

May/June 2021

Clean Sweep

We had a very productive Clean Sweep on April 17th in Tahitian Village. Thank goodness for the great weather as we had a very busy day with lots of unloading and hard work!

Cars were lined up at 7:45 and we were busy until closing time.

Thank You to all our wonderful volunteers who came out to help us. Without you, this would be impossible. Again, thank you!!

Our next Clean Sweep is scheduled for July 15th from 7:00 am - 1:00 pm and we would like to see more volunteers come out and assist us with the Clean Sweep. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office at 512-321-1145. Even a couple of hours would make a huge difference.



TAHITIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Tahitian Village Calendar of Events

May 2021

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

May 10 & 24 —Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

May 11 & 25 —Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ City Hall

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

May 20 —BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30

June 2021

June 7—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM

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

June 14 & 28— Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse

June 15—Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM

June 17—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30

****TVPOA & TVACC meetings are currently being held via
online Zoom.

For more information, please call us at 512-321-1145.

****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.tahitianvillage.org.

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

A Whale of a Day By Larry Gfeller

It was fall 1984 when an ocean tragedy of historic proportion threatened one of the giants of the sea. Her name was Ibis, she was imposing, she was huge, and she was in trouble. Ibis was a humpback whale. Humpbacks are arguably the most playful of whales—you've probably seen videos of them leaping into the air spewing water everywhere, twirling and spinning like gigantic prima ballerinas, then crashing back into the ocean with a prodigious splash. While 1984 was too early to have a Facebook following, Ibis was unquestionably a favorite among whale enthusiasts who tracked her up and down the Atlantic coast for nearly six years. Then, in October, Ibis was spotted entangled in an immense fishing net. For nearly two months, she struggled with her burden, slowly losing strength. She was later spotted with another humpback that appeared to be trying to assist her. By Thanksgiving, rescuers were finally able to cut the netting off, marking the first recorded rescue of a free-swimming whale. Ibis had a lot to be thankful for that year!

Several years ago, we found ourselves in Port Angeles, Washington near the impressive Strait of Juan de Fuca, a famed outlet to the Pacific Ocean named after an ancient Greek navigator. Canada is located on the north shore of these cold turbulent waters; to the south is Washington state. The strait has become known as the "Humpback Comeback" of the Pacific Northwest with hundreds of humpback whales choosing this nutrient-rich channel as their summer feeding grounds. Port Angeles is a typical harbor town, rather small, with most action centered around the waterfront. There is a major ferry transporting commuters and tourists back and forth to Vancouver Island, commercial fishing boats, Coast Guard vessels anchored offshore and a few whale watching tourist excursion boats. One of these companies guaranteed whale sightings for all comers. Excited, I grabbed my camera and jumped at the chance to see humpbacks in the wild!

The excursion's critical crewmember was an experienced naturalist who, like a swarthy sailor in a creaking nineteenth century crow's nest, could spot whales long before anything was visible to ordinary people. It was a sunny summer day with a rolling sea, a cool spray of saltwater from the bow, and a following of squatter seagulls overhead (tourists, junk food). It had been a while since my horizon was 360 degrees of undulating seawater. . .for a moment, I saw my relative vulnerability and insignificance through the eyes of Coleridge's Ancient Mariner: water, water, everywhere!

It was not until I spotted multiple craft crisscrossing our path that I realized whale watching was big business here. As our naturalist-guide reported, these boats filled with tourists were seeking the same prize—sightings were quickly shared by radio so everyone could have that once-in-a-lifetime experience. He also informed us that humpbacks are named after the large hump that forms when they arch their backs before making a deep dive in the ocean. "These are enormous creatures," he said, "about the size of a school bus—yet, at a whopping 40 tons and 60 feet long, they are only about half the size of a blue whale." Now I felt more insignificant than ever!

Suddenly, engines cut, our cruiser came to an abrupt stop, and we silently bobbed like an unattended cork in the sea. Our spotter proclaimed a humpback "on our port side at ten o'clock, 100 yards." You'd have thought someone had dropped a live grenade! People stampeded to the

left side of the vessel, binoculars and cameras at the ready. And there it was, out there arching out of the jade-green depths, all shiny and humongous, graceful, glinting in the sunlight. After the gigantic tail flukes trailed into the water, it was gone in a swirl of bubbles and foam, back into the solitude and protective blackness of its watery home. “Did everyone see that?” our attendant asked. “We’ll try to move ahead now and catch her when she comes up for air again.” As the diesels erupted back to life, he continued his play-by-play: “Know that humpbacks are here only in the summer; in winter they stay closer to the Equator where they give birth to their young—that’s an average round trip of some 16,000 miles! Baby humpbacks require months to develop a thick enough layer of blubber to survive these cold waters where they will later feed.”

That morning was chockfull of sightings (truth in advertising noted). After each one, our craft would suddenly lurch forward and move a quarter mile through the water, attempting to time when and where our quarry would breach again, sometimes with success, sometimes not. At other times we trolled alongside at an easy pace while a cooperative specimen remained visible for a few hundred feet. Occasionally, vertical plumes of spray would mark a distant location where whales exhaled before refilling their lungs with air and rolling back under the waves. Such “spouting” was like a magnet to excursion boats, swarming like a flurry of gnats to the action. Sometimes the whales swam in tandem, frolicking together among the waves like two puppies on holiday. Our chaperone said humpbacks were generally loners, but they often traveled in small groups, called pods, consisting of two or three whales. He said the creatures knew exactly where our boat was always located, in a playful one-sided game of hide and seek. Despite the many sightings we were to make that morning, not one offered a grand aerial ballet like on those Pacific Life TV commercials.

We chased whales for over two hours as we circled and crossed the channel responding to sightings. We saw so many whales folks were becoming desensitized. Humpbacks seemed to be everywhere that morning—but some days they were shy and reticent, according to our narrator. He told us, “with flippers up to 16 feet long, tail flukes some 30 feet across, and two collapsible lungs connected to two separate blowholes, these huge mammals can stay under water for a long time.”

“What do they eat?” asked one boatmate.

Our speaker answered, “They eat mostly small fish, plankton and tiny crustaceans, called krill. With their huge mouths, they can take on giant quantities of water. Below the mouth are 12 to 36 expandable throat grooves that billow out to hold all this water. Rather than teeth, humpbacks have up to 400 fringed overlapping plates hanging down from each side of their upper jaw, called baleen plates. The baleens filter the water, and the two blowholes on the whale’s back expel the water, leaving the fish and other goodies behind.” I thought to myself, how amazing is that?

I had been curious since leaving the wharf, so I asked, “How can you guarantee whale sightings on days when the whales don’t want to come out and play?” His response was matter of fact: “For unlucky trips, we give out ‘rain checks.’ They’re good for unlimited free outings, until we’re successful.” I’m thinking, there’s something for hotels and restaurants to cheer about!

As we headed for the dock, my thirst for knowledge quenched, I settled back to enjoy the wind in my face, the sun on my back and the endless panorama around me. The mental images of the day rolled backward in my mind. I had finally met a whale—up close and personal. As I nursed my anxious longing for reunion with solid land, I struggled to grasp what it meant to be an air-breathing mammal (like me) and live your entire lifetime under water. With lungs the size of automobiles, these creatures roam with no constraints, like space explorers. So enormous. . .yet so free and graceful. And to think, at some point when our fledgling planet was covered in water, we all shared a common ancestor. Some thresholds are too wide to be taken in one stride. The best I could manage was to simply marvel at the variety and spectacle of life around me!





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.



<https://www.bcashelpers.org>

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

This is Joe and Anny



Instead of binge watching a TV show on Netflix, they picked up the phone and signed up to be CASA Volunteers!

Joe and Anny are making a difference for children in our community.

Be like Joe and Anny.

Call 512.409.0771 today! CASA Volunteer training starts June 2021.

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>

For information on placement of mailboxes or mail services, please contact our postal service at 512-303-1014

TVPOA violations for March/April 2021

Unit 1	
1st letter- Unpermitted construction items	2
2nd letter-unpermitted construction items	1
3rd letter-unpermitted construction items	0
1st letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	1
2nd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	0
3rd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	0
1st letter- Household items/trash in yard	4
2nd letter- Household items/trash in yard	3
3rd letter- Household items/trash in yard	0
1st letter-Bandit signs	2
2nd letter-Bandit signs	1
3rd letter-Bandit signs	0
1st letter-not permitted temporary structures	0
2nd letter-not permitted temporary structures	1
3rd letter-not permitted temporary structures	1
1st letter-chickens	0
2nd letter-chickens	0
3rd letter-chickens	0
1st letter-political signs	0
2nd letter-political signs	0
3rd letter-political signs	0
1st letter-mow	0
2nd letter-mow	0
3rd letter-mow	0
Unit 2	
1st letter- Unpermitted construction items	3
2nd letter- Unpermitted construction items	3
3rd letter-unpermitted construction items	0
1st letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	0
2nd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	0
3rd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	0

1st letter- Household items/trash in yard	1
2nd letter- Household items/trash in yard	0
3rd letter- Household items/trash in yard	0
1st letter-Bandit signs	0
2nd letter-Bandit signs	0
3rd letter-Bandit signs	0
1st letter-not permitted temporary structures	0
2nd letter-not permitted temporary structures	0
3rd letter-not permitted temporary structures	0
1st letter-chickens	0
2nd letter-chickens	0
3rd letter-chickens	0
1st letter-political signs	0
2nd letter-political signs	0
3rd letter-political signs	0
1st letter-mow	0
2nd letter-mow	0
3rd letter-mow	0
Unit 3	
1st letter- Unpermitted construction items	8
2nd letter- Unpermitted construction items	5
3rd letter-unpermitted construction items	2
1st letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	1
2nd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	1
3rd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	1
1st letter- Household items/trash in yard	2
2nd letter- Household items/trash in yard	0
3rd letter- Household items/trash in yard	0
1st letter-Bandit signs	2
2nd letter-Bandit signs	1
3rd letter-Bandit signs	0
1st letter-not permitted temporary structures	0
2nd letter-not permitted temporary structures	1
3rd letter-not permitted temporary structures	1

1st letter-chickens	1
2nd letter-chickens	1
3rd letter-chickens	0
1st letter-political signs	0
2nd letter-political signs	0
3rd letter-political signs	0
1st letter-mow	1
2nd letter-mow	1
3rd letter-mow	0
Unit 4	
1st letter- Unpermitted construction items	3
2nd letter- Unpermitted construction items	4
3rd letter-unpermitted construction items	1
1st letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	1
2nd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	1
3rd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	0
1st letter- Household items/trash in yard	1
2nd letter- Household items/trash in yard	1
3rd letter- Household items/trash in yard	1
1st letter-Bandit signs	0
2nd letter-Bandit signs	0
3rd letter-Bandit signs	0
1st letter-not permitted temporary structures	1
2nd letter-not permitted temporary structures	1
3rd letter-not permitted temporary structures	0
1st letter-chickens	0
2nd letter-chickens	1
3rd letter-chickens	1
1st letter-political signs	1
2nd letter-political signs	1
3rd letter-political signs	0
1st letter-mow	0
2nd letter-mow	0

3rd letter-mow	0
Unit 5	
1st letter- Unpermitted construction items	7
2nd letter- Unpermitted construction items	5
3rd letter-unpermitted construction items	4
1st letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	0
2nd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	0
3rd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	0
1st letter- Household items/trash in yard	2
2nd letter- Household items/trash in yard	0
3rd letter- Household items/trash in yard	0
1st letter-Bandit signs	0
2nd letter-Bandit signs	0
3rd letter-Bandit signs	0
1st letter-not permitted temporary structures	0
2nd letter-not permitted temporary structures	0
3rd letter-not permitted temporary structures	0
1st letter-chickens	2
2nd letter-chickens	0
3rd letter-chickens	0
1st letter-political signs	0
2nd letter-political signs	0
3rd letter-political signs	0
1st letter-mow	0
2nd letter-mow	0
3rd letter-mow	0
Total	91