our name.

Most of us familiar with wild spaces have some experience with raccoons, those rascally, beady-eyed bandits that eat anything and play havoc with our best laid plans. Ringed tail and a distinctive mask across the face only lends credence to their Zorro-like outlaw reputation. They are notorious nighttime raiders. There's something about them—almost too human to define—that makes the experience unforgettable. Long time Bastropian Michal Hubbard does annual battle to protect her hummingbird feeder, hanging from a tree limb. As expert climbers, the raccoons manage to either lift up the feeder and drink the goodies right out of the container, spill it on the limb and then lick it up, or knock the feeder to the ground for one exalted, gluttonous feeding frenzy. "This spring I'm considering putting it on something rigid, like a piece of broomstick, as well as adding a canopy to keep them from climbing down," she says. During the winter months, the mama coon and her youngsters sometimes wait in ambush until the outdoor cat gets fed—six against one usually means a successful bushwhacking. Marmalade has to work on his hunting skills if he wants a meal on those evenings.

Raccoons have been around for a very long time. The first person to leave a written account of raccoons was Christopher Columbus. Similar tooth and skull structures suggest that raccoons and weasels share a common ancestor, but molecular analysis indicates a closer relationship between raccoons and bears. In many languages, the raccoon is named for its legendary "food-washing" behavior, in conjunction with that language's name for "bear." It's no wonder, as a raccoon can stand on its hind legs like a bear, it carries a heavy torso like bears (like the broad end of a slice of pie) and it's a master at ransacking a campsite for food. Unlike bears, raccoons are not usually able to run quickly or give cause for a change of underwear in an unexpected encounter.

As of 2005, Mammal Species of the World recognizes 22 subspecies of raccoon (one of which has since been regarded as a separate species and another is now extinct). Four of the remaining 20 subspecies are found in Central American and Caribbean islands. Another four of the smallest raccoon subspecies mostly inhabit southern Florida or its adjacent islands. The rest of the subspecies differ only slightly from each other in coat color, size and other physical characteristics. The two most widespread subspecies are the Eastern raccoon and the Upper Mississippi Valley raccoon; Texas has its own subspecies (except extreme North and West Texas), as mentioned already.

Texans regard raccoons quite differently, depending on their profession, past experience or sensibilities. To some they are pests, to others they help maintain the balance of nature, and some even keep them as pets. I've never had pet raccoons, but my young grandchildren can't be too far off the mark. Regardless of your point of view, give raccoons credit for being smart. Researchers have documented raccoons recalling solutions to problems for up to three years. Although a coon may never master Boolean algebra, anyone who has struggled to keep them away from food sources has a healthy respect for their cunning. They come in all imaginable sizes, some large, some small, but on average tipping the scales between 8 and 20 lbs. They are the most variable in size of any mammals we have (the record: 62.6 lbs.).

While they can be viewed as "cute," especially baby coons (called kits), anyone who has ever hunted coons with dogs, especially in water, knows they can hold their own, even outnumbered. They are excellent swimmers and can remain in water for several hours. Raccoons are extremely comfortable around water because that's where they find much of their food. Nothing makes a raccoon happier than a juicy frog or crawfish dinner; however, they are adventurous gastronomes, enjoying bugs, worms, wild grapes, nuts (acorns), persimmons, fish, mollusks and bird eggs. Contrary to popular opinion, raccoons seldom eat large or active prey (like birds or other mammals) because they're practical critters and dislike working too hard for their meals (a nice contained chicken coop, extravagantly decorated with hapless chickens is considered fast food).

When it comes to sensory perception, feeling is the most important to raccoons. Some people think that night vision is their strong suit, but actually, a raccoon sees about as well at night as a human does, sharing similar equipment. So, what about this sense of feeling? Turns out, raccoons have hyper-sensitive front paws, protected by a thin, horny layer of skin, which becomes pliable when wet. Almost two-thirds of the area responsible for sensory perception in the raccoon's cerebral cortex is focused on tactile impulses—the most of any other studied animal. To boost their sense of feel, they also have little hairs (called vibrissae) between the fingers of their front paws, which allows them to identify objects before touching them. They have an advanced sense of smell and hearing too, even to the point of hearing earth worms move under the ground. For climbing down a tree head first—an unusual ability for a mammal of its size—raccoons rotate their hind feet so they are pointing backwards. Even so, they are not bothered by a drop of 35-40 feet. Raccoons have a dual cooling system to regulate their temperature: they can both pant (as a dog) and sweat . . . just like football players.

Raccoons are widely believed to “wash” their food before eating it. In fact, the tactile sense of the front paws is improved when rubbing food under water because the water softens the hard layer of skin covering their paws. Manipulating food with their human-like fingers is probably done to remove unwanted particles. Moreover, “washing” is practiced more by raccoons in captivity. Even in captive situations, this dousing of food is believed to be a fixed action pattern adapted from foraging for aquatic food along a shore in the wild. Cleaning dirty food does not seem to be a reason for the dousing seen in raccoons. In other words, we simply don’t know why they do it.

Raccoons were once thought to be solitary; we now know this is not entirely true. Related females often share a common area while unrelated males live together in groups of up to four to maintain their positions against competitors during the mating season (January through March) and against other potential invaders. Love-making, to include foreplay, can last over an hour and is usually repeated over several nights, often occurring at central meeting places. Females will mate with more than one male (social behavior, it seems, is not unlike that found on modern college campuses).

Gestation period is 65 days, with two to five “kits” or “cubs” to a litter, all raised by their mother until late fall or even through their first winter. Young are born blind, deaf and helpless. Males have no part in raising young. Mothers will isolate themselves from other raccoons until their young are old enough to defend themselves against aggressive males. In the fall, after their mother has shown them dens and feeding grounds, the juvenile group splits up. While many females will stay close to the home range of their mother, the males usually move more than 12 miles away. This is thought to be an instinctual behavior to prevent in-breeding.

Natural predators include bobcats, coyotes and the great horned owl, the latter mainly preying on young raccoons. Despite their high level of intelligence, life expectancy for the typical raccoon is slightly over 3 years in the wild. Rabies and distemper take a toll, but the two largest threats are nighttime mortality (road kill) and hunters. If you live in or near deciduous forest or woodlands, chances are you are living with raccoons. They can be a challenge—just ask the cat!



A successful Clean Sweep and a huge THANKS to our VOLUNTEERS!!



To volunteer at our next Clean Sweep event on October 19th, please contact the TVPOA office at 512-321-1145.

Things that you need a permit for:

- *Fences
- *Decks
- *Culverts
- *Pergolas
- *New Homes
- *Sheds
- *In-ground pools
- *Solar Panels
- *Guest Homes
- *Garages/Carports/RV Ports
- *Concrete Patios
- *Concrete Driveways
- *Homes Additions

For a building permit application, please visit our website at www.tahitianvillagepoa.com or contact our office at 512-321-1145.

Once you have received your permit, please be sure and post it in a front facing window until the work has been completed.

**New home construction has different posting requirements, see Section 11.1

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Did you know that if you are a Non-Waste Connections customer you just need to pay a \$5 gate fee for household recycling items? This would be the typical items you would put in your recycle bin such as paper, plastics numbered 1-5 and 7, cardboard, metal/tin cans, aluminum, glass bottles, and jars.

The location for drop off is 413 HIGHWAY 20 BASTROP, TX, 78602 and the hours are Monday-Thursday 8-4 and Friday from 8-2.

YES **RECYCLING ONLY**
Deposit Only These Clean Items:

Clean paper, Milk Cartons, Cardboard (No bigger than 3 x 3)
Junk Mail, Paper Egg Cartons, Cereal Boxes

Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books

Plastic Bottles and Jugs (no caps)
Plastic Dairy Tubs (yogurt, margarine, etc.) no lids

Aluminum Cans, Steel or Tin Cans

Loose Glass Bottles and Jugs

NO

No Pizza Boxes **No Aerosol Cans** **No Hoses** **No Plants** **No Toys** **No Dishes/Paper Plates**

No Juice Boxes or Pouches **No Tires** **No Styrofoam** **No Clothes Textiles/Carpet** **No Batteries** **No Plastic Bags** **No Electronics**

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.

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**June and July 2019**

Unit:	Violation:	Action:	Date of Action:	Status:
1	Unpermitted fence and deck	1st Letter	6.24.19	Resolved
1	Junked vehicle visible from street	1st Letter	6.24.19	Resolved
1	Unpermitted shed and deck	1st Letter	6.24.19	Resolved
1	Trash in yard	1st Letter	6.27.19	Resolved
1	Broken down mower in driveway	1st Letter	6.27.19	Resolved
1	Boxes in easement	1st Letter	6.28.19	Resolved
1	Unpermitted Fence	1st Letter	6.6.19	Unresolved
1	Bandit Signs	1st Letter	7.3.19	Resolved
1	Unpermitted Shed and materials	1st Letter	7.3.19	Resolved
1	Abandoned Vehicle	1st Letter	7.26.19	Unresolved
1	Abandoned Vehicle	1st Letter	7.26.19	Resolved
1	Unpermitted Solar Panels	1st Letter	7.26.19	Resolved
1	Bandit Signs	1st Letter	7.26.19	Unresolved
2	Temporary Structure	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
2	Abandoned Vehicle	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
2	Household trash in yard	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
2	Vehicle, household trash	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
2	Abandoned Vehicle	2nd Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
2	non-running vehicle	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
2	Above-ground pool in disrepair	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
2	Abandoned Vehicle	2nd Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
2	fence and retaining wall	1st Letter	7.3.19	Resolved
2	Unpermitted retaining wall	1st Letter	7.26.19	Resolved
2	Remove building permits from yard	1st Letter	7.26.19	Resolved
3	Construction material in yard	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
3	Appliance in yard	1st Letter	6.26.19	Resolved
3	Abandoned vehicle	1st Letter	6.6.19	Unresolved
3	Bandit Signs	1st Letter	7.3.19	Resolved
3	Bandit Signs	1st Letter	7.3.19	Resolved
3	Boxes in yard	1st Letter	7.19.19	Resolved
3	Grill in easment	1st Letter	7.3.19	Resolved
3	Abandoned vehicle & Items in yard	1st Letter	7.3.19	Resolved
3	Branches and pallets in yard	1st Letter	7.3.19	Resolved
3	Unpermitted Pool	1st Letter	7.26.19	Unresolved
3	Bandit Signs	1st Letter	7.26.19	Resolved
3	Household items in yard	1st Letter	7.26.19	Resolved
4	Unpermitted Construction	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
4	Unpermitted Fence	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
4	Real Estate Sign in Right of Way	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
4	Furniture, fencing, trash in yard	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
4	Bandit Signs	1st Letter	7.26.19	Resolved
4	Grass needs to be mowed	1st Letter	7.26.19	Resolved
4	Unpermitted retaining wall	1st Letter	7.26.19	Unresolved
5	Trailer full of trash, desk in yard	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved

5	Trash in yard	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
5	Trash in yard	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
5	Trash in yard	2nd Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
5	Trash in yard	2nd Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
5	Household items and trash in yard	3rd Letter	6.27.19	Resolved
5	Construction material in yard	1st Letter	6.6.19	Resolved
5	Bandit Signs	2nd Letter	6.6.19	Unresolved
5	Abandoned Vehicle and Mow	1st Letter	6.26.19	Unresolved
5	Temp Fence/unpermitted material	1st Letter	7.3.19	Resolved
5	Mow and fallen tree in yard	1st Letter	7.26.19	Resolved
5	Signs/ abandoned vehicles	1st Letter	7.26.19	Unresolved
5	Unpermitted Shed	1st Letter	7.26.19	Resolved

New POA Board Members

Please welcome our two newest Board members, Stacy Savage, place 6 and Jan Schwindt, place 3.

They come with knowledge and compassion for our community.

We thank all of volunteers for their time and service!

POA Board meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and TVACC meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at 5:30 pm located at the Fire Station at 120 Corporate Dr.

For more information, contact our office at 512-321-1145.