

TVPOA Annual Meeting

Jan/Feb 2021



TAHITIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Pine Post the

The Tahitian Village Annual Membership meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. It will be held via Zoom this year due to COVID. The Zoom link will be sent out by TVPOA email and will be posted on our website at www.tahitianvillagepoa.com about a week prior to the meeting.

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

January 2021

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

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

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

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

Jan 21—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30

February 2021

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

Feb 6—TVPOA Annual Mtg @1:00 via Zoom

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

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

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

Feb 18—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30

*****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

- 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

2021 Evolution of the Roads Written by Commissioner Mel Hamner

As we approach the year of 2021, we are seeing several improvements to the road system with many more to come next year.

There are several things already funded and a couple others we are either waiting on the Texas State General Land Office or other grant opportunity for funding.

The first thing many of you will see is that the 4 miles of road designated as the Egress/Ingress road between Ulupau Circle and Highway 71 at the Harmon Road intersection has been completed. This requirement is a Texas Department of Emergency Management Office as a need after the 2011 Complex Fire. There were hundreds of frantic calls received of people stuck in long non-mobile lines trying to get out of both Tahitian Village and Colo Vista during this fire. This road was built to address that need. We realize that this road only addresses one of the egress needs to Tahitian Village and we continue to seek help (funds) to build a bridge across the Colorado River going West or South. Estimated cost for such an improvement is \$22M.

In conjunction with the Road District, we have paved a little over 2 miles of their roads this year and are working with them on 3 more miles for the next year. This is in addition to the remainder of Lamaloa Ln and Ulupau Circle that we are currently working on. Seal coating will not be accomplished on those roads or the remaining Road District roads until early spring, but they will be maintained to keep them smooth until they can be seal coated.

We have received a TEDM grant to finish the drainage improvements in Unit 3 of Tahitian Village and construction should start in early spring after contractors' bids are evaluated. It will divert sheet flowing water from the West side of Lovers Lane back to the Colorado River rather than letting it flow through the lower areas of Unit 3.

The last piece of planning involves a CAPCOG grant that will allow us to improve the undersized culverts in Unit 2 and 4. The recent drainage study revealed a need to improve the drainage on both sides of Copperas Creek and between it and Riverside Water Shed (area West of Akaloa.) If we can get this grant, many of the culverts that have been used by builders and the Road District will be upsized to improve drainage. Road surfaces will also get upgrades.

The County and BCWCID Inter-Local Agreement that allows the BCWCID Road Crew to use county equipment to begin repairing Road District roads has been very beneficial to them and they have been grading roads that have not been smoothed out for many years. This is a joint effort by your BCWCID Special Road District and the County to get all roads available to the property owners, many who have owned their property for 30 years without being able to even get to it.

In summary, the Precinct One Road and Bridge crew and Special Road District will continue to work together to bring improved roads to your neighborhood.

Updates at the Colorado River Refuge

www.pplt.org



Volunteer



1st Saturday Service Days are a great way to get involved in your community. If you would like to volunteer to keep the trails and the CRR looking great please sign up for an upcoming service day at www.pplt.org/events.

Next dates: January 2nd
February 6th
March 6th

A 300% Increase in Visitation!

With the arrival of the coronavirus came an incredible increase in visitation at the CRR! There are a few urgent needs Pines and Prairies Land Trust need to fund to keep up with the new hikers and river lovers:

1. Increased trash pick up service
2. More signs in and leading to, the preserve
3. Boundary signs to protect sensitive habitat and neighbors' privacy

Please make a donation today to help Pines and Prairies Land Trust (a 501c3 nonprofit) make the CRR safe and welcoming!
<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/needsatthecrr>



Survey work

Volunteer surveyors are still surveying the Colorado River Refuge. Please be courteous to the volunteers if you see them.

Need Help Preventing More Puppies & Kittens?

Bastrop County Animal Shelter Helpers has a program to help low-income residents of Bastrop County pay for spay or neuter surgery for their pets.

This program is intended for responsible pet owners in financial need who cannot afford surgery. For example, individuals who are unemployed, on public assistance, or who have low-paying jobs.

Applicants need to be able to provide proof of Bastrop County residency.



Pictured is Paquita, one of the recent beneficiaries of the program!

En la foto está Paquita, una de las beneficiarias recientes del programa!

¿Necesita ayuda para prevenir más cachorros y gatitos?

Bastrop County Animal Shelter Helpers tiene un programa para ayudar a los residentes de bajos ingresos del condado de Bastrop a pagar la cirugía de esterilización o castración de sus mascotas.

Este programa está destinado a dueños de mascotas responsables con necesidades financieras que no pueden pagar la cirugía. Por ejemplo, personas que están desempleadas, que reciben asistencia pública o que tienen trabajos de bajos ingresos.

Los solicitantes deben poder presentar prueba de residencia en el condado de Bastrop.

TO APPLY:

Visit our website at <https://bcashelpers.org>

Or point your phone camera at this code to go straight to the application online!

Spay/Neuter services are provided in Bastrop County by our charity partners, Save An Angel and Emancipet.

Find us on Facebook @

www.facebook.com/BCASHelpers!

We are unable to issue certificates to other organizations, only to individuals.



Para APLICAR:

Visite nuestro sitio web en <https://www.bcashelpers.org> o escanea el código QR

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Of Riverboats and Cattle Drives By Larry Gfeller

They say all great things start simply. It was, then, on a fateful day in 1853 among the hardscrabble range land of south Texas where a legend was born. It was amid the sort of dazzling white of the day that sucks all the energy out of most mortals. From under the freckled shade of a clump of trees, he studied a patch of land served by the Santa Gertrudis Creek, as yellow as a lemon rind, sliding between scruffy banks. Wildlife thrived there, and he figured stock would do the same. Young captain Richard King made a momentous decision to purchase this stream-fed oasis in a region of south Texas known as the Wild Horse Desert. Years later, after a lifetime of hard work extended by generations of integrity, preservation, and innovation, it is known as the world-famous King Ranch.

By the end of the war between the states, King Ranch had grown to 146,000 acres—supporting thousands of head of cattle. Today, the King Ranch totals 825,000 acres representing a colossal agribusiness with interests in cattle ranching, farming, luxury retail goods, and recreational hunting. The long shadow of the ranch has included properties in west Texas, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, and joint ventures and partnerships in Florida. On a larger stage, ranching operations reached all the way to Argentina, Cuba, Brazil, Australia, Venezuela, Spain, and Morocco. King Ranch: arguably the most successful and influential ranching operation in the world!

If you were to meet Richard King on the street today, you probably wouldn't like him. Brash, competitive, and opportunistic, he wielded power on a level with other historic titans of industry. He came up during an era of unfettered capitalism, when innovation and seized opportunities built the wealth and great fortunes of America. It was a time of expansion, development, and expendable resources. Yet, for all this prolificacy, his origin was unprivileged.

Born in New York City to poor Irish parents, at age 9 he was indentured to a jeweler in Manhattan. On fire with a sense of adventurism, young Richard shipped as a stowaway on a riverboat to Mobile, Alabama where he was taken in as a "cabin cub" and schooled in the art of navigation. Mark Twain had nothing on young Richard King—he was a pilot by age sixteen. In 1842, King enlisted for service in the Seminole War in Florida and met a pivotal lifelong friend and business mentor, Mifflin Kenedy. (Captain) King continued plying his trade on muddy river waters through the Mexican War, where he served the entire war transporting troops and supplies. For the next two decades after the war, King formed several riverboat firms with Mr. Kenedy and dominated the Rio Grande trade on a nearly monopolistic scale.

During his time on the Rio Grande, King polished his skills as a speculator with his hands in many different pies with many different business partners. The biggest pie in South Texas in the early 1850's was undeveloped land. After once getting burned buying Spanish and Mexican contracts, he came to appreciate good lawyering. From that time forward, King paid careful attention to the legality of land transactions. He assembled a talented team of attorneys to handle his land acquisitions, including Robert J. Kleberg, who would go on to become his future son-in-law and executive partner to King's wife, Henrietta. As cash flow from steamboat interests grew, King invested in more land. Through partnerships, King eventually amassed two irregularly shaped pieces of wilderness on the Nueces Strip (15,500-acres and 53,000-acres, respectively). These properties were the seeds from which the greatest cattle ranching enterprise in the world would sprout.

The Civil War years were good for King and Kenedy's riverboat business. Lucrative contracts in international exchange to supply the Confederacy made them rich while timely relocation of management operations to Mexico shielded them from Union reach. After the war, King secured a pardon from President Andrew Johnson and left Mexico to return to his ranch. In 1868 he and Kenedy dissolved their partnership and became individual proprietors, King ranching at Santa Gertrudis and Kenedy at Los Laureles. Under King's meticulous eye, his ranch flourished.

As the area was suffering from a drought, King had no trouble buying thirsty cattle owned by small villagers in Mexico. Next, he offered to hire the Mexicans themselves as some of the best cattlemen known and moved them to his ranch. Grateful to have work, the new employees called themselves Kinenios (King's people) and remained loyal to the family and their ranch for generations. They taught King the cattle trade and how to train horses. In return, the Kinenos had year-round jobs with security and the opportunity to advance. They were free to marry and raise their families on the ranch, complete with provided housing and on-ranch schooling supervised by Henrietta King. Following the centuries old Hispanic system of patron-peon provided cheap and reliable labor. King's access to capital fueled his never-ending expansion in land and livestock.

Captain King's domesticated longhorns were some of the very first hoof stock to comprise the early northward Texas cattle drives, dangerous one thousand-mile treks to the midwestern trailheads where they could be sold. Soon his iconic "Running W" brand was famous from Mexico all the way to Kansas. Later, King invested in building railroads, packinghouses, ice plants and harbor improvements at Corpus Christie in a bid to create infrastructure that would get his product to market as efficiently as possible.

Captain King was obsessed with improving his livestock through an aggressive breed improvement program. He soon transformed his range longhorns and wild horses into the finest cattle and horses in Texas. The King Ranch, in the years after King's death, would go on to produce the Santa Gertrudis breed of cattle, the first officially recognized new breed of beef cattle in the U.S. Other breeding programs would lead to the development of the country's top quarter horses and even a few of America's most notable thoroughbreds. Even today, the King Ranch is famous for its tradition of scrupulous upbreeding. The sale of bulls and hybrid seed stock remains an important aspect of the ranch's modern agribusiness.

King married Henrietta Chamberlain and together they had five children. He died of stomach cancer at San Antonio's Menger Hotel on April 14, 1885. In 1925, Captain King's body was moved from San Antonio to Kingsville, the town established on his ranchland and named for him, to be reburied next to his wife. The ultimate rancher, Captain King earned a fortune because he foresaw the market for his commodity, procured volume production and attempted to control transportation and markets. After King's death, at first with Robert Kleberg working alongside his wife and later through generations of equally passionate family management, the ranch continued to foster a culture of uncompromising quality, stewardship, and excellence. Through Kleberg's efforts a river of water was discovered beneath the ranch, ending a decades-long area drought. Cross-fencing, along with an aggressive mesquite clearing effort, divided the vast ranch into segregated managed pastures. The ranch is comprised of four separate divisions, located in six counties, each with its own separate foreman. The first known dipping vats were pioneered at the ranch, as were mechanized brush control methods and innovative corrals for working cattle.

King Ranch also developed new and better grasses and founded mineral supplements to improve animal health. Modern game management and wildlife conservation practices were expanded—in fact, wildlife tourism and hunting are among the biggest draws to the ranch today.

The impact of the King Ranch on surrounding communities has been profound. Efforts to build railroads attracted agricultural development, land sales and town building projects—to include development of Kingsville. Donated land and funds helped construct numerous churches, libraries, and school projects. After World War II, oil and gas royalties drove another growth spurt for the ranch. Systematic and ambitious expansion—in agriculture, energy, real estate, retail operations, and tourism—have created a platform to expand the national and global presence of the ranch. Many descendants of Richard and Henrietta King continue to work the ranch.

Tourism pulls in visitors to the ranch from the world over. King Ranch was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1961, and for Texans it continues to operate right in our own back yard. A visit to the still-working ranch and the King Ranch Museum in Kingsville is well worth the drive, but reservations are recommended. Year-round multiple guided tours provide visitors a choice as to which facets of the ranch they wish to explore, from the famous San Gertrudis cattle, the expansive pastures and free-range wildlife to the living quarters, commissary, and other city-like conveniences available to those who live and work on the ranch. This is an experience that should be on all Texans' bucket list.





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

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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](https://www.bluebonnetelectric.coop/Residential/Overview)

****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.**