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TVPOA Annual Meeting

The 2020 Annual Meeting of the Tahitian Village Property Owners' Association was held on Saturday, February 8th at 1:00 p.m. There were three vacancies and four candidates for Places 1, 2, and 4 on the POA Board of Directors and two vacancies with two candidates on the Architectural Control Committee.

The following candidates won by a vote for the POA Board: Place 1- David Carter, Place 2- Erika McDonald and Place 4- Jan Kuchel. Randy McDonald and Martha Burnett were placed in the two ACC positions.

After a brief overview of 2020 events, President Jan Schwindt introduced our guest speakers, Bastrop County Commissioner Mel Hamner and Fire Chief Josh Gil. Speaking for BCWCID #2 was General Manager Paul Hightower, TVACC President Randy McDonald, and Justice of the Peace, Cindy Allen. All speakers gave brief reports about their departments and were able to answer questions from residents. We thank everyone who were in attendance and we welcome the new Board/Committee members.



Tahitian Village Calendar of Events

March 2020

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

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

March 10—BCWCID #2 Road Meeting at 5:45 @ 120 Corporate Dr.

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

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

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

March 28—Annual Road Meeting at 9:00 AM at Bastrop Convention Center

April 2020

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

April 13 & 27— Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

April 14 & 28—Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ Bastrop Convention Center

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

April 18—CLEAN SWEEP from 8-2 p.m.

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

****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, April 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.

<u>Tahitian Village Neighborhood News Network (TVNNN) - Notice to Tahitian Village Residents:</u>

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 email 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

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IS SELFLESS, GEMEROUS, HELPFUL, THOUGHTFUL, VALUABLE





Have a seat in my chair By: Larry Gfeller

Except for the signature red, white and blue pole, my barbershop in the 1960's was inconspicuous on a quiet street in an anonymous half-city in the Midwest. But it was the quintessence of maleness. If you ever found the fairer sex there, it was a mother chaperoning her son. Inside, it was decorated with dog-eared comic books and men's action magazines, a tottering row of scarred old chairs under a weathered rail of coat pegs, a droning TV on an ancient wooden stand and a magnificent elk trophy head on the wall. The opposite wall—the business side—stood with gleaming mirrors, cabinets overrun with a glory of barbering equipment, three venerable barber chairs and two cadaverously old barbers in white smocks. They weren't twins, but their faces were like the same melody played on different instruments. I always wondered what happened to the third barber.

In those days, it was a sanctuary—perhaps the original "man cave." You just didn't stay there if you were on a tight schedule or in a hurry—they didn't take appointments and there was a palpable distaste for hastiness. Customers received doting attention regardless of how many waited. Conversation was easy; the barbers were masters, drawing on a lifetime of experience and capable of nurturing a kaleidoscope of topics. Discussions were free-ranging, opinions from the floor were encouraged and debates often spilled over to a wider audience. Such socialized discourses were rare in the work-a-day world of many patrons . . . it was a group curative, especially for those quiet types who routinely shrank from notice.

The crush of time has a way of overtaking beloved experiences like these, driving them to extinction. During a recent cross-country trip, I sampled a number of present day businesses holding out the iconic barber pole. Here's some of what I found:

Crescent City, CA. Dubbed "Oceanside Haircuts," this business thrived where the salt air carried the rich stink of tidal life and the ocean breakers were visible from the barber chair. The proprietor was a Vietnamese woman who cut hair for both sexes with the dexterity, speed and detail for which her race is famous. The walls were extravagantly cluttered with pictures of grandchildren, a price board, various product advertisements and an old wall clock that ticked away the sorrowful silence. There was also a Buddhist shrine tucked into an alcove with statues, teacups and charred sticks of incense carrying a "please do not touch" sign above. The haircut was fast and functional, using clippers and one of those "guard" attachments that guarantee a fast, uniform result. Most all conversation was equally brief—and initiated by me.

Waldport, OR. Secluded in a small bay village where competition was scarce, the owner of this enterprise commuted daily to a garrish blue and white shop on the main thoroughfare to somewhere else. The idea was to stand out and be noticed. Once again the establishment was unisex. The interior, painted a jarring chartreuse, contained an eclectic collection of baubles and curios, like a magpie might collect. Accordingly, my lady barber was gregarious and a bit of a free spirit—an aging hippy. Conversation flowed naturally; she was divorced with an empty nest and had found her niche with an ideal means of support in her sunset years. The cut was skilled and efficient using a combination of open clippers and scissors. I was her only customer that morning.

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Arlington, WA. Down a nearly rural road, blocks from the core of town, I found a rustic building blazoned with multiple barber poles. I was greeted at the door by only the owner and her chocolate Labrador retriever. She worked 4 days a week (2 other employees round out the week) because her first love was breeding quality hunting dogs. With 3 total barber/stylists this operation enjoyed an abundant local following, supported by the appeal of petting dogs. The shop evoked early memories; an elaborate assortment of professional equipment, mirrored walls and welcoming, easy furniture—something like a neighborhood pub. Conversation was effortless. She even asked my preference, clippers or scissors—one of the few to inquire. The result was a clean, old-fashioned trim; nothing fancy, just meat and potatoes, as I had requested. Her floor—immaculate!

Ruidoso, NM. Absent the barber pole, his building looked like a vintage bungalow from the forties. The inside was disheveled. Stacks of old horse racing magazines, a continuously playing TV locked on a Western oldies channel, cigarettes disfigured in the ashtray and a warm musty smell—like the inside of the earth. This was no Quick Clips! The sole proprietor was in his late seventies, rake-thin and had skin as brown and veiny as an old autumn leaf. He was full of interesting stories, took his good sweet time and, without even asking, lathered up my temples and stropped his straight razor. As I held my breath, he etched my scalp with steady, precise strokes. He then removed the excess lather with a warm wet towel, gave me a generous dusting of talc and vigorously applied (unrequested) hair tonic! Had I just found the brother of that lost third barber from my boyhood?

I have felt the cold expedience of the chain unisex salons—a predictable reaction to a complex society squeezed for time. I've met friendly (and even skilled) technicians in these places but usually it's a dull, unsatisfying experience. There, success is measured by volume and speed. I don't consider myself sexist, but I must come clean . . . I prefer not to share my haircut experience with a roomful of ladies for much the same reasons I prefer not to share restrooms. On the practical side, there's more money in shampoos, perms, coloring and styling than men's haircuts. I do, however, find conversation somewhat restrained and stilted with female stylists. There's that certain church of female knowledge women share, but to which men are never admitted.

So why do I use these unisex haircut factories? Well for one, stylists are more prevalent than barbers. In fact, barbering is considered a sub-specialty in the larger field of cosmetology. Barbers and cosmetologists earn different licenses that specify which services they can legally perform. What's the difference? Cosmetologists train to work in hair, nails, skin, makeup and overall enhancement of beauty. Barbers focus on cutting hair—almost exclusively men's hair—and giving shaves and trimming facial hair. In Texas the law does not permit cosmetology operators, for example, to shave using a straight razor—you gotta hold a Class A Barber permit to do that. Even so, male barbers often choose to use disposable blade razors (shavettes) because of more stringent health regulations against the risk of spreading blood-borne diseases like Hep B, C and HIV. It seems the barbershop of my boyhood has become an anachronism from a bygone era!

Turns out barbering has changed a great deal throughout its history. The very first haircuts were believed to have been given by Egyptian Nobility some 6,000 years ago, using sharpened oyster shells and a sharpened flint. As the profession matured, especially during the Middle Ages, barbers not only cut hair but also doubled as doctors. Have a cold or infection? Go see a barber for a therapeutic "bleeding." It was as simple as squeezing a special stick to make the veins stand out, then lancing one and draining the "bad blood" out of your system. As if this weren't grotesque enough, barbers also treated wounds, extracted teeth and even performed outright operations. Around 1450 laws required the separation of barbering from surgery, proclaiming that no one who performed a surgery could also practice barbering and vice versa.

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Even so, barbers could still pull teeth. Finally, in 1745, the two professions were permanently and completely separated. Today the only surviving vestige of this gruesome past is that iconic barber pole: the pole represents the stick, the red is blood, the white is bandages and blue symbolizes veins!

I think about what my barbershop meant to me when I was coming of age. To go hangout with the "men" who exchanged ideas about sports, automobiles or politics was like visiting an oracle—with barbers as high priests. As I matured, it became a rite of passage. After spying some peach fuzz on my upper lip one day, the old barber knew what I needed. To feel the hot lather on my temples, to watch him pull out the straight razor and trace my hairline and neck—it was a proud moment for this 13-year old! It's unquestionably a good thing that we have modern surgeons and dentists, but I do hope barbers never completely go away. As the profession continues to atrophy, modern young men are slowly losing the opportunity to make the intimate gender connection of an old barbershop. Just as with robots, digital voice assistants and driverless cars—call me Cleopatra, Queen of Denial; I long for an old time barber, Okay, Boomer!



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Free Master Gardener / HEB Class – Herb Gardening

March 7 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am Free



Bastrop County
Master
Gardener
Association



Free Class

Herb Gardening

March 7th - 10:00am - 11:00am

H-E-B plus! 104 Hasler Blvd, Bastrop, TX 78602

Lunch & Learn - Texas Superstars
Date: March 10th at 11:30-12:30
Location: First National Bank
1312 US Hwy 290, Elgin.

Pat Anderson will be our guest speaker and her expertise is Superstars and their proven abilities to survive our Texas heat with little to no care. How does this happen? To be a Superstar this plant must meet the criteria. What is that criteria? Superstars must be as pest resistant as possible. What plant can survive Texas bugs? If you are adding new plants to your garden or starting a new garden, let us help you with this one hour presentation. As always, bring your questions and let us help you get started!

March 14 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am Free



Bastrop County Master Gardener Association



Free Class
Texas Superstars
March 14th - 10:00am - 11:00am
H-E-B plus! 104 Hasler Blvd, Bastrop, TX 78602

Lunch and Learn - Topic tbd Date: April 14 at 11:30-12:30 Location: First Nation Bank 313 Main St. Smithville, Tx

Spring Plant Sale

March 21 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Free



Bastrop County Master Gardeners PLANT SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 21 – 9AM – 3PM Ken Estepp Show Barn in Mayfest Park, Bastrop 25 American Legion Drive, Bastrop, TX 78602

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: <u>info@tahitianvillagepoa.com</u> 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



Please join Pines and Prairies Land Trust every first Saturday at the Colorado River Refuge for a morning of service and fresh air. The upcoming dates are: March 7th, April 4th, and May 2nd. You can find out more information and sign up at pplt.org/events.

TVPOA

The Tahitian Village Property Owners Association (TVPOA) is responsible for maintaining and enforcing the deed restrictions in the five units that comprise Tahitian Village subdivision. Most of the POA's annual income comes from transfer fees and resale certificate fees.

TVACC

The Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee (TVACC) is responsible for accepting, reviewing, approving or denying permit applications for new structures. Although it has its own board of directors and separate finances, TVACC operates under the general umbrella of the TVPOA. Most of the ACC's income comes from permit fees and fines against builders.

BCWCID#2

The Bastrop County Water Control and Improvement District #2 (BCWCID), known as the Water District, is responsible for roads, water and sewer in Tahitian Village. They can be contacted at 512-321-1688.

TVPOA Violation Information

January & February 2020

I Init:	Violation:	Action:	Date of Action:	Status:
	Untagged vehicle	1st letter	1.30.2020	Resolved
	Untagged vehicle	1st letter	1.30.2020	Resolved
		1st letter	1.29.2020	Unresolved
	Non-running vehicle, trash/household items in yard	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
	Untagged vehicle			
	household items in yard	1st letter 1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
	pallets in yard		2.27.2020	Resolved
	shed out of compliance with Guidelines	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
	bandit signs	1st letter	1.30.2020	Resolved
	bandit signs	1st letter	1.30.2020	Resolved
	unpermitted fence	1st letter	1.28.2020	Resolved
	appliance in yard	1st letter	1.28.2020	Resolved
	construction material in yard	1st letter	1.29.2020	Resolved
	dresser in easement	1st letter	1.28.2020	Resolved
	unpermitted fence	1st letter	2.4.2020	Resolved
	unpermitted deck	1st letter	1.28.2020	Unresolved
	bandit sign	1st letter	2.4.2020	Resolved
	bandit sign	1st letter	2.4.2020	Resolved
	unpermitted fence	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
	Non-running vehicle	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
	Mattresses and household items in yard	1st letter	1.28.2020	Unresolved
	Untagged vehicle	1st letter	2.27.2020	Resolved
	construction items on side of house	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
	unpermitted temporary structure	1st letter	1.30.2020	Unresolved
	unpermitted deck	1st letter	1.28.2020	Resolved
	unpermitted deck	1st letter	2.27.2020	Resolved
	unpermitted deck	1st letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
	appliance in yard	1st letter	1.29.2020	Resolved
	unpermitted structure	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
	Mattresses and household items in yard	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
	unpermitted deck	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Resolved
	unpermitted deck	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
	construction items in yard	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
3	unpermitted fence	1st letter	1.28.2020	Unresolved
	construction items in yard	1st letter	1.29.2020	Resolved
3	construction in yard	1st letter	1.29.2020	Unresolved
3	non-running vehicle	1st letter	1.30.2020	Unresolved
	household items in yard	1st letter	1.29.2020	Unresolved
3	household items in yard	1st letter	1.30.2020	Unresolved
3	unpermitted shed	1st letter	1.28.2020	Unresolved
3	construction items on side of house	1st letter	2.04.2020	Resolved
	unpermitted fence	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
	building materials on side of house	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
	non-running vehicle	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
3	household items in yard	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved

3 construction items on side of house	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
3 construction items in yard	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
3 vehicles with expired tags	1st letter	2.4.2020	Resolved
3 non-running vehicle	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
3 pallets in yard	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
3 household items in yard	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
3 household items in yard	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
3 unpermitted shed	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
4 unpermitted fence	1st letter	1.30.2020	Unresolved
4 unpermitted fence	1st letter	1.28.2020	Unresolved
4 unpermitted fence	1st letter	2.4.2020	Resolved
4 bandit sign	1st letter	2.4.2020	Resolved
4 unpermited fence	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
4 construction material in yard	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
4 non-running vehicle	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
4 household items in yard	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
4 unpermitted shed	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
4 household items in yard	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
4 automotive parts in yard	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
4 unpermitted fence	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
4 unpermitted fence	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
5 unpermitted deck	1st letter	2.4.2020	Unresolved
5 trailer full of items	1st letter	1.29.2020	Resolved
5 household items in yard	1st letter	1.30.2020	Resolved
5 construction material in yard	1st letter	1.29.2020	Resolved
•	1st letter	1.29.2020	Resolved
5 automotive parts in yard	1st letter	1.29.2020	Resolved
5 construction material in yard			
5 household items in yard	1st letter	1.30.2020	Resolved
5 construction material in yard	1st letter	1.29.2020	Resolved
5 construction material in yard	1st letter	1.29.2020	Resolved
5 household items in yard	1st letter	1.29.2020	Resolved
5 household items in yard	1st letter	1.30.2020	Resolved
5 appliance in yard	1st letter	1.30.2020	Resolved
5 Untagged vehicle	1st letter	1.30.2020	Unresolved
5 unpermitted fence	1st letter	1.30.2020	Unresolved
5 household items in yard	1st letter	1.30.2020	Unresolved
5 construction items in yard	1st letter	1.30.2020	Unresolved
5 fence in disrepair, construction items in yard	1st letter	1.30.2020	Unresolved
5 unpermitted fence	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
5 unpermitted fence	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
5 construction material in yard	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
5 trailer full of items	1st letter	2.27.2020	Unresolved
5 vehicles with expired tags	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
5 unpermitted fence	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
5 household items in yard	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
5 construction items in yard	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved
5 fence in disrepair, construction items in yard	2nd letter	2.26.2020	Unresolved

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