

July/August 2021

Clean Sweep

Just a reminder that Clean Sweep is Saturday, July 24th from 7:00-1:00 p.m. (Located at the top of Tahitian behind the Walgreens) This event is for Tahitian Village and Pine Forest residents only. Please be prepared to show proof of residency such as a drivers license or a bill showing your address.

Now is the time to get rid of any household items, debris, etc... that you no longer want!

Tires will have a \$4 per tire disposal fee because that is the fee we are charged.

We cannot take TV's, computers or monitors and refrigerators must have the coolant drained from them before we can take them. We also cannot take hazardous materials and paint cans must be completely dry. (to dry the paint, add cat litter)

****PLEASE NOTE, we can not accept household trash. This is for bulk items that your weekly trash service can not pick up.**

We are still taking donations for the animal shelter if you would like to drop off items such as dog food, cat food, litter, blankets, towels etc...

****Please be aware that due to COVID and the heat we have a lack of volunteers, therefore if you are able to assist in unloading your items, it would definitely be appreciated and it would help speed up the process.**

****BE AWARE, HWY 20 WILL NOT BE OPEN THIS SATURDAY FOR LARGE LOADS. BE PATIENT AS PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO UNLOAD AND THIS IS ALSO TIME-CONSUMING.**

If you would like to volunteer your time and help us, we could definitely use the extra hands! Email us if you would like to volunteer your time so we can prepare for some breakfast goodies.

For more information, please contact the office at 512-321-1145.

TAHITIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

the Pine Post



**Tahitian Village
Calendar of Events**

July 2021

July 5—HOLIDAY
July 12—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM
July 12 & 26 —Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse
July 13 & 27 —Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ City Hall
July 15 —BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30
July 20 —Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM

August 2021

August 2—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM
August 9 & 23—Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ Bastrop Convention Center
August 10 & 24— Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse
August 17—Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM
August 19—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

FOURTH OF JULY



Safety Tips for Dogs

More pets
go missing
on **July 4th**
than any
other day.



Fireworks are Scary



Keep Your Pets Safe

**Fireworks
terrify pets!**

Create a safe haven for your pets in a sheltered, escape-proof part of your home with plenty of water. Also, turn on the TV to help mask the fireworks with familiar sounds.

Be Prepared for Disasters

If you think hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes and floods won't happen to you or that you don't need to insure against these disasters, you're among the nearly half of U.S. homeowners and renters who lack the insurance coverage to deal with potential losses, according to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).

In a recent NAIC national survey, about 48 percent of homeowners and renters said they did not have an inventory of their possessions. Of those who reported having a checklist, 32 percent had not taken any pictures and 58 percent had no receipts validating the cost of their possessions. In addition, 44 percent of respondents acknowledged that they had not stored their inventory in a separate location.

Here are some tips from the NAIC to help you prepare for disasters:

- Take an inventory of your valuables and belongings. This should include taking photographs or a video of each room. This documentation will provide your insurance company with proof of your belongings and help to process claims more quickly in the event of disaster.
- To enable filing claims more quickly, keep sales receipts and canceled checks. Also note the model and serial numbers of the items in your home inventory.
- As you acquire more valuables such as jewelry or antiques, consider purchasing an additional floater or rider to your policy to cover these special items. These types of items typically are not covered by a basic homeowner's or renter's insurance policy.
- Remember to include in your home inventory those items you rarely use such as holiday decorations, sports equipment and tools.
- Store copies of all your insurance policies in a safe location away from your home that is easily accessible in case of disaster. You may want to store your policies and inventory in a waterproof, fireproof box or in a safe location such as a bank safe deposit box.
- Consider leaving a copy of your inventory with relatives, friends or your insurance provider and store digital pictures in your e-mail or on a website for easy retrieval.
- Know what is and is not covered by your insurance policy. You might need additional protection depending on where you live. Make sure your policies are up to date. Contact your insurance provider annually to review and update your insurance policy.
- Keep a readily available list of 24-hour contact information for each of your insurance providers.
- Find out if your possessions are insured for the actual cash value or the replacement cost. Actual cash value is the amount it would take to repair or replace your home and possessions after depreciation, while replacement cost is the amount it would take to repair or replace your home or possessions without deducting for depreciation. Speak with your insurance provider to determine whether purchasing replacement coverage is worth the cost.
- Speak with your insurance provider to find out if your policy covers additional living expenses for a temporary residence if you are unable to live in your home due to damage from a disaster.
- Appraise your home periodically to make sure your insurance policy reflects home improvements or renovations. Contact your insurance provider to update your policy.

Mystical Moons by Larry Gfeller

A poignant boyhood memory—I will carry it with me to the grave. My parents were farmers. It was a moonlit night, I found myself sitting on a boulder alone—total solitude—among the rocks and gullies and grassland of a neighbor’s homestead. The countryside was lit up like the Moulin Rouge. No breeze. Everything was bathed in peaceful silver. The landscape was vast, dead quiet and defined in sharp relief. Where the moonlight fell, it was bright, and where it did not, there was nothing, blackness, a liquid wash of empty space. That radiant Moon, our night watchman, safeguarding creation during overnight hours. I felt a supernatural connection that night—an almost spiritual realization—as I gazed up at that ageless, dented relic. All nature, me included, shared a divine energy.

Our Moon has been mesmerizing people for millennia. There are hundreds of moons in our solar system—even a few asteroids have companion moons. But of the eight planets, ours is the only one with a single moon. And we do treasure it so! My grandmother used to plant and harvest her garden by its phases. We use it as the lead, or at least a supporting actor, in our nursery rhymes. We urge children to look for a mysterious “man” who resides there or delight in persuading them it’s made of green cheese. Our Moon is the preferred backdrop for special private moments of romance or silent walks in the country. Lunar and solar eclipses remain a source of wonder incarnate, all derived from our solitary Moon.

The geometry of the Moon’s orbit around the Earth is at the heart of our allure and fascination. Light from the Sun, spilling out over two mutually rotating bodies creates a montage of “phases” which document the daily and monthly rhythms of our lives. Only new moons are not visible in the sky, as the side facing earth is dark. Otherwise, we have first quarters (half illuminated), last quarters, and full moons. But, alas most phases of the Moon are predictable, reliable and, for the most part, as exacting as clockwork. Boring! No, it’s the other properties of light and angles which set our hearts a ‘singing and our imaginations afire’. It takes a full moon to inflame our fancy.

Take, for example, a “Blue Moon.” The phrase ‘once in a blue moon’ has been around for upwards of 400 years. The Moon is never tinted blue except, perhaps, from some improbable atmospheric pollution event. That makes the phrase an absurdity; hence, it means an occasion that will never happen. . .like when ‘pigs will fly.’ Okay then, if the Moon doesn’t turn blue, how do you know when you’re looking at a blue moon? Turns out, two definitions are acceptable. Originally, a blue moon simply meant the third full moon in a season containing four (which occurs about every 2.5 years). More recently, the term blue moon has been applied to the second full moon within a single calendar month. Given that there are roughly 29.5 days between full moons, it is, therefore, unusual for two full moons to occur in a 30 or 31-day month (and never in February). Which definition is right? Take your pick. In these times when everyone gets a trophy for merely participating, both are right!

Next, let's examine a "Harvest Moon." Sorry folks, understanding this one gets a little thick when you get into it also. That's why my grandmother relied on the Farmer's Almanac to tell her what the right time to harvest was. You see, a harvest moon is a full moon that results in an abundance of bright moonlight for several evenings in a row, making it an aide to farmers harvesting their summer-grown crops. That's the origin of the name. For these few sequential evenings, the moonrise comes soon after sunset, extending the period of working light—a sort of natural 'daylight savings time.' Unlike the other full moon names, a harvest moon is not associated with a specific month. Rather, it relates to the timing of the autumnal equinox—it's the full moon occurring nearest to the date of the equinox. This means the harvest moon can occur in either September or October, depending on how the lunar cycle lines up with the Gregorian calendar.

Here's what's happening: a harvest moon is in that part of the zodiac such that its eastward arc through the night has its largest northward bias. Since we are in the Northern Hemisphere, the farther north an object is in the heavens, the longer an arc it makes across the sky. This means it's visible above the horizon for a longer time. The effect is that, as time passes, it will keep rising distinctly earlier than it otherwise would—nearly the same time as the night before. It's almost like a full moon on multiple nights in a row.

These full moon effects have been all about "when"—yet the Moon itself looks ordinary. When you see a "Blood Moon" you know it! It's a full moon that turns a ruddy-brown or red, as if hemorrhaging—a spectacular, arresting sight. It happens only during a full lunar eclipse, when Earth completely blocks direct sunlight from reaching the Moon. At the same time, a small amount of light from Earth's sunrises and sunsets (on the disk of the planet) falls on the surface of the Moon. Because Earth's atmosphere scatters out most of the blue photons, the remaining light looks red. When this light strikes the Moon's surface, it too becomes red.

So, you might wonder why all full moons aren't eclipsed by the Earth. While it's true the Moon goes around Earth every month, it doesn't always fall in Earth's shadow. The Moon's path around the Earth is tilted compared to Earth's orbit around the Sun. The Moon can be behind Earth but still get hit by light from the Sun. That's why not all lunar eclipses are total. On average, a total lunar eclipse will happen a bit more than twice every three years. Every 3 ½ years, two total lunar eclipses will happen within the same year. Still, you may not be able to see a blood moon. Depending on the angle and position of your location, the moon may not appear as red, or you may not be able to see its effects at all.

Another moon that gets your attention is a "Supermoon." Contrary to what you might think, a supermoon does not appear bigger—just brighter than a regular full moon. Supermoons occur when the Moon comes within its closest point to Earth in its monthly orbit. Formally, it must come only within 90% of its closest approach to be dubbed a supermoon. That's why we may have a number of supermoons in any given year.

So, why are they brighter? Here we go with angles again! The angular diameter (the angle that the actual diameter of an object makes in the sky, i.e., apparent diameter) of a supermoon is about 7% greater than that of an average full moon. Supermoons exceed the area (disk size) of an average full moon by some 15%. This makes for an apparent greater reflection area. In other words, when you go outside at night during a supermoon, it's clearly brighter than regular full moons.

And there's more: "Corn Moon, Wolf Moon, Full Wolf Moon, Super Blood Wolf Moon" and other obscure definitions exist—but we're not going there. We already have enough to make some generalizations. When science looks behind the little green curtain revealing the Great Oz, we learn that most of the whimsical moon effects we experience are caused by our point of view. Given that we once considered Earth to be the center of the Universe, we already know that our truth is relative; in fact, Einstein pretty much proved it! From somewhere out in the Milky Way, the revolutions of our Earth and Moon are not even recognized. Moreover, in the great sweep of time these enthralling moon effects will eventually disappear. The Moon is drifting away from our planet at roughly four centimeters a year, meaning that hundreds of millions of years in the future, the Moon will no longer cover the Sun completely, and total eclipses as seen from Earth will be ancient history.

In the meantime, we should admire and celebrate our Moon every chance we get. It's a significant, but standoffish, part of each of our lives. It's our constant companion, a reminder that we are part of a larger Universe. The pull of our Moon creates the great ocean tides. It tells us when to sleep, when to turn the page on our calendars and fills us, when bathed in its silvery light, with wonder. The Moon symbolizes nature's great truth. With its beauty, cycles, reflected light and availability to all, what could possibly be a better role model for an awe-struck little boy?





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

Summertime Energy Conservation Tips

Summer can quickly become an expensive season but being mindful of energy conservation can help reduce your electricity bills—and your carbon footprint. Take a look at the following suggestions to increase your energy conservation efforts and beat the heat without breaking the bank.

- **Cook dinner outside.** Save electricity by using a charcoal or gas grill to cook your favorite summertime meals.
- **Open the windows.** Instead of cranking the air conditioning on summer evenings, opt for fresh air instead. Invest in an inexpensive electric fan to circulate the air.
- **Light candles.** Since longer summer days afford more daylight, reconsider turning on the lights and use candles instead or as a supplement. Be sure not to leave burning candles unattended, especially around pets and children.
- **Modify the AC when you're not home.** Adjusting the thermostat—even by a few degrees—when you're not home can conserve a significant amount of electricity.
- **Turn off the electronics.** Power down the television and computer to spend time with friends and family outdoors. Splash around in your community pool or have a potluck barbeque in your backyard.
- **Take a walk.** If possible, choose to walk to nearby stores and restaurants instead of driving. Early mornings and evenings are prime times for a stroll, especially in areas with hot climates.
- **Take a cool shower or bath.** For a refreshing alternative to a hot shower, reduce your hot water heater usage by bathing in cooler water a few times a week.
- **Limit water consumption.** Water the lawn every other day at off-peak times, use environmentally friendly, disposable plate ware and utensils instead of running the dishwasher and spend a little less time in the shower.

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

May/June violation list

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

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

3rd letter-chickens	
1st letter-political signs	
2nd letter-political signs	
3rd letter-political signs	
1st letter-mow	2
2nd letter-mow	
3rd letter-mow	
Unit 4	
1st letter- Unpermitted construction	
2nd letter- Unpermitted construction	1
3rd letter-unpermitted construction	1
1st letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	1
2nd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	1
3rd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	
1st letter- Household items/trash in yard	1
2nd letter- Household items/trash in yard	
3rd letter- Household items/trash in yard	
1st letter-Bandit signs	2
2nd letter-Bandit signs	
3rd letter-Bandit signs	1
1st letter-not permitted temporary structures	1
2nd letter-not permitted temporary structures	
3rd letter-not permitted temporary structures	
1st letter-chickens	1
2nd letter-chickens	1
3rd letter-chickens	2
1st letter-political signs	
2nd letter-political signs	
3rd letter-political signs	
1st letter-mow	1
2nd letter-mow	
3rd letter-mow	
Unit 5	
1st letter- Unpermitted construction	6

2nd letter- Unpermitted construction	
3rd letter-unpermitted construction	
1st letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	1
2nd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	
3rd letter-Untagged or non-running vehicle	
1st letter- Household items/trash in yard	2
2nd letter- Household items/trash in yard	
3rd letter- Household items/trash in yard	
1st letter-Bandit signs	3
2nd letter-Bandit signs	
3rd letter-Bandit signs	
1st letter-not permitted temporary structures	1
2nd letter-not permitted temporary structures	
3rd letter-not permitted temporary structures	
1st letter-chickens	
2nd letter-chickens	2
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1st letter-political signs	
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1st letter-mow	2
2nd letter-mow	
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Total	73