

March/April 2021



TAHITIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Pine Post

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TVPOA Annual Meeting

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Tahitian Village Property Owners' Association was held on Saturday, February 6th at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom for the first time ever.

There were three vacancies and four candidates for Places 4,5, and 6 on the POA Board of Directors and two vacancies with two candidates on the Architectural Control Committee. The following candidates won by acclamation for the ACC : Aaron Sanford and Greg Stigall.

The following candidates won for the POA: Place 4; Jan Schwindt, Place 5; Mary Jo Creamer, and Place 6; Stacy Savage.

After a brief overview of 2020 events, TVPOA President Jan Schwindt introduced our guest speakers, Pines and Prairie, Courtney Young, Bastrop County Commissioner Mel Hamner, Sheriff Maurice Cook, TVACC President Randy McDonald, Jan Schwindt for BCWCID#2 Paul Hightower and Justice of the Peace, Cindy Allen. All speakers gave brief reports about their departments and were able to answer questions from residents.

Happy Easter



Tahitian Village Calendar of Events

March 2021

March 1—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM
March 8 & 22 —Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse
March 9 & 23 —Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ City Hall
March 16 —Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM
March 18 —BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30

April 2021

April 5—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM
April 12 & 26— Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse
April 13 & 27—Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ Bastrop Convention Center
April 15—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30
April 20—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**

****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@tahitianvillage.org 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



WILD & SCENIC[®] FILM FESTIVAL

where activism gets inspired

APRIL 3, 2021

8:00 PM

A DRIVE-IN MOVIE EVENT
AT BILLIG RANCH, PAIGE, TX

A BENEFIT FOR PINES AND
PRAIRIES LAND TRUST



PINES AND PRAIRIES LAND TRUST HOSTS THE WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL AT BILLIG RANCH

Join PPLT for an evening under the stars at Billig Ranch to enjoy short films showcasing amazing stories of nature, adventure and conservation from across the county.

Attendees will watch the films on a large screen from the safety and comfort of their car or lawn chairs within their designated car slot. Arrive early to attend a small prairie tour and stay late if you wish to camp out on the preserve.

- FREE DRINKS + BYOB
- Bring your own dinner or order a cheese plate at checkout
- Light concessions available
- Free tour of prairie restoration projects
- Camping on the ranch!
- Dog friendly

WWW.PPLT.ORG/WILDANDSCENIC

What We Almost Lost By Larry Gfeller

It's a cold South Dakota morning facing the brace of dawn. Turning onto the highway, we merge into a single stream of headlights crawling into Custer State Park. The traffic becomes a necklace of light inch-worming its way bumper-to-bumper along the blacktop, creeping up granite hillsides and vanishing into the void. A kind of flush comes into the sky, not light yet not dark either. As we approach the top, a tender September sleet begins to fall. Upon descent into the rolling plains below, the first hint of twilight glows on the horizon. By the time we arrive at the sprawling parking area, the morning mist reveals two great circus tents with people cued up for pancakes and coffee. After parking the truck, we make our way towards the viewing area to set up our camp chairs, the mud squishing under our boots, our breath smoking in the bluish light. Breakfast smells mighty good! We are here to experience the 54th annual buffalo roundup.

South Dakota's first state park was named after then Lt. Colonel George Armstrong Custer, the infamous U.S. Army Indian fighter killed at Little Bighorn. The park sprawls over 71,000 acres in the Black Hills of South Dakota and is home to one of the largest public herds of American Bison in the world. Each year experienced riders are recruited to gather the herd for a health and welfare check in corrals built specifically for the task. The annual roundup is a tool to help manage the park's herd. Approximately 1,400 of these huge beasts are tested, branded, and sorted on the day of the roundup. This year some 445 bison will later be sold at auction to condense the herd and promote genetic diversity.

The event is popular (~19,000 people), open to the public, and traffic is tightly controlled. Tour busses and motorhomes are ushered into separate parking. Two general viewing areas, accessible from opposing directions, are located on elongated hilltops behind barbed wire fence lines. Weather is not a constraint—people must come dressed for whatever happens and they arrive from all over the U.S. and beyond. The park also hosts a 3-day arts festival in conjunction with the roundup—it's a major tourist draw, an annual celebration for the quiet nearby town of Custer.

The rodeo is carefully choreographed. Breakfast is served at sunup in the viewing areas and lunch is served at the corrals once the buffalo are rounded up. Guests are restricted to the viewing areas until the herd is safely in the corrals, generally around noon. A generous array of porta-potties lines the viewing areas; docents, guides and ambassadors are sprinkled throughout. Cowboys and cowgirls are all experienced riders, hand-picked for their expertise and safety history. To help ensure efficiency, the herd is gathered from all over the park in special holding pens days before the actual drive. Bison who've participated in more than one roundup pace the herd—they know the route; they know the drill. There is no announcer or P.A. system; sight and sound are the only precursors to the excitement about to happen.

The drizzle has stopped but a cold wind continues to strafe the hilltop. The low-hanging mouse-gray sky carries a strained, painful look. Photographers crowd the fence like excited trick-or-treaters. Everyone is on their feet scouring the distant horizon, parents ignoring their rowdy kids as they stare wistfully into their binoculars. Tension is palpable, a collective longing can be felt up and down the line. Then it happens. . .in the distance we see the herd crest a hill like a giant

amoeba spilling over the plains in slow motion, shellac dark and pulsating. Despite being less than a mile distant, the herd grows silently at first—you can see the outriders and their banners. As the charge rolls closer, we hear the rumble of hooves and hoots of the cowboys. The massive heads of the lead buffalo rock up and down in stride. In cadence, they exude a sort of bovine charm. The crowd cheers and we hear the growing pandemonium—until the din of five thousand hooves erupts and engulfs the viewing area. The magnificent beasts are running flat out, steam chuffing from their nostrils, foam slathering at their mouths. The horseback riders seem swept along like twigs in a stream. It all happens too fast, like fire eating up a trail of gasoline—and they vanish over the hill, trailing thunder.

The crowd is stunned; the spectacle is over, and silence quickly backfills the vacuum. The throng begins to disintegrate, and I slip out and treat myself to a pee while my wife gathers up the gear. The focus now shifts to a barbeque lunch and the corrals. Cowboys will tend to their charges well into the afternoon. Crews will continue to work the herd later in October. We decide to escape the crowd and wait in our truck until the parking lot exhales some.

We've seen bison before, but not as primal as this! It was like finding a time travel ticket and taking cover behind a rock in the middle of a nineteenth century stampede. Although the event was highly orchestrated, the raw power of the herd was striking. A collective intellect rumbling over the prairie, completely free in the wildness that surrounds them. Some of these massive creatures stand six feet tall at the hump and weigh in at 2,000 pounds—huge in stature and character. Gaze into their black marble eyes and you can see the untamed spirit of their souls. There used to be a connection between bison and an entire race of people—all made from the same cosmic dust. And to think, only three grandmas ago, there were millions roaming our great plains stretching from Mexico to Canada. . .we damned near killed them all off for greed and sport! This day I learned to appreciate what we almost lost—which seems to always be the lesson taught by rare things.





<https://www.bcashelpers.org>

Multi-Pet Special!

BCAS Helpers is sponsoring another Multiple Pet Spay/Neuter Special with Save An Angel!

Spay or neuter one pet in your household, get the second pet's surgery for half price! Or pay for two spay/neuter surgeries, and get the third for free!

No application required - just ask at Save An Angel's clinic when you make the appointment (<https://www.save-an-angel.org/clinic/>). Offer available until our funds run out!

BCAS Helpers

www.BCASHelpers.org

To donate to our organization please see the QR Code below.



What have we done for the shelter lately?

Jan/Feb 2021



NEW CAGES! MORE CAPACITY!



PURCHASED TWO BANKS OF STAINLESS STEEL CAGES TO EXPAND CAPACITY IN THE MEDICAL CLINIC AND SHELTER INTAKE, AT A COST OF \$3750

MEDICAL CARE FOR SHELTER ANIMALS

APPROVED EMERGENCY MEDICAL EXAMS/ CARE FOR 3 ANIMALS

INCLUDING THIS GUY!



PREVENTING HOMELESS ANIMALS

DESIGNATED \$5000 IN FUNDING TO EXTEND OUR MULTI-PET SPAY/NEUTER SPECIAL FOR SURGERIES AT THE SAVE AN ANGEL CLINIC

KEEPING ANIMALS IN THEIR HOMES

SUPPLIED MICROCHIPS AND CRATES FOR PET OWNERS AT THE UPCOMING FREE RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

Oak Wilt

What is Oak Wilt?

Oak wilt is a fungal tree disease that spreads rapidly and can kill oak trees.

The City provides resources and support your neighborhood can use to monitor oak wilt infections in your area, and to develop projects that increase the resilience of your tree canopy.

Are My Trees at Risk?

Any oak tree can get infected with oak wilt, and it can be difficult to prevent even when you take good care of your trees. In Austin, live oak is the most frequently infected tree.

Will My Trees Die?

When neighbors know about oak wilt and work together, they can save trees. While the oak wilt fungus will still spread through root systems even when trees are treated, a carefully timed fungicide injection can save oak trees.

Do I Have Oak Trees?

The following resources can help you identify what type of tree you have.

- [Oak trees of Texas](#)
- [Ask a Travis County Master Gardener](#)
- [Identify Trees of Texas](#) using the Texas A&M Forest Service's dichotomous key
- Share a photo on the [iNaturalist](#) app and the community can help you identify the species

Learn the signs of oak wilt



Healthy live oak leaves



Live oak showing
symptoms of oak wilt

How Can We Control Oak Wilt?

CONNECT

Since oak wilt does not stop at property lines, and still spreads through the roots systems of treated trees it is best controlled when neighbors work together and share information about the location of infected trees and

their treatment history. If you would like a presentation about oak wilt at neighborhood meeting that can help facilitate this conversation, please email a request to [Keith Babberney](#).

PAINT WHEN YOU PRUNE

Most trees need pruning to achieve good form, but each cut is an opportunity for insects and disease to enter the tree. So, consider every cut carefully. Although you can prune at any time of year, the best time to prune oaks is July through January. That's when fungal spores are least likely to infect a tree. Always paint pruning cuts on oak trees. Any type of paint can mask the smell of a fresh wound from the beetle that can carry oak wilt spores.

PLANT A SIGN

Free yard signs are available to increase oak wilt awareness.

[Request signs for your neighborhood.](#)

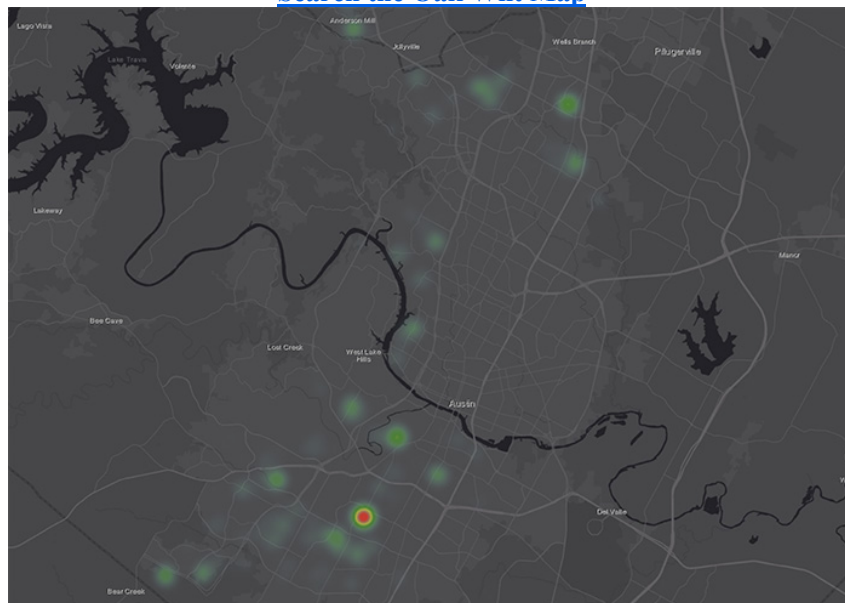
CONTACT A QUALIFIED ARBORIST

A Qualified Arborist can diagnose tree problems and provide treatment recommendations.

- [American Society of Consulting Arborists](#)
- [International Society of Arboriculture](#)
- [Oak Wilt Qualified Arborists](#)

IS OAK WILT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

[Search the Oak Wilt Map](#)



<https://austintexas.gov/page/oak-wilt>

Additional Resources

- Visit austintexas.gov/trees to learn more about free trees, free mulch, youth engagement, education, and other resources available to individuals and community groups.
- Do you have an idea to support Austin's urban forest? We encourage you to explore and apply for the [Urban Forest Grant](#).
- Learn more about oak wilt at TexasOakWilt.org.

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHANCE ... IS IT YOU?



CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties has served 127 children who have experienced abuse and neglect in Bastrop County, but there are still 33 children without a CASA Volunteer. Our goal is to provide every vulnerable child with a CASA to stay by their side during one of the most difficult times of their lives. Ready to speak up for a child? Learn more and get involved by calling

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@tahitianvillage.org Website: www.tahitianvillage.org

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

TVPOA Violation information for February 2021

Unit 1	Total
Unpermitted construction items	2
Untagged or non-running vehicle	2
Household items/trash in yard	5
Bandit signs	1
Clearing no permit	
not permitted temporary structures	

Unit 2	Total
Unpermitted construction items	4
Untagged or non-running vehicle	1
Household items/trash in yard	3
Bandit signs	
Clearing no permit	
Non permitted temporary structures	

Unit 3	Total
Unpermitted construction items	16
Untagged or non-running vehicle	2
Household items/trash in yard	6
Bandit signs	3
Clearing no permit	
Non permitted temporary structures	1

Unit 4	Total
Unpermitted construction items	5
Untagged or non-running vehicle	
Household items/trash in yard	1
Bandit signs	1
Clearing no permit	1
Chickens	2
Non permitted temporary structures	1

Unit 5	Total
Unpermitted construction items	8
Untagged or non-running vehicle	1
Household items/trash in yard	2
Bandit signs	2
Clearing no permit	
Non permitted temporary structures	1
Total	71