

Annual Meeting and Vacancy Information

Nov/Dec 2019



TAHITIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

the Pine Post

The Annual Meeting of the Tahitian Village Property Owners Association has been scheduled for February 8, 2020 at 1:00 pm at Hampton Inn. In addition to annual reports and speakers, Tahitian Village will also need to hold elections for positions on both the POA Board of Directors and the Architectural Control Committee.

Terms will expire for places one, two and four on the POA Board of Directors and two of the positions on the ACC will expire.

Directors serve for two years on the POA. The POA Board meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and at the Annual Meeting of the property owners. There are events throughout the year which may require your attendance but usually no more than two and many events that you will have the opportunity to attend voluntarily.

Architectural Control Committee members serve for three years. The Committee meets once monthly on the first Monday at 5:30 p.m. Committee members may be asked to attend additional meetings to work on Building Guideline revisions. Some Committee members voluntarily tour the construction sites weekly with the Association Manager and all Committee members must occasionally be available to review applications in the Manager's office.

If you are interested in serving your community in this capacity, the deadline for candidate registration is December 13, 2019. All candidates will be vetted by the Election Committee. Candidates must be Members in Good Standing, as described in Article Five of the Certificate of Formation (formerly known as Articles of Incorporation) and all candidates must be property owners in Tahitian Village. All candidates must be vetted even if no election is needed. An election is not required if the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacant positions.

Candidates must provide the following information by the registration deadline:

1. A completed Candidate Member Profile
2. Proof of Ownership in Tahitian Village (a copy of your property deed)
3. A brief biography
4. A completed Petition for Support (signature must match what is shown on deed)
5. Texas DPS Criminal History Record (can be obtained at: <https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DpsWebsite/CriminalHistory/>)

Please contact the office to acquire the Candidate Member Profile and Petition for Support documents. Property owners who are not sure about the commitment of serving are encouraged to call the office. I would love to sit down and go over the duties and responsibilities of serving the community. Anyone wishing to run for a position on the Board or Committee must register by end of the business day on December 13, 2019.

Tahitian Village Calendar of Events

Nov 2019

Nov 4—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Nov 11 & 25—Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

Nov 12—BCWCID #2 Road Meeting at 5:45

Nov 12 & 26—Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ City Hall

Nov 19—Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Nov 21—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30 @ Bastrop Convention Center

Dec 2019

Dec 2—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM

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

Dec 10 & 24—Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ Bastrop Convention Center

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

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

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

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



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THANKSGIVING**
REMEMBERING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Keeping You Posted

- Next Clean Sweep will be on Saturday, Jan 18, 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

Annual Holiday Contest

The Tahitian Village Property Owners Association (TVPOA) is sponsoring the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Registration for the Contest opens on November 25th and there is no registration fee. Any resident of Tahitian Village who would like to participate in the contest must register with the TVPOA office by close of business on December 12th. All you have to do to register is contact the TVPOA office and tell them you would like to register.

We will need your name, a contact phone number and email address (if applicable) and your physical address. This year we are asking residents to also pick a category for judging. There will be First, Second and Third place prizes awarded in three categories. All winners will receive cash prizes.

The categories are:

- Lights Only
- Animated
- Scenes

Winners will be announced at the regular POA meeting in January.

Volunteers are needed for judging. If you aren't into decorating but love to see the holiday decorations, then feel free to sign up to be a judge. This year the judging will be done from December 16th-20th. Ballots and maps are provided to the judges. Contestants may not volunteer to judge.

If you would like to be a judge, contact the office and volunteer by December 12th.

If you are decorating your home anyway, we encourage you to register. If your neighbors are decorating, encourage them to register as well. The map of homes will be available to anyone wishing to drive through Tahitian Village.

For more information, please contact our office at 512-321-1145 or email us at info@tahitianvillagepoa.com.





VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS

COLORADO RIVER REFUGE, BASTROP
SATURDAYS 8:30-11:30

2019

November 2nd

December 7th

2020

January 4th

February 1st

GO ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO SIGN UP
PPLT.ORG/EVENTS



TreeFolks has served the Bastrop County community for the past 7 years by planting and giving away Loblolly pine saplings. Thanks to these efforts, and over 2.25 million pine trees later, the forest is recovering beautifully-- some of the trees have even started to produce their own cones! We are taking a break this season while we plan for what's next, so please help us out by filling out this short survey, we want to hear from you! <http://www.treefolks.org/reforesting-the-lost-pines>

Below is a blurb from TreeFolks' board member and co-owner / arborist of Heritage Tree Care, Vincent Debrock:

The engraver beetle is the one we deal with in Bastrop and tends to attack stressed pines, not healthy ones. To limit this, we must focus on preservation of trees and keeping them healthy. Pines need mulch, deep water in prolonged droughts and avoidance of soil disturbances in the root zone. We see pine trees infected on construction sites or recently built sites, where they compacted soil or added sod and new topsoils. In case of suspected infestation, call an arborist and get a plan together, do not just jump in it without a plan. Most contractors will just remove a few trees to make a quick buck. Remove infected trees quickly and dispose of the wood since beetle lifecycle is 3-4 weeks. New beetles can emerge from a dying tree or a recently cut tree and infect new trees.

Chemicals injections: You can inject systemic insecticide but usually we get the call too late to save the tree (s), plus you have to repeat the injections, which means you repeatedly drill holes at the base of a tree: not ideal.
Sprays: Spraying is just not a good thing: you have to spray the whole tree which will cause major drift of aggressive insecticide.

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Thank you everyone who came out and volunteered even an hour of time. It was the busiest Clean Sweep to date with over 300 car/truck loads and that doesn't even count the 50+ loads of brush and limbs we would have taken on if the County hadn't provided a chipper for our residents to utilize.





Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



A special thanks to Bastrop County for working in conjunction with our quarterly Clean Sweep event in providing a chipping service and leaving our residents with the ability to pick up mulch throughout the weekend. It is greatly appreciated and we hope to work with them again in the future.

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The Soul of Compassion By: Larry Gfeller

There can be no lonelier job than that of a lighthouse keeper . . . an unrelenting, open-ended obligation. Hundreds—no thousands—of mariners rely on you to mark the shoreline and to guide their passage. Charged with keeping the lamp burning throughout the night, every night, the stress increases tenfold when the weather turns ugly. Listening to the banshee wind and the tossing of angry branches, you can feel the danger, the anxiety. Lightning rips through the swirling clouds, freezing the chaos in still life—it's as if the universe above stepped on its third rail. When the wind howls and the waves crash and the rain drives like buckshot from the sky—alive in the storm—you are truly alone. For it is you, and only you, who knows where danger lurks among the rocks and it is you who's obligated to help if catastrophe happens.

Being a lighthouse keeper was no 9 to 5 job, but today you couldn't buy the job if you tried! With the exception of seasonal volunteers and educational guides, all keepers have now been replaced by machines. In 1998 the U.S. Coast Guard automated the last of its 279 federally run beacons. The others continue to stand without a formal mission.

Lighthouses in this country exist on both coasts and everywhere in between. They seem to pop up in the unlikeliest of places, including the northwestern most piece of land in the lower 48 (Washington state), the bustling metropolis of Boston and even on one of the Great Lakes. Still, only about 75% of them in the U.S. are still operating as navigational aids (numbers are hard to nail down because lighthouses are divided among private owners, nonprofits and the government) the rest are historical monuments, tourist attractions or wedding venues.

I recently traveled the Pacific Northwest coast where old lighthouses still dot the coastline and I was astounded to learn what it took to be a career lighthouse keeper. This was no job for shirkers or slackers.

For most of our history, the management of lighthouses was a federal task—it was that important. The Lighthouse Service was first established in 1789, which means that lighthouse keepers were among the earliest government employees. Not only was the work physically hard and the hours daunting, but daily routines were regulated by rules, procedures, reports, logs, lists and—yes—inspections. Who would want such a life? Many, it seems. We went from 24 lighthouses in 1800 to around 850 by the turn of the 20th Century. Standard operating procedures flourished during this time. Many types of fog signals were invented, our system of buoyage was codified, the Light List developed and our Notice to Mariners was published, to name a few.

In 1939 President Roosevelt consolidated the Lighthouse Service with the U.S. Coast Guard. Even up until the 1960's, light stations were a strange mix of civilian and enlisted Coast Guard. It was not until most of the civilian lighthouse keepers had retired by the late 1970's that lighthouses were completely under the purview of the U.S. Coast Guard—as they remain today.

There is no more evocative image than a lone watch light posted on a jagged promontory of rocks, surrounded by an angry sea. Tall or short, on or off shore, the tower of the lighthouse was fashioned after the inherent strength of an oak tree using a thick base slowly tapering to the top. Everything about it suggested strength and resiliency. At the top of the tower was the “lantern room.” It contained the light source and an outside “gallery” platform for cleaning the windows surrounding the lantern. To endure, these glass storm panes were supported by strong metal bars. The top of the lantern room sported a stormproof ventilator to remove the smoke and heat of the lamps from the glass enclosure. A lightning rod protruded above the metal cupola roof.

Immediately below the lantern room was a Service or Watch Room where the keeper often stood watch at night. This is also where fuel and other supplies to prepare the lantern for the night ahead were stored. Clockworks, with long heavy weights like those used to wind an old timepiece, were also usually found here. They served to rotate the lantern lens uniformly throughout the night. There was also a claustrophobic spiral staircase leading from the floor to the top. While each lighthouse was different according to its terrain and circumstances, the entire lighthouse station usually included the tower structure and all outbuildings, such as the keeper’s living quarters, the fuel house, boathouse and fog-signaling building.

I’ve always wondered how such a powerful beam was produced to pierce the fog and clouds at night 15 miles from shore. It seems the blinking beacon that mariners saw was actually an illusion. Light was filtered through a special lens from a small flame created by a burning wick. The multi-sided Fresnel (pronounced fray-nell) lens had a bulls-eye prism in the middle of each side. As the lens rotated (powered by the clockwork weights) the light from the flame appeared to blink on and off as the light moved between prisms. Of course, because the lens rotated, it meant the beam could also be seen 15 miles inland, which sleeping townsfolk didn’t appreciate. To solve this problem, the lighthouse keeper merely put up blackout curtains on the land side to block the unwelcome light from invading bedrooms across the land.

In emergencies, such as a shipwreck, a lamp could be kept burning past dawn but normally it was turned off for servicing. During daylight hours, mariners navigated by scanning the coastline through their binoculars looking for landmarks and various “daymarks.” These were unique paint patterns which identified similar lighthouses near to each other so they could be readily distinguished from sea. In the Strait of Juan de Fuca (between Washington and Vancouver Island in western Canada), for example, the typical daymark was horizontal alternating black and white bands, which helped the tower stand out against the horizon. So what was the life of a lighthouse keeper really like? Always busy and, at times, frenetic. Sleep, absolutely essential, was carefully scheduled. Night time was all about alertness and endless vigilance. Daytime was filled with a multitude of repetitive tasks, all in preparation for the night ahead.

For daytime work the lighthouse keeper often wore a linen smock or other type of special clothing. First, he turned off the lamp by removing the fuel that kept the wick burning all night. The clockwork weights were then stopped and locked into place. This stopped the Fresnel lens from turning so the keeper could refresh it for the next evening’s duties. This involved cleaning soot from and inspecting the Fresnel lens and its many prisms. The lamp had to be checked too and the fuel refilled.

After the lens was cleaned, a linen bag was placed over it and the curtains of the lantern room were drawn to prevent the rays of the sun discoloring the prisms or reigniting the lamp. At dusk, the wick was trimmed and lighted. Lastly, the clockwork weights were unlocked, hand cranked up to the top and set into a new descent.

When not in the lighthouse, the keeper would spend time every day outside studying the weather and tide conditions and taking readings. If the keeper was responsible for buoys and markers, they would be checked and repositioned as needed. If there was a launch, lifeboat or any other vessel assigned to the station, it had to be checked for sea worthiness and safety as well. Lighthouse keepers not only needed to be physically fit but they also had to be accomplished seamen in their own right. They had to be accustomed to handling and pulling sail and motor boats in all kinds of weather. They also had to properly handle and care for fog-signal apparatus and machinery.

As mentioned, much of what the keeper did was recorded in an official logbook that had to be available for inspection from the district office. There was constant recordkeeping and much paperwork. Literacy was among the top qualifications for the job.

Meanwhile, the rest of the keeper's life needed to be organized. Most keepers were men and usually married men. The keeper's wife often functioned as unpaid assistant, pitching in as needed. Additionally, she transformed the lighthouse into a home where the keeper's family lived, worked and played.

When walking the grounds of old lighthouses, it's easy to imagine the presence of the lighthouse keeper's family . . . the kids tending the garden, everyone doing their chores, stepping in for unplanned absences. The entire lighthouse keeper's family shouldered responsibility. Life in a lighthouse was a tall order for everyone concerned. Lighthouse families were held in high regard within their communities—and for good reason. It could have been about love for the sea. But others would say it was about human compassion.



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 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 Solar Panels	1st letter	8.6.19	Resolved
1	Unpermitted Concrete Pour	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
1	Unpermitted Solar Panels	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
1	Overgrown Lot	1st letter	8.6.19	Resolved
1	Trash in yard	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
1	Trampoline in disrepair	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
1	Household items in yard	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
2	Household items in yard	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
2	Household items in yard	1st letter	8.22.19	Unresolved
2	Chickens and Coops	1st letter	8.22.19	Unresolved
2	Appliance in easement	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
2	Appliance in yard	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
2	Chickens and Coop	1st letter	8.22.19	Unresolved
2	Solar Panels	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
2	Appliance in yard	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
2	Household items in yard	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
2	Unpermitted Pool	2nd letter	9.25.19	Resolved
2	Trash in yard	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
2	Silt fencing in disrepair	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
3	Bandit Sign	1st letter	8.6.19	Resolved
3	Abandoned Vehicle	1st letter	8.22.19	Unresolved
3	Trash and household in yard	1st letter	9.25.19	Unresolved
3	Retaining wall in disrepair	1st letter	9.26.19	Resolved
4	Pet issues	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
4	Unpermitted construction	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
4	Household items in yard	1st letter	9.25.19	Unresolved
4	Abandoned Vehicle	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
4	Pet issues	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
5	Lot maintenance issue	2nd letter	8.6.19	Resolved
5	Appliance in yard	2nd letter	8.22.19	Resolved
5	Appliance in easement	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
5	Abandoned Vehicle	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
5	Trash in yard	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
5	Household items in yard	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
5	Fence in disrepair	1st letter	8.22.19	Resolved
5	Construction items in yard	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
5	Appliance in yard	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
5	Abandoned Vehicle	1st letter	9.25.19	Unresolved
5	Abandoned Vehicle	1st letter	9.25.19	Resolved
5	Household items in yard	2nd letter	9.25.19	Resolved
5	Lot maintenance issue	2nd letter	9.25.19	Resolved
5	Abandoned Vehicle	2nd letter	9.25.19	Resolved
5	Construction items in yard	1st letter	9.26.19	Resolved
5	Political Sign	1st letter	9.26.19	Resolved