

Jan/Feb 2020



TAHITIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## TVPOA ANNUAL MEETING

The Tahitian Village Annual Membership meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. It will be held in the meeting room at Hampton Inn located at 240 S. Hasler Blvd. This meeting is an opportunity for all Tahitian Village property owners to get an overview of the POA, meet and speak with county and city officials and hear from the folks in our community.

You will be receiving your meeting notice in the mail in January. It will contain the agenda for the meeting with a list of speakers, letters from the POA and ACC Presidents, information on the candidates for both the POA & ACC and several notices. This meeting does not generally last more than two hours and is a great chance to learn more about your community. We ask that you please consider attending.



## Tahitian Village Calendar of Events

### Jan 2020

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

**Jan 6 & 20**—Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

**Jan 7**—BCWCID #2 Road Meeting at 5:45

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

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

**Jan 18**—CLEAN SWEEP from 8-2 p.m.

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

### Feb 2020

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

**Feb 3**—Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

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

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

**Feb 20**—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**



## Keeping You Posted

- Next Clean Sweep will be on Saturday, Jan 18, 2020, 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](http://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](mailto: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

# Texas Offers FREE Recycling for Computers & TVs!

Written by: TVPOA Board Member Stacy Savage

Did your desktop or laptop computer go bust? Did Santa deliver that sleek, 75-inch flat screen TV and now you need to get rid of your old, bulky one? Well, a responsible choice is available for all Texans through free recycling programs for electronic waste, or “e-waste”.



## **Did you know that e-waste is toxic?**

Whether operated by cord or batteries, all e-waste has toxic components, such as lead, mercury, and arsenic. Across Texas communities, these types of devices have been found illegally dumped in dry creek beds, at residential curbsides for weekly trash pickup, and in our waterways. It is not a safe or sensible option to simply dump obsolete or broken electronics.

## **Follow the recycling hierarchy**

While recycling your e-waste is an option, Texans are always encouraged to support the state's economy and environment by opting for higher and better uses of these devices. First, consider repairing broken electronics, then think about reselling any unused electronics, and finally, gift

working electronics through tax-deductible donations to schools and charities. These options reduce the need for extraction and processing of raw materials for new products.

If recycling your e-waste is preferred, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) administers free programs established through the 2007 Texas Computer TakeBack Law (HB 2714, Bonnen-R) and the 2011 Texas Television TakeBack Law (SB 329, Watson-D). These laws require Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to provide free collection and responsible recycling for their customers' e-waste. These laws were supported by major corporations, such as Dell and Panasonic, and to date, have kept over 300 million pounds of toxic e-waste out of Texas landfills and incinerators.

## **Texas Recycling Options**

Large retailers, such as Staples and Best Buy, will accept computers and peripherals and TVs for recycling, but customers must bring their equipment to the store. Nonprofits, such as [Goodwill](#) have free electronics recycling programs that put people to work in our community. You can find more information on how to recycle computers [here](#) and televisions [here](#) through the free Texas Takeback programs. If you have questions on how to properly recycle e-waste, please send an email to recycle @ tceq.texas.gov.

# Don't Trash or Flush Your Prescription Drugs...Recycle Them!

Written by JoAnne Egitto and TVPOA Board Member Stacy Savage

Pharmaceutical pollution? Fancy name but it means every year our landfills and groundwater are contaminated when people improperly discard their unused and expired medications.

Don't throw out old drugs or flush them down the toilet! In Bastrop County, there are 2 [locations](#) approved to collect unused prescription drugs at Walgreens and CVS. Each has a drug discard collection box in their pharmacy area. Just simply walk up and drop old and excess medications in the box, but please do not use these containers to dispose of needles, thermometers, or hydrogen peroxide.



## Join the Fight Against Prescription Drug Abuse!

In April and October of each year, the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) sponsors [The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#). These countrywide events aim to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of prescription medications. The primary goal of this event is to reduce prescription drug abuse, which is the use of these chemicals for recreational purposes.



Another major component to this federal program is environmental protection. Commonly, people use their household trash bins and toilets as a means of medication disposal because they're convenient methods. But, research shows that chemicals used in medications can travel through public septic systems and waste water treatment plants. If thrown in landfills, these chemicals can make their way to our rivers, lakes, and soils through leachate, the collection of "trash juice" typically found at the base of waste dump facilities.

There has been increasing interest among the general public and law enforcement agencies in developing methods to dispose of unused and expired pharmaceuticals. These drug takeback programs reduce drug abuse cases and their introduction into our environment as a whole. Drug take-back programs are clearly a win-win for both public health and environmental safety, so let's make sure we all do our part this year by becoming better educated, helping to spread the word, and taking action by properly disposing of our medications.

#### **Helpful Links:**

[Collection Sites](#) - Search by zip code or city/state to find a collection site near you.

[Partnership Toolbox](#) - Download posters, handouts and other materials to promote National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

[Drug Abuse Treatment](#) - If you need assistance with drug abuse, there may be treatment options in your area.

## In Remembrance of Long Summer Nights By: Larry Gfeller

Experiences I had when I was the right age never quite leave me. Fragments like this:

“Hey, let’s go to the drive-in Friday night!” Don exclaimed.

Jeff chimed in, “I’m for that.”

“Count me in,” I said.

“Anybody know a car big enough to hide us all?” Then, with a wry smile and dancing eyes, Don added, “I know—we can get Spider to drive!”

Thereupon three high school sophomores hatched a not-so-original scheme to sneak into the Junction City Grand Avenue Skylight Theater on a brisk autumn night in 1963. Only problem was, the critical accomplice—one lanky, Ichabod Crane-like boy nicknamed Spider—hadn’t been informed . . . yet. Spider was one of those teenagers who’d go along with any idea, as long as it supported the concept that you can’t be both young and wise. He immediately, and with great enthusiasm, set about to transform his car into a nouveau Trojan horse.

You see, Spider’s car was a dilapidated 1947 Plymouth coupe—the kind with that hulking cavernous trunk which from the rear resembled a giant black beetle. You could hide a football team in it! He quickly fashioned a hole between the trunk and the rear seat, hidden by the seat back cushion, which allowed stowaways to crossover on Que. It was an engineering marvel, I tell you—the perfect ruse for disguising three guys and a case of Coors!

In my high school days, the drive-in movies were a vessel for youthful temptation.

Conspiratorial double dates, underage drinking, hotrod gatherings, and some serious making out all happened there—a veritable hotbed of wickedness. Yet, from inception drive-in theaters were meant for families. The inventor’s slogan, one Richard Hollingshead from New Jersey, was: “The whole family is welcome, regardless of how noisy the children are.”

Although there were drive-ins as early as 1910, Hollingsworth was the only known recipient of a patent for the Automobile Movie Theater in 1933. And it was a struggle to get all the parts to come together. He began experimenting with showing movies in his driveway by placing a movie projector on the hood of his car, tying a movie screen to some trees and putting a radio behind the screen. Many variations ensued as he juggled the configuration for all these functions, to include the correct spacing and elevation among cars. He eventually figured it all out.

Little good it did him though. Even with more than 20 drive-ins across the country by 1940, Hollingsworth never made a profit. In 1950 the patent was ruled invalid, opening up the field for anyone to build a drive-in theater without paying royalties—and that’s exactly what happened! Drive-ins blossomed in the east and soon spread throughout the rest of the U.S.

The period of the 1950’s-1960’s was considered the golden age of drive-ins. According to the Wall Street Journal, the number of theaters peaked somewhere around 4,000 in 1958. . . and then began a long, slow decline. Today, they are hard to find and little more than a novelty. At last count (November 2019) there were only 317 operating drive-ins left in the U.S.!

As theaters grew in popularity—and to help encourage families to come—many owners added playgrounds and opened the gates as much as 3 hours early. Over the years other amenities showed up, like miniature trains, pony rides and miniature golf. The snack bar became another draw. Many theaters began to serve a wide variety of items such as fried chicken, barbeque sandwiches, hamburgers, pizza and more. A few theater owners even gave customers the ability to order from their cars and have a car hop deliver.

An unspoken code of conduct soon evolved to ensure mutual enjoyment of the show. Keeping your foot off the brake pedal, turning off the engine/running lights, minimizing dome light use, awareness of sight obstructions—you paid attention to these things if you valued a good movie without derisive comments from your neighbors.

All this meant going to a drive-in required some advanced planning. Most establishments showed two features, making for a very long night—especially in the summertime when it didn't get dark until quite late. Jammies for the kids, popcorn and sodas, light comfortable clothing in summer, warm blankets in winter, flashlights with fresh batteries and—later—a portable radio. This was a bare bones packing list. Some would even bring barbeque grills, lawn chairs and beer coolers. Preparations could become quite elaborate.

Even though the pickings are slim, my wife and I still enjoy a good drive-in movie and make a point to attend if we should find ourselves near one in our travels. It's all about the atmosphere, the experience. Our latest indulgence was in Needles, CA in 2019. Of course the picture was fuzzy with poor resolution, shown on an old screen with an old projector and the feature was a bit hokey. But they did have a kiddie playground, cartoons and a killer snack bar; it pulled all the right triggers, flooding us with warm memories.

It took us awhile to recall all the required behaviors and we realized that somewhere along the line (1970's) the technology changed. I was used to speaker poles, many standing naked from customers snapping off the window mounted speaker upon leaving the theater, oblivious that it was still attached to their car. Guess that's why the technology changed! At first, AM radio low power transmitters were used but that was soon upgraded to use FM with its stereo capabilities. Today, almost all theaters transmit their soundtracks via FM radio, which comes through your car radio. Problem is, over 5 hours of using your car battery can be too much. That's why modern packing lists include a battery powered portable radio (or a TuneIn phone app with a Bluetooth speaker for the younger set).

The snack bar was always one of my favorite parts of any drive-in because the menu was usually full of goodies you couldn't get at ordinary movies. Our experience in Needles showed just how far things had come. It was more like a 50's diner than a snack bar, complete with retro décor and booth seating—you could buy all your old favorite candies and there was a large selection of fried food, ice cream products and specialty drinks from Slurpees to Malts. We were in junk food heaven!

The demise of the drive-in theater doesn't seem to have one single cause. The drive-in's heyday was during a period of fast social and technological change. It all started gradually and then fell off rather quickly. In 1966, the Uniform Time Act mandated Daylight Savings Time throughout the U.S. In many parts of the country, this meant drive-in movies were not able to start their first movie until close to 10 pm., getting movie-goers home well after midnight. Clearly, this cut into weeknight revenues because most customers get up and go to work the next day.

To make up for lost revenue, drive-ins began trading their crucial family-friendly atmosphere for exploitation films like slasher horrors and adult content. This didn't mix well with kiddies and jammies. It even drew some complaints from nearby homeowners who could see the screen from their living room window. Development of the VCR made stay-at-home movie watching not only cheaper but preferred for most families. The final nail in the coffin, though, was a change made by the movie industry to convert their movies from film to digital formats in the early 2000's.

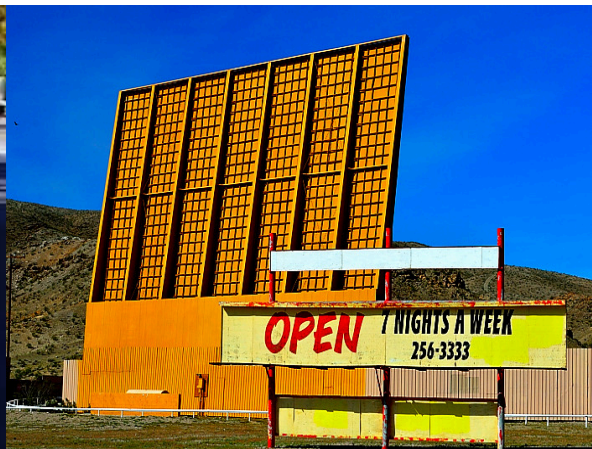


While this change saved the movie industry significant money over time, it required theaters to purchase new and expensive digital projectors that could cost as much as \$60,000 to upgrade. This was out of reach for most mom & pop theater owners.

Not all is bad news, however. The rate of drive-in theater closures has slowed significantly and there has actually been a slight renaissance of late. Some 15-20 drive-ins opened over the last few years, some of which were opened after sitting idle for many years, while a handful of newly built drive-ins have come on the scene lately.

At one point, Texas was believed to have close to 400 drive-in movies. The state was home to the 3rd drive-in ever built in the United States (Galveston, 1934). Today, there are less than 20 drive-ins still operating Texas. Fortunately, two of them are nearby in Buda and Austin if you'd like a night out under the stars.

I fondly remember traveling through Lamesa, Texas several years back. That theater was later destroyed by fire and remains shuttered today. However, it was the location of the iconic Sky View Drive-In Theater where Buddy Holly regularly played before he became a household name. We didn't have any children with us then but my wife and I watched the Disney movie Shreck—with our two dogs in the back seat. Fortunately, the dogs were free; we didn't have to hide them in the trunk.



## 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](mailto:info@tahitianvillagepoa.com) Website: [www.tahitianvillagepoa.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.pinesandprairieslandtrust.org) Email: [info@pplt.org](mailto:info@pplt.org)

**Pine Forest Golf Club**

636 Riverside Drive, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Phone 512.321.1181 website: [www.pineforestgolfclub.com](http://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](http://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

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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**

**Nov and Dec 2019**

<b>Unit:</b>	<b>Violation:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Date of Action:</b>	<b>Status:</b>
1	Barking dogs	1st letter	11.4.19	Resolved

**\*\*To allow property owners, who may not be in compliance with the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Tahitian Village, the twenty-one days allowed to correct a violation, no violation letters will be sent from the Association office after November 7th until January 21st when Annual Meeting notices and ballots are mailed out.**