

Sept/Oct 2021



TVPOA Membership:

In 2020 TVPOA created a committee to review the election process. After the 2021 POA/ACC election, two new Committees were formed to review the full bylaws and election process more in-depth. Once the initial recommendations were presented, the Committees met with the membership in a public forum on July 31 and again on August 18 to review feedback received and to discuss areas not yet completed. With changes made from feedback received on August 18, the Committees had to then make updates to the Certificate of Formation, as well. All recommendations have since been implemented and are ready for viewing at <https://tahitianvillage.org/bylaw-review/>

The TVPOA is requesting its members to review and provide feedback on these recommended changes. To do this, please go to the site listed above to review these documents. Lower on the same screen, you will find a form where you may provide your feedback.

Please note, a third and final public forum is scheduled for September 9 at 6:00 pm. The link for this meeting is available on our website under the "Calendar Events", and is also listed below.

A Special Meeting of the membership has been called for October 9, 2021, at 1:00 pm to finalize and approve these documents. Zoom details for this Special Meeting will be distributed soon.

TAHITIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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**Tahitian Village
Calendar of Events**

September 2021

Sept 6—HOLIDAY
Sept 9—TVPOA-3rd Public Form for Bylaw Revisions @ 6:00 PM
www.TahitianVillage.org/Bylaw-Review
Sept 13—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM
Sept 13 & 27 —Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse
Sept 14 & 28 —Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ City Hall
Sept 16 —BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30
Sept 21 —Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM

October 2021

Oct 4—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM
Oct 9—TVPOA Special Meeting @ 1:00 PM
www.TahitianVillage.org/Bylaw-Review
Oct 11 & 25—Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM @ Bastrop Convention Center
Oct 12 & 26— Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 AM @ Courthouse
Oct 19—Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Oct 20—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting at 6:30

Please check with each entity to see where meetings are being held due to COVID.

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

****TVPOA will soon be looking for members to participate on the Election Committee in the upcoming election. Please keep an eye on the TVPOA Facebook page and website for more information.**

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):

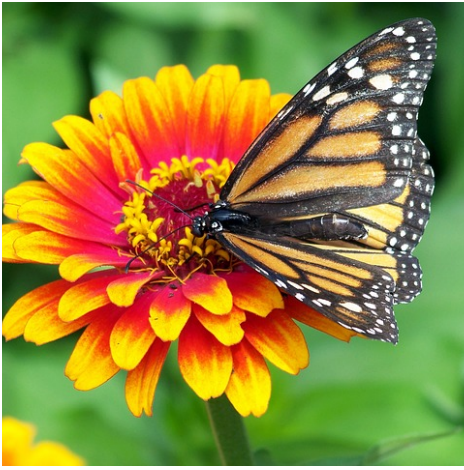
NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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



2021 Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, October 2, 2021 (9am-3pm)



Mayfest Park
25 American Legion Dr.
Bastrop, TX 78602

Find us at txmg.org/bastropcounty or on Facebook at [BastropCountyMasterGardeners](https://www.facebook.com/BastropCountyMasterGardeners)

Proceeds benefit the Bastrop County Master Gardener Association's garden & horticulture education programs

The Bastrop County Master Gardener Association, a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization, is a program of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Indoor Water Conservation Tips

You can reduce your water consumption by 20-40 percent without purchasing expensive equipment. Reducing water use can mean substantial savings on water, sewage and energy bills. The following suggestions will help you get in the habit of saving water:

Kitchen

Avoid the garbage disposal. It uses a lot of unnecessary water and can lead to problems with septic systems. Start a compost pile instead!

Run automatic dishwashers only with a full load.

When washing dishes in the sink, use one side of the sink or a large bowl for rinsing, rather than running water.

Keep a container of water in the refrigerator for cold drinks. If you have to run your tap while waiting for cold water, collect running water in pitcher for later use.

Bathroom

Conventional toilets use about five to seven gallons of water per flush. Water used for each flush can be reduced by placing two half-gallon plastic bottles filled with water in the tank.

Install a low-flow aerator on your showerhead and sink. These devices can be purchased at a hardware store and are easy to install. They reduce flow to approximately three gallons per minute instead of the usual five to 10 in a shower.

Turn off tap water while brushing your teeth or shaving.

Take shorter showers. During droughts, turn off water while soaping up.

Remember, when you use less water, you are also using less energy, leading to even greater savings. Visit www.auduboninternational.org for more conservation tips.



News from Pines and Prairies Land Trust

Nature Classes Are Back!

We are excited to announce that after more than a year on hiatus, Pines and Prairies Land Trust's free nature classes for kids are back! As usual there will be a class each month focusing on a different Texas ecology topic geared to students ages 5-11. And this year has a bonus treat: for the first time ever there will ALSO be classes for students 12-18! These classes will focus on water for the entire series and each month students will focus on a different aspect of water. In addition to a lesson this group will be testing the water of the Colorado River through the [Colorado River Watch Network](#) run by the LCRA and spearheaded at the CRR by Beth Seward! If you have any questions please reach out to Courtney Young, courtney@pplt.org.

Thursday, September 16th

10:00-12:00

Colorado River Refuge, Bastrop

All students will be studying water quality this week!

Thursday, October 21

10:00-12:00

Colorado River Refuge, Bastrop

The younger students will be studying gardening and the older students will continue their studies in water!

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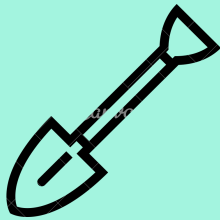
Our younger explorers will be focusing on feathers and the older students will be going deeper into topics on water.

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:

September: 4th

October: 2nd

November: 6th

Support upkeep and improvements

If you enjoy the Colorado River Refuge please support its upkeep financially. Pines and Prairies Land Trust is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and relies on donation from neighbors like you to operate.

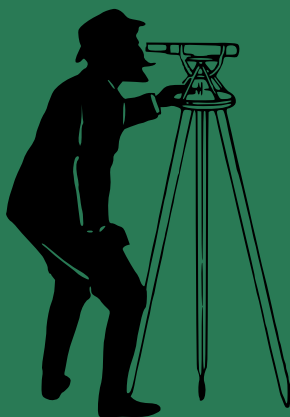
Funds are needed for:

- Trash service at the refuge
- Supplies for updating infrastructure like trails and signs
- Repaving the Two-Bridges parking lot

Please make a donation today to help Pines and Prairies Land Trust (a 501c3 nonprofit) make the CRR safe and welcoming!

www.pplt.org/donate

SCAN ME



Survey work

Surveying of the refuge is almost complete. Expect PPLT volunteers and staff to begin marking the boundaries of the refuge this fall and winter. Please be courteous! If you have any questions email courtney@pplt.org

Clean Sweep

Just a reminder that Clean Sweep is Saturday, Oct 16th from 8:00-2:00 p.m.

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 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.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who came and helped at Clean Sweep!!



Snail's Speedy Adventures By: Larry Gfeller

Life in the 21st century is full of adventure unlike any other time on earth. Enterprises like Space-X and Virgin Galactic are hell-bent on getting us comfortable with suborbital space travel. Undoubtedly, the world looks different at a speed of Mach 3 and from an altitude of 55 miles than it did, say, from a covered wagon or the back of a horse. The speed of travel affects the meaning of "now." When we board a jet from L.A. to Boston, we are effectively trying to reduce now to its smallest possible duration, like a skip in a DVD throwing us forward in time to where we want to be. When we sign on to a Caribbean cruise, we hope to stretch now into its most sluggish elongation, prolonging our fun. Speed of travel matters. Ever wonder what it's like to be a snail? Does a snail have speeds? I can't help think now for snails is like a slow boat to China—more memorable, lingering—than how humans dart from place to place. When we slow things down there's more time to observe and understand. Snails already know this.

It was with this thought in mind—and the idea that snails carry their home with them—that my wife and I bought an RV and decided to travel for a while. We didn't set out to do the weekend warrior kind of thing—little local trips just to get out of the house. No, our goal was to go on the road and stay on the road—full-time—for two years. This takes the "hurry" out of getting anywhere in particular; it slows down now, for sure.

It didn't take us long to realize just how unusual RVing this way was to the general public. To be sure, most people have jobs, kids and responsibilities—which means constraints. This is why people spend long hours on the road, pull in to their RV parks late at night, and generally zing and slam around like a bee under a glass. Instead of an enjoyable journey, travel can be a real ordeal. I can't tell you how many bleary-eyed and harried dads I've met pulling RVs. As retired empty nesters we had none of these limitations. We bunched routine medical appointments, vehicle registrations, prescription refills, and as many other recurring requirements we could at one time of year, before leaving Texas. Even our home was looked after by a trusted friend who needed an affordable place to stay for two years. In return, household chores were taken care of, our homestead was being cared for. We set up our monthly bills, income taxes, and banking online, leaving only junk mail to be managed by our caretaker. We were completely free to take off across the country, at a snail's pace. Our typical travel plan included spending no more than 4 hours per day driving, stopping early enough to plan and enjoy a nice meal, and spending two or more days at each stop before moving on.

Now, lest you get the wrong idea, this lifestyle was anything but serendipity. Travel routes were carefully planned in advance, reservations were secured at each campground along the way, and thought was given to what activities were put on the itinerary and for how long. Some might think this takes all the fun and spontaneity out of travel; after all, half the excitement comes from not knowing what to expect—"playing it by ear." While there are RVers out there who do travel this way, most are short-term nomads with no particular goal or timeline.

If you want to get somewhere specific and see certain sights and do something definite, you need to plan ahead. The last thing anyone needs is to pull into an RV park late at night and find no vacancies or accidentally happen upon a dead-end country road, or round a curve towing 6 tons behind you, only to be surprised by a low-clearance mountain tunnel! Everyone these days is accustomed to the navigational charms of modern GPS. In addition, three of the most useful planning aides we've discovered are: 1.) peer-evaluated campground-locator websites, 2.) route planning software (which considers low-clearances and other restrictions) and, 3.) an old-fashioned trucker's road atlas.

The result of all this planning? Actually, it's more spontaneity. Because we had multiple days at most stops, we were able to wander off the beaten path and explore things we might not have seen otherwise. This was huge for us and completely changed the way we viewed our adventures. We were never disappointed by having to leave a place before doing everything we wanted to do there. Staying in one place for a longer period of time meant having a chance to really explore an area. I can't tell you how many small-town festivals, parades and celebrations we've enjoyed that we would never have experienced passing through on a tight Interstate deadline. And the people we met this way were incredibly interesting! Artists, shop-owners, visitor center volunteers, librarians—they all had unique perspectives and interesting histories. We were able to try different restaurants, check out local coffee shops and do things locals like to do, such as visiting little-known dog parks, playgrounds or libraries. One of the most satisfying aspects of travel is the ability to see the world through the eyes of others. This is an effective way to learn; it also breeds understanding and tolerance. With more time to explore a location, speedy snails get a realistic feel for what the average weather is like, favorite foods and dishes, the attitudes of people in an area and an appreciation of the regional differences in our country.

Somewhat related, there's another human benefit built-in to touring like a speedy snail. Traveling all the time can be a lonely business. Obviously, we must leave our family and friends behind, and this can be tough over extended months. Turns out, there's an active community of RVers out there—anxious to share their adventures and experiences. By slowing down, we make it possible to connect with these people, share our stories, and make new friends in a particular campground. You'd be surprised how often speedy snails run across "favorite" campgrounds. Hence, we are more likely to cross paths with road friends we've met before and more able to build strong relationships with those we meet in each location. While traveling down Interstate-10 in Texas once, my wife received a text from another full-time couple we knew. They recognized our rig (traveling in the opposite direction in the other lane). We were heading to New Mexico as they were entering Texas. Friendships keep us connected.

No matter how much speedy snails enjoy new places, when you live full-time in a box on wheels there's always work to be done and chores to be finished, just like living in a sticks-and-bricks home. When we move from place to place, a lot of our day-to-day tasks get put on the back burner. If this necessary domestic work builds up, travel eventually becomes unsustainable. Taking the speedy snail's more leisurely approach to RV travel gave us a chance to do our laundry, replenish propane supplies, reconcile credit card bills online, file our taxes, accomplish routine dental appointments, make emergency vet visits, and deal with needed RV or truck repairs without feeling like we were missing out on things. There's another advantage to going slower: it gives the travel budget a breather. Diesel fuel is almost always more expensive than gasoline. With a 38-gallon tank, each fuel stop represents a major purchase. Additionally, the cost of tickets, entrance fees and temp memberships can add up. RV campgrounds charge the most for overnight stays. The cheapest rates are given for monthly stays. Not only do extended stays give our equipment and tires a rest, but they also save money.

My wife and I learned a lot from our adventures at snail speed. There will be no supersonic or suborbital travel in our future! Having reached that contemplative stage of life, we are content stretching time into its longest possible arc. Now that we've reverted to living in our home again, we use our RV to head west and escape the Texas heat each spring and summer. On these seasonal trips, we always dawdle. In fact, our entire lifestyle is slow and measured these days. There is much less "adventure" when we travel and a lot more sitting outside and enjoying the flicker of stars overhead or the evening breeze. There's less moving with shoals of tourists and more listening to crickets and the other sounds of nature. We live in the most stunning country on earth. Majestic snow-covered mountains, white-water streams tumbling through lost canyons, secret meadows ablaze with wildflowers—the natural beauty of our western United States is unmatched. As the months march on, when these iconic destinations begin to bow to the power of winter, we slowly make our way back to Texas—and happily take our place among friends and family again!





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

Power down, save money

Looking to cut back due to a tight budget or ready to go green? Here are 10 quick and easy tips to accomplish both:

- Unplug appliances and electronics. TVs, computers and kitchen appliances, as well as cell phone and laptop chargers, all use energy when they are plugged in—even if they are turned off.
- Use power strips. “Smart” power strips automatically turn off when electronics are off or when one main unit (like your personal computer) is powered down.
- Turn off lights. When you’re not in the room or not in the house, there’s no need for all the lights to be on.
- Clean and replace furnace or air conditioner filters. Dirty filters block air flow, increase energy bills and shorten equipment life.
- In the warmer months, keep the shades and blinds down on south-, east- and west-facing windows. In the colder months, open them up and let the sun in.
- Activate “sleep” features on your computer and office equipment. When they go unused for a long period of time, they power down.
- Lower the thermostat. Wear a sweater around the house and put an extra blanket on the bed at night.
- Use fans instead of air conditioning when possible or combine their use to turn down the air temperature a bit.
- Close vents and doors to unused rooms.
- Wash your laundry with cold water. It’s just as effective.

Check with the Alliance to Save Energy at www.ase.org for more energy- and money-saving tips or to subscribe to their free online newsletter.

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

July & August 2021 violation list

Unpermitted structures	
unit 1	1
unit 2	3
unit 3	7
unit 4	3
unit 5	3
Unpermitted construction	
Unit 1	
Unit 2	
Unit 3	1
Unit 4	1
Unit 5	2
Issues with Vehicles/Boat	
Unit 1	1
Unit 2	
Unit 3	
Unit 4	1
Unit 5	1
Household Items in yard/street	
Unit 1	
Unit 2	
Unit 3	1
Unit 4	
Unit 5	2
Bandit Signs	
Unit 1	1
Unit 2	1
Unit 3	
Unit 4	1
Unit 5	
Chickens/Barking dogs	
Unit 1	
Unit 2	1
Unit 3	
Unit 4	1
Unit 5	

	mow
Unit 1	2
Unit 2	
Unit 3	3
Unit 4	
Unit 5	3
	Temporary Structures
Unit 1	
Unit 2	
Unit 3	
Unit 4	
Unit 5	1
	Total 41