

May/June 2020



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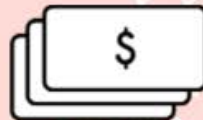


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TAHITIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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**Tahitian Village
Calendar of Events**

May 2020

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

May 11—Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

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

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

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

June 2020

April 1—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM

June 8 & 22—Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

June 9 & 23—Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ Bastrop Convention Center

June 16—Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM

June 18—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**

****Follow up with each entity to ensure no change has been made to any meeting date/time or place due to the COVID-19.**

Keeping You Posted

- Next Clean Sweep will be on Saturday, July 18, 2020, 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

Did you know...

******ATV's/Dirt Bikes are not allowed on the roads in Tahitian Village. There are signs posted in several locations along our arterial roads as well as several other locations within the subdivision that state "NO ATV's".**

All roads in Tahitian Village are off limits. Please understand that driving your ATV is strictly prohibited. In addition, the POA passed a resolution in November 2006 prohibiting the use of ATV's due to private property being damaged. If you have any questions, contact the POA of at (512) 321-1145, or email us at info@tahitianvillagepoa.com.

******When erecting a fence, the construction side must be faced to the inside. Do you know this will also eliminate people from using this as a ladder into your yard? This is a safety precaution as well as a guideline rule from the TVACC.**

******Bandit signs are an issue in Tahitian Village and are prohibited by the Tahitian Village deed restrictions and guidelines. Bandit signs are garage sale signs, lost/found pet signs or any of the signs that are put up temporarily by contractors (roofers, painters, etc). Political signs, while temporary, are allowed and protected only if property owner follows the State Codes.**

Keep Your Head in the Clouds By: Larry Gfeller

“It was a dark and stormy night” is an infamous bromide that has launched a million pulp romance novels. In a few words it conjures emotions we’ve all experienced before. Weather and clouds express mood—nature’s emojis. Somewhere in our past, each of us has lazed serenely under a gentle summer breeze and a brilliant sky filled with clouds as fluffy as fresh picked cotton. There’s that sense of renewal after a thunderstorm—the wet streets and slices of blue flashing through bunched clouds—a rumor of sunshine, the heavy earth smell of rain. And who hasn’t felt the desire to curl up with a good book when thin gray clouds smear above a paralyzed winter landscape? In springtime, as the land momentarily flashes shadows from rags of clouds ghosting across the sky, optimism soars. But everything is temporary. Fleeting clouds are about the moment. We are alive right here, right now; the only time that matters to a beating heart.

Since our planet’s birth, there have been clouds. We often consider them to be uniquely ours but they aren’t. Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Neptune, Uranus and Saturn have clouds too. The thing is, while they make weather wherever they exist, it takes sentient consciousness—something with feelings—to contemplate them, to appreciate, to dream. And it’s an ever-changing show up there. Of course there are cloudless days, but on days when they are present clouds are like newly composed symphonies. Each moment brings something fresh and new, swirling, shifting, emerging and receding. And clouds tell stories. The storylines are truly infinite, just like the heavens they inhabit. Clouds speak to people either as a solo performer scudding across the sky or as grand tapestries covering the entire firmament with lace. So beautiful, so majestic that anyone with a soul can’t fail to be moved by them.

Man has been captivated by clouds from the get go. They have played an important role in different cultures and religious traditions through the ages. In Exodus 13:21-22, Yahweh is described as guiding the Israelites through the desert in the form of a “pillar of cloud.” In an ancient Greek comedy (The Clouds) first performed in 423 BC, Socrates declares that “the clouds are the only deities.” Likewise, clouds have inspired innumerable poets and philosophers for eons. Clouds still continue to influence daily life. In China, clouds are widely considered symbols of luck and happiness. In the western world, clouds saturate our everyday speech (cloud nine), our songs (Get Off of My Cloud!), our literature (Lake in the Clouds,) and our art (Georgia O’Keefe’s “Sky Above Clouds”). Clouds even filter down to our geology. Some of the highest mountains in Colorado, for example, are named after clouds (Mount Nimbus, Stratus, Cirrus and Cumulus).

Despite our universal and long standing preoccupation with clouds, the first truly scientific study of clouds was done in 1802 by the Englishman Luke Howard. In fact, he came up with a scheme for naming types of clouds that we still use to this day. German dramatist and poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was so impressed that he composed four poems about clouds and dedicated them to Mr. Howard. As a testament to the continuing popularity of clouds in modern culture stands the Cloud Appreciation Society, whose manifesto vows to “fight blue sky thinking wherever we find it,” and believes “all who consider the shapes they see in clouds will save money on psychoanalysis bills.” Formed in 2005, the organization’s membership today tops 43,500 souls with “cloudspotters” ringing the globe from the Congo to Canada, Iceland to Iran, China to Chile.

Aside from the dreamy and whimsical, clouds also have a practical side. Truth is, at any given time clouds cover about 50% of our earth. If it were not for clouds we would have no rain, thunderstorms, rainbows or snow. Hurricanes, torrential rain, tornadoes—it's no wonder people pay attention to the weather forecast with renewed vigor. While the debate continues about climate change, it's clear that life on this planet has become tougher due to extreme weather conditions during the last 30 years. Clouds often dictate our routines. On ordinary days (not coronavirus days), a wisp of white cloud or a menacing thunderhead serves as a barometer for planned weekend activities or how to dress.

Clouds also affect us psychologically. Cloudy, overcast days turn us inwards and help us focus on the task at hand, the experts say. Alternatively, pleasant sunny weather slows cognition—makes it harder for us to concentrate and solve problems. Researchers in Australia tested a related theory with an experiment several years ago. They showed—for the first time in a real life setting—that weather-induced moods can significantly affect our memory. On rainy, cloudy days, the ability to recall objects was three times greater than on sunny days, despite all the positive vibes they triggered. With respect to our day-to-day outlook, it seems, clouds matter.

Sometimes, when rays of light filter through clouds, special stunning things happen. Have you ever been arrested by a golden shaft of light piercing the clouds to showcase a valley or hillside amidst an otherwise overcast landscape? It's as if you had just witnessed a unique event of nature, revealed only to you. All of us, at one time or another, have been stilled by a sunset glowing with molten fire or painted in multicolor from cherry and raspberry to peach and honeydew. Light, atmosphere and clouds can combine to produce special optical effects. Some of these phenomena appear often, others may be once-in-a-lifetime sights. From rainbows to northern lights, iridescent clouds to halos of refracted and reflected light, the magic can be heart-stopping. In some instances, the sun's rays burst forth from behind dark cloud formations in an outward explosion—seeming evidence of God's vast reach. Spectacular!

How we experience and interpret clouds is a highly individual thing. For me, color and movement always catch my attention. Red clouds twisted like a rope above the horizon or a sky filled with dark thunderclouds, their lower reaches dense with rain, fill me with awe. Occasionally, I will find myself outside during the dark of night—partly cloudy, moonlit and stormy. Watching the clouds hurriedly curl and sprawl across the sky by the bone white light of the moon is intensely personal. I wonder if anyone else is watching the performance and why. And then there is that special feeling from the window of a jetliner, looking down on a velvety carpet of clouds fired by the sun. It's like an exclusive backstage pass my parents never enjoyed. The calm, the peacefulness—stretching forever, blanketing all life below. As Yeats wrote: "I know I shall meet my fate somewhere among the clouds above."

We expect a lot from clouds. While the farmers and ranchers often want rain, others hope for a bright, fluffy, cloud-filled sunny day. The heavens give us both in due course—and a whole lot more. In this rapid-paced world of breaking news, multi-tasking and over-scheduling is there any room for cloud watching? Unless you're a storm chaser, certainly there's no profit in it. But it's not a waste of time—it's a free, simple source of joy available to everyone. Visualizing the possibilities feeds our need to create and explore. Clouds loosen our minds and encourage us to smile . . . and really, a smile is just a part of ourselves enjoying a gift of nature. If nothing else, cloud watching is a time for contemplation, mindfulness and meditation. Perhaps the closing words of the Cloud Appreciation Society Manifesto says it best: "Look up, marvel at the ephemeral beauty, and always remember to live life with your head in the clouds!"



Pines and Prairies Land Trust would like to let all of our neighbors know that the Colorado River Refuge is open to the public during these strange times. Because of physical distancing we are unable to maintain the trails during our regular group volunteer days. If you would like to help take care of the trails please contact Courtney Young for more information- courtney@pplt.org. And please PACK OUT ALL OF YOUR TRASH, we do not want it on the trails or ending up in the river.

COVID-19: PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS

Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms.

Share the trail and warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass.

Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.

Observe CDC's minimum recommended physical distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.

Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trails.

Wear a face covering while on the trails.

NRPA National Recreation and Park Association
Because everyone deserves a great park

PINES & PRAIRIES
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Please follow these guidelines to keep yourself and others healthy!



This is Bob and Sally.

Instead of completing another 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle, Sally picked up the phone and signed them up to be CASA Volunteers.

Bob and Sally are making a difference for children in our communities.

Be like Bob and Sally.

**Want to learn more about our CASA Couples?
Call 512.409.0771 today!**

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>

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Bastrop County

Master Gardener Class

Starts July 25 thru Nov 14

Saturdays 9AM – 1 PM

Learn to be successful with:

- *Vegetables and herbs
- *Flowers and trees
- *Plant propagation
- *Rainwater/irrigation systems
- *Good bugs/Bad bugs
- *Feeding and fertilizing
- *Landscape design
- *Pollinator gardens

Cost is \$235. Deadline is July 1--after 7/1 cost is \$250

Apply Now!

Get an application on our website or pick up an application at

Bastrop Agrilife Extension--901 Pecan St, Bastrop, TX

<https://txmg.org/bastropcounty>

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

For more info contact:

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TVPOA Violation Information**March and April 2020**

Unit:	Violation:	Action:	Date of Action:	Status:
1	construction items in yard	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
1	Construction side of fence	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
1	Christmas decorations	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
1	Bandit Sign	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
1	mow	1st letter	4/7/2020	resolved
1	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/13/2020	unresolved
1	mow	1st letter	4/25/2020	unresolved
1	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
1	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
1	mow	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
1	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/30/2020	resolved
2	temporary stucture	1st letter	3/7/2020	resolved
2	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/13/2020	unresolved
2	mow	1st letter	4/25/2020	unresolved
2	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
3	mow	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
3	household items in yard	1st letter	3/7/2020	resolved
3	fence in disrepair	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
3	trash in easement	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
3	fence in disrepair	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
3	household items in yard	1st letter	3/30/2020	resolved
3	unpermitted fence	1st letter	3/30/2020	resolved
3	unpermitted fence	1st letter	3/30/2020	resolved
4	household items in yard	1st letter	3/30/2020	resolved
4	Bandit Sign	1st letter	3/30/2020	resolved
4	mow	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
4	unpermitted fence	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
4	pallets in yard	1st letter	3/30/2020	resolved
4	trash in yard	1st letter	4/13/2020	resolved
4	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/13/2020	unresolved
4	tpost fence	1st letter	4/13/2020	unresolved
4	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/13/2020	resolved
4	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
4	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
4	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
4	RV running concrete	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
5	pallets in yard	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
5	mow	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
5	household items in yard	1st letter	3/16/2020	resolved
5	mow	1st letter	4/7/2020	unresolved
5	unpermitted fence	1st letter	4/13/2020	resolved
5	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/13/2020	resolved
5	broken down vehicle	1st letter	4/13/2020	resolved
5	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/13/2020	resolved

5	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/25/2020	unresolved
5	mow	1st letter	4/25/2020	unresolved
5	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
5	Bandit Sign	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
5	fence issue	1st letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
1	pallets in yard	2nd letter	3/31/2020	resolved
2	household items in yard	3rd letter	3/31/2020	resolved
2	vehicle issue	3rd letter	3/31/2020	resolved
3	construction items in yard	2nd letter	3/31/2020	resolved
3	household items in yard	2nd letter	3/31/2020	resolved
3	household items in yard	3rd letter	3/31/2020	resolved
4	fence issue	2nd letter	3/31/2020	resolved
5	unpermitted fence	3rd letter	3/31/2020	resolved
4	Bandit Sign	2nd letter	4/30/2020	unresolved
3	Bandit Sign	2nd letter	4/30/2020	unresolved