

The Pine Post

March and April 2025



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- Mar. 3 Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee meeting at 5:30
- Mar. 10 Bastrop County Commissioners’ Court at 9:00
- Mar. 11 Bastrop City Council Meeting—6:30
- Mar. 18 Tahitian Village Property Owners’ Association meeting at 7:00 pm
- Mar. 20 BCWCID#2 Meeting at 6:30
- Mar. 24 Bastrop County Commissioners’ Court at 9:00
- Mar. 25 Bastrop City Council Meeting at 6:30

- Apr. 7 Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee meeting at 5:30
- Apr. 8 Bastrop City Council Meeting—6:30
- Apr. 12 Clean Sweep! One week early due to Good Friday and Easter
- Apr. 14 Bastrop County Commissioners’ Court at 9:00
- Apr. 15 Tahitian Village Property Owners’ Association meeting at 7:00 pm
- Apr. 17 BCWCID#2 Meeting at 6:30
- Apr. 18 Office Closed for Good Friday
- Apr. 22 Bastrop City Council Meeting—6:30
- Apr. 28 Bastrop County Commissioners’ Court at 9:00

A Message from the POA President

Hello, Fellow Villagers -

Are you ready for some warmer weather? You know what that means..... Spring Cleaning! It's that time of year when we trim our trees, cut our grass and clean our flowerbeds. We tackle our garages, storage buildings, attics and closets to get rid of things we no longer need and to get ourselves organized!

We hope you will donate any usable items to Bits and Pieces which benefits the Family Crisis Center. Profits generated by donations and patronage of Bits and Pieces support the mission of eliminating domestic and sexual violence in Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette and Lee counties.

On March 15th you can dispose of Household Hazardous Waste at 109 Taylor Street (Smithville) from 9:00 am to Noon. This is a free Bastrop County event, but does require a voucher. Please visit https://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household_waste for more information and to get your voucher.

Then, on April 12th we will host our quarterly Clean Sweep event at 112 Corporate Lane from 9:00 am to Noon (Don't forget this is a great opportunity to volunteer for your community, and meet some of your neighbors!).

Springtime is also a great time to get out in our community and do some exploring. You can start right here in Tahitian Village by enjoying the 2 miles of hiking trails at the Colorado River Refuge. This 65-acre nature area is managed and maintained by Pines and Prairies Land Trust, and is a true community gem. Then you can hop across the highway and enjoy a picnic or hike at the Bastrop State Park or Buescher State Park.

There are lots of fun springtime festivals to check out:

- Sherwood Forest Fair in McDade is open weekends from March 1st through April 20th.
- The Festival Concert Hall in Round Top will host the James Dick Piano Recital on Saturday, March 8th at 3:00 pm. Mr. Dick, a world-class pianist will delight you with his music and share the international center for music and learning that he created.
- The Bluebonnet Festival in Chappell Hill will be on April 12th and 13th.
- The Bastrop Opera House has a fantastic spring lineup with *Urine Town* running from February 21– March 9th; *Lend Me a Tenor* from March 28 - April 6th; and *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* from April 25th to May 11th. If you are not a patron of our local live theater yet, be sure and check it out!

Most all of our downtown restaurants and bars will be hosting live music this spring so check their websites or visit www.VisitBastrop.com for more information. As our community continues to grow and evolve, there's always something new and exciting to discover!

Don't forget that Tahitian Village Scholarship Applications are due by April 4th at 4:00 pm. This opportunity is available to graduating High School seniors that live in Tahitian Village. For more information contact the office at 512-321-1145.

Take care and have a great Spring,

Charles Brading

TVPOA President





**Do you you enjoy
our Newsletter?**

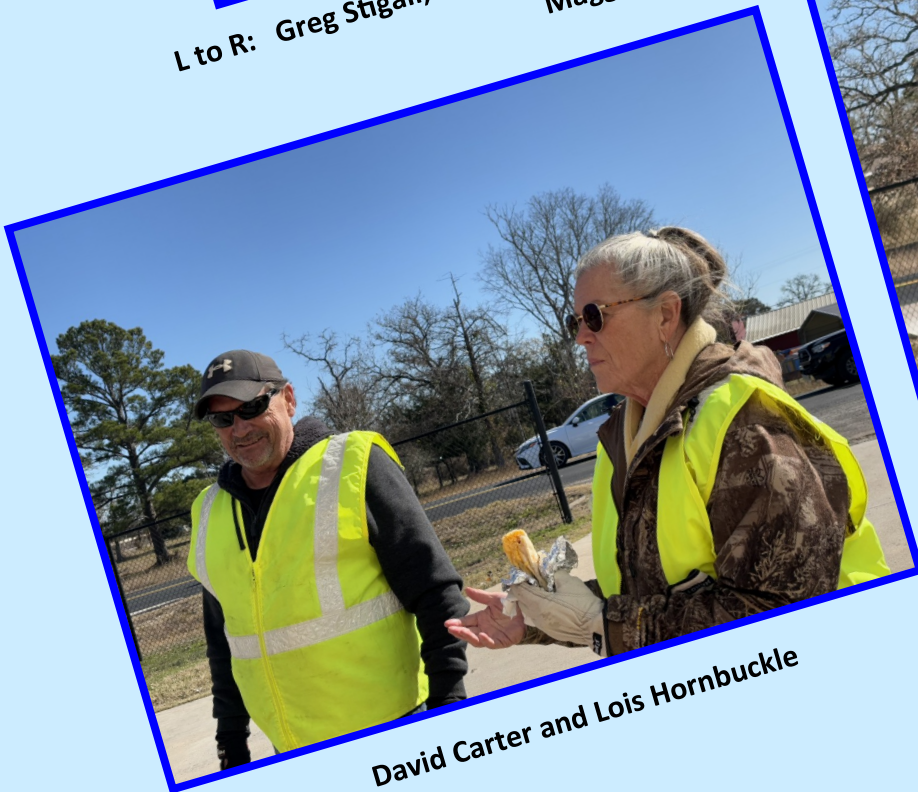
Please refer a neighbor!

**Ask them to email the office at
info@TahitianVillage.org
and request to be added to the
email distribution list.**

We love our Volunteers!



L to R: Greg Stigall, Amanda Homesley, Randy Hudgins, Mary Jo Creamer, Charles Brading, Maggie Abbot and Marianna Hobbs



David Carter and Lois Hornbuckle



Debbie Horvath

L to R: Debbie Horvath, Lois Hornbuckle,
Michelle Plummer, Maggie Abbot and
Amanda Homesley



Come join the fun at
our next Clean
Sweep on
Saturday, April 12th



Clean Sweep participant and Baby Ruth Bullock



Randy Hudgins, David Carter & Mary Jo Creamer

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT...

Have you met Maggie Abbott or seen her around the Village?

Maggie is our “go-to” person whenever we need donations loaded up and taken to the Bastrop County Animal Shelter, and she’s always willing to show up and help with our Clean Sweep events. But, Maggie’s biggest passion is volunteering for the Bastrop Animal Shelter and Bastrop CATS!



At any given time Maggie’s home is filled with foster cats and kittens awaiting their forever homes. Tiny kittens often need to be bottle fed and require special medical attention, and all of the fosters need to be loved and socialized. It’s no small chore to care for and socialize these little bundles of fur, joy and energy!

Maggie is passionate about our feral cat problem, and is often out and about in the Village trapping feral cats so they can be spayed and neutered, vaccinated and chipped. She believes that every cat and dog should be spayed or neutered to reduce the number of unwanted animals that are sadly being euthanized due to over crowding in our shelter. It’s a huge problem in Bastrop County, and education is the key. She says, “people have to understand that this is everyone’s problem, and as a society we can no longer turn a blind eye.”

So, Maggie is on a mission! A group she is working with, of some dedicated volunteers, recently met with Bastrop County Commissioner, David Glass to discuss increasing public awareness, expanding kennel space, the need for more funding for low-cost spay/neuter programs, vaccination, microchipping and medical care for sick and injured animals. They also discussed ways our Assistant District Attorney can successfully prosecute animal cruelty.

Then, Maggie took it a step further and spoke at the bi-monthly meeting of the Bastrop County Commissioners Court. Maggie made an impassioned 3 minute speech to the judge, commissioners and attendees. She said that average pet ownership in the United States is 66%, so that would mean we have approximately 73,113 pet owners in Bastrop County. The American Veterinary Medical Association reports that there are 1.8 cats and 1.46 dogs per U.S. household meaning that in Bastrop County we have approximately 131,604 cats and 106,746 dogs in our County. Too many times these cats and dogs are not spayed and neutered and unwanted litters of puppies and kittens sadly end up in the shelter or killed by other animals or by accident. This is a tragedy that does not have to continue. Responsible pet ownership and educating our children how to be responsible pet owners is a great step toward ending this cycle.

Next, Maggie will be meeting with Bastrop City Manager, Sylvia Carrillo, to discuss these same issues and concerns. Maggie, the Bastrop County Animal Shelter and Bastrop CATS would love your support and encouragement to find lasting solutions to these serious issues.

As a community, we are proud that Maggie is part of our Village, and proud of her commitment and dedication to our furry, 4-legged friends. Keep up the good work!

SHARE THE LOVE



A huge “Thank You!” to everyone that contributed to our first ever “Share the Love” food drive that benefitted the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry. Your generous donations were delivered to the shelter on Friday, February 14th, the day they were having the ground-breaking ceremony for their new facility. Even though it was a cold and dreary day it was a day of celebration and thanks-giving for the Bastrop community and the people that make it great! You are among that group! Thank you so much for your participation!



Calling all Tahitian Village graduating high school seniors!

The Tahitian Village POA and ACC are happy to report that they will be awarding two \$2,000 scholarships this year to positively impact our neighborhood and community by investing in the continued education of Tahitian Village students wishing to further their education. One scholarship will go to a student attending a college or university, and the other will go to a student attending a trade or vocational school.

The main criteria for these scholarships is that the graduating senior be a resident of Tahitian Village, and be graduating this Spring. All of the other rules and requirements can be found on our website ([Tahitian Village Scholarship Application - Tahitian Village](#)). The application can be found online or can be picked up from our office located at 112 Corporate Lane (the NE corner of the Water District building) Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The deadline for applying for this year’s scholarships is **Friday, April 4th by 4:00 pm**. Completed applications should be dropped off at our office. Best of luck to all our Seniors!

News from the Architectural Control Committee President

Hello Neighbors,

Just a reminder that the Architectural Control Committee is here to help you with your Spring projects!

Any type of addition such as a shed, patio, pergola, pool, retaining wall or outdoor kitchen will need to be permitted through Bastrop County or the City of Bastrop depending on where you live, and the TVACC.

Fences must be permitted through TVACC.

Permits should be obtained prior to any work being started. This will save you time, money and headaches. Please call our office staff at 512-321-1145 for assistance.

The permit application and current Building Guidelines can be found at <https://tahitianvillage.org/prospective-buyers/> then scroll down the page until you see:

ACC Building Guidelines 2020, and

ACC Permit Application 2020

Our office is located at 112 Corporate Lane (the NE corner of the Water District building). Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, however the staff may be out of the office for other work related activities, so calling first is recommended, especially if you need an extended appointment.

Greg Stigall, Tahitian Village ACC President



Recommend a Tahitian Village Resident for our Neighbor Spotlight

We want to know about all of the positive, uplifting and fun things going on in the Village!

Do you know someone in the Village that is making a difference in our community? Someone that volunteers their time and talents? Someone that has an interesting job or hobby?

Please share their name and story with us so we can highlight them in our next "Neighbor Spotlight".

Email us at info@TahitianVillage.org and give us the details and then, we will do the rest!



DONATE AT CLEAN SWEEP SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH 8:00 TO 12:00 NOON



Did you know that TVPOA accepts donations to the Bastrop County Animal Shelter at every Clean Sweep event?

Our next Clean Sweep will be on Saturday, April 12th and donations of dog and cat food, kitty litter, treats, blankets, towels, bedding, collars, leashes, crates, toys and cash will gladly be accepted, and delivered to the Shelter.

While one toy, or one bag of food may not seem like a lot, by working together and pooling our resources we can make a real and lasting difference for the animals in the Bastrop County Animal Shelter awaiting adoption.

Clean Sweep

Volunteers ARE NEEDED!

Saturday, April 12th, 2025

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.

- We cannot take old TVs with monitors, computers/monitors.
- 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).
- We cannot accept household trash.

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

We gladly accept donations for the Bastrop County Animal Shelter - dog or cat food, kitty 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

BASTROP & LEE COUNTY RESIDENTS:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP



SAVE THE DATES!

COLLECTION 24 EVENTS FOR -25

ALL EVENTS: 9am - Noon and require Voucher*

OCT 12TH

PAINT ONLY

Paints & Stains, Aerosol Paint Cans, Preservatives, Strippers and Thinners

SMITHVILLE @ 109 TAYLOR ST

JAN 18TH

TIRES/ELECTRONICS

Computers, TV's, printers, etc. Limit 10 per vehicle. No commercial or ag tires.

SMITHVILLE @ 109 TAYLOR ST

MAR 15TH

FULL HHW

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
See complete list on our web page (below)

SMITHVILLE @ 109 TAYLOR ST

VOUCHERS



FOUND ONLINE

SCAN the QR CODE
or visit the link below

www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household_waste

ADDRESS VERIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED
Show proof at time of drop off with Utility Bill
or Valid ID.

Vouchers must be COMPLETED prior to event

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Commercial waste or any item deemed unsafe or unidentifiable by staff will not be accepted. For a complete list, visit www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household_waste

Household Hazardous Waste includes latex and oil-based paint, household cleaners and other chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, pool chemicals, etc.



Wildfire Risk Assessment



Free!

Site visits are available by a local fire professional. They will assess your property and provide recommendations on how you can reduce your wildfire risk.

Once your request is submitted, we will contact you to schedule a site visit.

To Schedule an Assessment:

Email: crr@bastropesd2.org

Phone: (844)347-3373 ext.5



VETERANS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Tahitian Village Veterans' Assistance Program reimburses up to \$2,000 for a handicap accessible ramp to be built for U.S. Veterans living in Tahitian Village.

Guidelines:

- Must be a U.S. Veteran
- Tahitian Village must be your primary residence/homestead
- Either the veteran or his/her spouse must be disabled and in need of a handicap assessable ramp
- The ramp must be built by a licensed contractor or a certified organization
- Receipts must be provided to Tahitian Village Property Owners' Association along with this application to be considered for reimbursement
- All required permits must be obtained (City or County and TVACC)

Full Legal Name of Veteran/Homeowner: _____

Mailing Address: _____; Bastrop, TX 78602

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Signature

Date

Please provide the following along with this application:

- Proof of Military Service (please provide a copy of your DD214, Military ID, etc.)
- Proof that the Veteran or his/her spouse is disabled and in need of a handicap accessible ramp
- Receipts from a licensed contractor or certified organization showing the cost of the ramp
- Copy of the Bastrop County or City of Bastrop permit and the TVACC building permit

Once the application is received along with the required documentation, the TVPOA Board will review the application at the next regularly scheduled meeting. After that meeting, you will be notified if your application was approved or denied (or if more documentation is needed to make a decision) and when your reimbursement check will be ready.

Thank you for your service to our Country!

JANUARY – FEBRUARY VIOLATION REPORT

Unpermitted items

Unit 1	3
Unit 2	6
Unit 3	3
Unit 4	2
Unit 5	3

Over-grown yard or Bandit Sign

Unit 1	0
Unit 2	4
Unit 3	3
Unit 4	1
Unit 5	1

Household/Construction items in view of public street

Unit 1	5
Unit 2	3
Unit 3	2
Unit 4	5
Unit 5	6

Other

Unit 1	6
Unit 2	1
Unit 3	2
Unit 4	1
Unit 5	4

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/>

*No letters weren't being sent in November due to our Annual Meeting and getting people in compliance for a possible election.

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

*We are here to help
with questions or
concerns*



Website: <https://tahitianvillage.org>

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

Office: 112 Park Lane (in the north-east corner of the Bastrop County Water Improvement District #2 building)

**2025 Property Owners' Association
Board of Directors**

President - Charles Brading
Vice President - Charles Brown
Secretary - David Carter
Treasurer - Mary Jo Creamer
Director - Tom Clayton

**2025 Architectural Control
Committee Officers**

President - Greg Stigall
Vice President - Aaron Sanford
Secretary - Eddy Plummer
Treasurer - Randy Hudgins
Director - Annette Gast

"Every spring, this country will be reminded of the Lady from Texas. As trees bloom and flowers carpet our nation's capital, Lady Bird Johnson will be remembered. Only Lady Bird Johnson could, with her vision of a beautiful America, lay claim to spring as her memorial."

~ David Mixner

Colorado River Refuge News



Spring Migration has already started for Bastrop County. The trails along the river are full of the colors and songs of our birds.

During March and April Bird City Bastrop and Bastrop Audubon are offering several guided birdwatching outings for anyone interested in knowing more about our local birds. Loaner binoculars are available with instructions on their proper use. We will meet regardless of the weather forecast and decide our options based on the conditions at our location. We will also put up roadside signs leading to our meeting site.

Our first two outings will be at Bastrop State Park, from 8:30 to 10:00 am:

- On Friday March 14, we will have a Little Hike along the Army Trails just past the headquarters. These trails are paved for access to all.
- On Saturday March 22, we will have a Little Sit at the lake. Follow our signs to the meeting locations. We will sit a short distance from parking. You will want to bring a comfortable chair.

In April we will have both of our outings in Tahitian Village, from 8:30 to 10:00 am:

- On Friday April 11, a Little Hike will be held along the Cottonwood Kings Trail beginning in Bastrop County Park at 375 Riverside Dr. This trail is not paved but is flat and easily accessible.
- On Saturday April 26 we will have a Little Sit in Bastrop County Nature Park, 375 Riverside Drive, at the outdoor classroom area.

These outings are never just about birds. They are miniature nature classes that cover everything we see, hear and smell. You can count on it; they are always fun for all.

Tahitian Village Resident,

Luke Thompson

512-332-1826

LIGHTS OUT, BASTROP!



Spring

Mar 1 - Jun 15

Fall

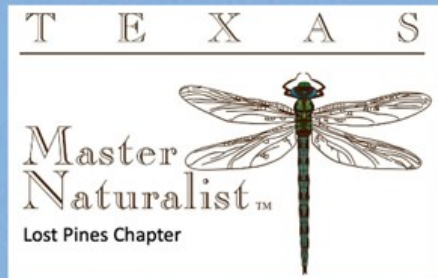
Aug 15 - Nov 30

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



This initiative would not be possible without statewide partners.

David M. Shipper / Audubon Photography Awards



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.bcwid2.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

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