

The Pine Post



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- Sept. 2 Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 9 Bastrop County Commissioners' Court at 9:00
- Sept. 9 Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee meeting at 5:30
- Sept. 17 Tahitian Village Property Owners' Association meeting at 7:00 pm
- Sept. 19 BCWCID#2 Meeting at 6:30
- Sept. 23 Bastrop County Commissioners' Court at 9:00
- Sept. 24 Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30

- Oct. 1 National Night Out 5:30—8:30 at the Bastrop River Club
- Oct. 7 Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee meeting at 5:30
- Oct. 14 Office Closed for Columbus Day
- Oct. 14 Bastrop County Commissioners' Court at 9:00
- Oct. 15 Tahitian Village Property Owners' Association meeting at 7:00 pm
- Oct. 17 BCWCID#2 Meeting at 6:30
- Oct. 19 Clean Sweep 8:00—12:00
- Oct. 22 Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30
- Oct. 28 Bastrop County Commissioners' Court at 9:00

*We are here to help
with questions or
concerns*

Website: <https://tahitianvillage.org>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/tahitianvillagepoa>

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County Water Improvement District #2 building)

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**2023 Property Owners' Association
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“Definition of a good neighbor: someone to be trusted; a courteous friendly
source of help when help is needed; someone you can count on;
someone who cares.” - Edward B. Rust, Jr.

A Message from the POA President

Hello, Fellow Villagers,

We hope everyone has had a great summer! We were very lucky with the early summer rains and were able to avoid burn bans and severe water rationing (so far). Hopefully, cooler weather is right around the corner.

We are excited to invite you to our National Night Out event on Tuesday, October 1st from 5:30 —8:30 pm at the Bastrop River Club (636 Riverside Dr.). We will provide free food and entertainment. You will also have an opportunity to meet local police, fire and EMS who keep our village safe, some of your neighbors, POA Board members and Architectural Control Committee members.

This year we will be hosting two events during National Night Out:

1. Top Baker's Contest - Enter your favorite dessert to win 1st, 2nd or 3rd place prizes (HEB gift cards—\$200, \$150, \$100) . Our 1st place prize winner will be named Tahitian Village's Top Baker 2024, and all three winners will be featured in the Pine Post with photos and recipes. (If winners are willing to share) After the judging, the desserts will be shared with the National Night Out attendees.
2. Stuff the Truck—Tahitian Village residents have a long history of supporting the Bastrop Animal Shelter. This year, we will continue the tradition of donating cat and dog food, kitty litter, blankets, towels, crates, treats, toys and cash. Please bring your donations to National Night Out and help us “stuff the truck”!

All of the details you will need for National Night Out are in this newsletter. We will send an email blast closer to time, and post on social media. (By the way, if you or your neighbors are not on our email list, please call the office at 512-321-1145 and asked to be added. This is the best way to stay current with important news or issues affecting Tahitian Village).

As always, we would love to have you attend a POA meeting. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the BCWCID2 conference room. Your thoughts and opinions matter to us, so please come and share what we are doing right and what we can improve upon.

See you soon,

Charles Brading





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**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2024
FROM 5:30 – 8:30 pm
AT THE BASTROP RIVER CLUB – 636 RIVERSIDE DR.**

We hope you will come and meet your neighbors and first responders.

FREE FOOD

Catered by: Smoked Love

ENTERTAINMENT

local band...Joe Bob's Bar & Grill Band

TOP BAKER'S CONTEST

Enter your Grandma's yummy cake, your Auntie's award-winning pie or your Mama's crowd please cookies to win a \$200, \$150 or \$100 (1st, 2nd and 3rd place HEB Gift Card)

STUFF THE TRUCK

Support the Bastrop Animal Shelter by bringing donations of dog and cat food, kitty litter, treats, blankets, towels, new or used crates, toys, leashes or harnesses.

FACE-PAINTING AND CORN HOLE GAMES

please see the attached rules for the Top Baker's Contest

Who wants to be Tahitian Village's Top Baker?



Enter your Grandma's yummy cake,
your Auntie's award-winning pie or
your Mama's crowd please cookies
to win a \$200, \$150 or \$100
(1st, 2nd and 3rd place HEB Gift Card)

All items will be judged by a panel of
dessert loving local celebrities!
Desserts will be shared with the attendees
after the judging is completed.

All entries **MUST** be dropped off at the Bastrop River Club - 636 Riverside Dr.
- On Tuesday, October 1st between 3:30 and 4:30 with a completed entry
form.

Late entries will not be accepted for the judging and prizes

~ but will be shared for dessert!



Please bring your desserts in
disposable / throw-away plates
or containers. Non-disposable
dishes will not be returned.



*Winners will be announced at National Night Out and featured in the holiday
edition of our newsletter (The Pine Post) with pictures and recipes if you're
willing to share!*

STUFF THE TRUCK!

On National Night Out
Tuesday, October 1st
At the Bastrop River Club
636 Riverside Dr.

Please bring your donation of dog, cat,
puppy or kitten food, kitty litter, blankets, towels,
treats, toys, crates, leashes or cash
to donate to the
Bastrop Animal Shelter

Working together we can make a huge difference!



If Nothing Else, Be Kind...

By Misty Mills

Be kind to your pets' veterinarians and the staff at the clinics. Seriously.

Be nice to the people in your communities working at the open intake municipal animal shelters, the volunteers, the rescue workers, the animal foster families, the Animal Control officers, the trainers, the pet sitters, the groomers, the dog walkers, the pet photographers and animal psychics.

We are all stretched to the breaking point with how dire the homeless animal situation is in our area. The shelters, rescues and veterinary offices take the brunt of the ugliness, but trust me, everyone connected to the animal care field is giving everything we can.

Groomers are bathing and grooming needy dogs as best they can while tending to enough paying clients to pay their own bills.

Foster homes are housing record numbers of animals while adoptions remain low.

Rescues are taking on parvo cases, dogs with distemper and pregnant cats and dogs, and treatment, even discounted treatment from fabulous vets, is expensive.

Trainers are volunteering time to help get dogs "adoptable" as safely and as quickly as we can.

Photographers are doing photo shoots pro bono hoping that a perfect image will make the difference between life and death for a homeless animal.

The best way to keep the shelters from bursting at the seams is to keep the animals you have. Spay and neuter them.

Vaccinate them.

Get them regular vet check ups.

Love them.

MAKE time for them.

Treat them like a member of your family.



If you can, adopt a homeless animal, and then keep that one.

If you can foster, please do.

If you can donate money, please do.

If you can educate your friends and neighbors, please... we need all the help we can get.

If nothing else, be kind to the people trying desperately to help as many of these animals as possible.

Clean Sweep

Volunteers ARE NEEDED!

Saturday, October 19, 2024

from 8:00-12:00 p.m.



Located in the Water District / Tahitian Village POA parking lot at
112 Corporate Drive.
(please enter from Park Lane and exit on Corporate Dr.)

This event is for Tahitian Village and Pine Forest residents only. Please be prepared to show proof of residency such as a driver's 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 old TVs with monitors, computers/monitors, or refrigerators/freezers.

*** New Information: Refrigerators, freezers and Air Conditioners must have the freon drained and must be tagged by a licensed technician or it will NOT be accepted for disposal at Clean Sweep.**

**We also cannot take hazardous materials and paint cans must be completely dry.
(to dry the paint, add cat litter)**

****PLEASE NOTE, we cannot accept household trash.**

This is for bulk items that your weekly trash service can not pick up.

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

*****If you can assist in unloading your items, it would definitely be appreciated and it would help speed up the process.**

**We need Clean Sweep Volunteers! Please call or email our office at
512-321-1145 or info@tahitianvillage.org**

**A HUGE
"THANK YOU!"
TO OUR
CLEAN SWEEP
VOLUNTEERS!**



Association Manager Amanda Homesley (in pink); with volunteer Gwen Winter; ACC President & volunteer Greg Stigall with Zoe & Major (R); POA Board Member and volunteer David Carter (bottom L) and volunteer James Smith (bottom R).





Thank YOU!

Our Clean Sweep volunteers

are the GOAT!



ACC News & Updates



Dear Neighbors,

It's an issue that we talk about often in the Pine Post, but deserves repeating often...

Fire Safety!

- Have leaves or pine needles accumulated on your roof or gutters?
- Are grasses and weeds near your home taller than 4"?
- Have you moved firewood stacks 30 feet or more from your house?

Is the area 30 feet around your home lean, clean and green? Lean means that flammable vegetation is discouraged and vegetation is maintained at a low density. Clean means there is no accumulation of dead vegetation or flammable debris. Green means that plants are healthy, green and sufficiently watered during the fire season.

We would like to encourage everyone to contact Bastrop ESD2 for a FREE Wildfire Risk Assessment (crr@bastropesd2.org or 844-347-3373, ext. 5).

Please take advantage of our October 19th Clean Sweep event that is FREE to residents in Tahitian Village and Pine Forest to get rid of unwanted items that weekly trash service does not pick up, and remember that we are happy to take leaves, pine needles, brush, limbs and logs to help maintain the fire safety of your home and that of your neighbors.

To further prepare yourself for a fire or other disasters please register your cell phone number with WarnCentralTexas.org - pack your Go-Bag and a Go-Bag for your pets - and have your family evacuation plan.

Please stay safe,

Greg Stigall , ACC President

JULY – AUGUST VIOLATION REPORT

Unpermitted items

Unit 1	2
Unit 2	9
Unit 3	5
Unit 4	1
Unit 5	3

Over-grown yard or Bandit Sign

Unit 1	7
Unit 2	2
Unit 3	5
Unit 4	2
Unit 5	5

Household/Construction items in view of public street

Unit 1	2
Unit 2	4
Unit 3	13
Unit 4	2
Unit 5	5

Other

Unit 1	1
Unit 2	7
Unit 3	
Unit 4	1
Unit 5	

HOW TO REPORT A VIOLATION

CALL: 512-321-1145

EMAIL: info@tahitianvillage.org

WEBSITE: <https://tahitianvillage.org/report-violations/>

IN PERSON: 112 Park Lane - please call or email the Association to schedule an appointment.

Appointments are required to ensure there are no scheduling conflicts, and to ensure privacy/confidentiality

INFORMATION NEEDED TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTED VIOLATION:

1. Your name (optional - you may remain anonymous)
2. Your phone number and/or email address (optional)
3. Reported violation
4. The address of where the violation is located

The Tahitian Village guidelines and deed restrictions can be found on our website at: <https://tahitianvillage.org/poa/>

***All reported
violations are
confidential and will
not be shared.***



LIGHTS OUT, BASTROP!



Spring

Mar 1 - Jun 15

Fall

Aug 15 - Nov 30

11pm - 6am

Did you know
80% of
migratory birds
travel at night?



PROTECT OUR MIGRATING BIRDS IN TEXAS

- Turn off non-essential lights inside and outside
- Turn off landscaping lights in trees
- If you need to prioritize, turn off lights during peak migration. Check bit.ly/Lights_Out_Texas for dates
- For essential lighting
 - Use dark sky friendly light fixtures or shields
 - Set timer or motion sensors



Pines and Prairies Land Trust

News From the Colorado River Refuge By: PPLT Board Member, Luke Thompson

Fall Bird Migration is in full swing. Many more birds migrate through our area than nest here. They like our area because it has an abundance of native plants, water and dark areas. The native plants provide more cover, insects and seeds for the birds to use during their rest stops.

Why are dark areas important? It is because the vast majority of birds actually migrate at night. They rest and feed during the day near water. The Colorado River Refuge (CRR) along the southern edge of Tahitian Village has all the requirements for our migrating birds. And yes, you can observe them all along the CRR trails. Many areas within Tahitian Village are equally bird friendly, but not everywhere.

13 years ago, when I moved into Tahitian Village, I could easily see the Milky Way and stars in the night sky from my yard. Now I can't. Too much light is shining upward or outward which makes it hard to see much of the night sky. The migrating birds see these lights as well and become disoriented causing them to stop too early in the night or land in areas with insufficient cover, food or water. Many of these birds die as a result. This is well documented information from natural resource agencies such as the Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife and astronomical institutions.

Two Nonprofit organizations that are great information resources are: Texan By Nature Lights Out Texas program (<https://texanbynature.org/projects/lights-out-texas/>) and Darksky Texas (<https://darkskytexas.org/mission/>).

If you happen to live in an area where you cannot see the Milky Way, visit the CRR with a few friends and see what is possible if we all adopt responsible outdoor lighting practices. If you want more information or wish to organize a guided field trip to the CRR, please feel free to contact me 512-332-1826 or by email at Luke@pplt.org.

LIGHT TO PROTECT THE NIGHT		Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting Practices		 Illuminating ENGINEERING SOCIETY	
USEFUL		ALL LIGHT SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR PURPOSE	Before installing or replacing a light, determine if light is needed. Consider how the use of light will impact the area, including wildlife and the environment. Consider using reflective paints or self-luminous markers for signs, curbs, and steps to reduce the need for permanently installed outdoor lighting.		
TARGETED		LIGHT SHOULD BE DIRECTED ONLY TO WHERE NEEDED	Use shielding and careful aiming to target the direction of the light beam so that it points downward and does not spill beyond where it is needed.		
LOW LIGHT LEVELS		LIGHT SHOULD BE NO BRIGHTER THAN NECESSARY	Use the lowest light level required. Be mindful of surface conditions as some surfaces may reflect more light into the night sky than intended.		
CONTROLLED		Light should be used only when it is useful	Use controls such as timers or motion detectors to ensure that light is available when it is needed, dimmed when possible, and turned off when not needed.		
COLOR		USE WARMER COLOR LIGHTS WHERE POSSIBLE	Limit the amount of shorter wavelength (blue-violet) light to the least amount needed.		

Community Contact Information

**Tahitian Village Property Owners' Association/
Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee**
112 Park Lane, PO 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 at 112 Corporate Dr.
POA meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. – Open to the public at 112 Corporate Dr.

Bastrop County Water Control & Improvement District #2 (BCWCID #2)
112 Corporate Dr., P O Box 708, Bastrop, Texas 78602
Phone 512.321.1688 website: www.bwcid2.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
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Bastrop River Club
636 Riverside Drive, Bastrop, Texas 78602
Phone 512.321.1181 website: www.bastropriverclub.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 the United States
Postal Service at 512.303.1014