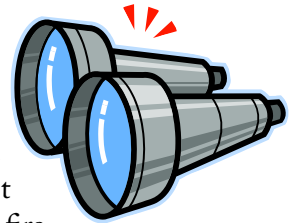


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TAHITIAN FIRE WATCH

BY GEORGE MARTINEZ



Fire activity in the Village had been quiet for the past few months until Saturday, June 4th. At 6:00 pm a brush fire was reported on Koloiki just west of Tahitian Drive. The fire was on top of a hill on the South side of Koloiki and grew to about 1/3 of an acre. The cause of the fire is unknown. The fire began to climb the trees, but fortunately it was not windy that day and the fire spread slowly. Bastrop Fire Department arrived on scene in three to four minutes and began extinguishing the fire aided by the Bastrop County Wildfire Task Force (BCWTF). The taskforce is a group of volunteer firefighters from around the County that are on-duty daily from noon to 6:00 pm to respond to wildland fires. BCWTF has been in place for the past two months due to the exceptional drought conditions and is comprised of two brush trucks, one water tender truck, one dozer, and a command vehicle.

Fire activity in the County has been on an increase due to the lack of moisture in the vegetation and abnormally strong southerly winds. Fires grow rapidly under these conditions. A vehicle fire on Hwy 290 in McDade on Thursday, June 2nd, quickly grew to a 30 acre wildland fire. A fire on the side of the road on Hwy 21 East and Southshore on Sunday, May 29th, grew to ten acres and threatened 20 homes before it was brought under control.

The windy conditions caused embers from the fire to start spot fires 300 feet ahead of the main fire.

Sixty firefighters, some from as far away as LaGrange, fought the fire for eight hours before it was fully contained. No homes were lost, but four homes had fire burn right up to them before being saved by firefighters.

Given the current drought conditions, it is imperative that you aid firefighters in protecting your home from potential wildfire. Keep brush, firewood and other combustible material at least 30 feet away from your home. Keep your roof free of pine needles. Walk around your house and look for any cracks or crevices in your side fascia boards, or soffit vents where flying embers could penetrate and start a fire. Caulk or seal these cracks and cover vents with small weave metal screens. Know all of the roads out of our subdivision (Tahitian, Kaanapali, Lamaloa) because the one you normally take may be closed due to fire or smoke. Practice evacuating your home in a few minutes as if a wildfire was approaching. Plan what you would take (pets, medications, computers, etc.). Finally, if you are ever directed to evacuate your home by Law Enforcement or Fire personnel, always ask how much time you have and what is the safest route to take to exit the subdivision. 🌿



TAHITIAN VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS NETWORK *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. This list is also vital in distributing information about political and TVPOA, TVACC & BCWCID#2 Board candidates, missing/found pets, garage sales and unfortunately, vandalism, burglaries and any available information on local fires. 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):

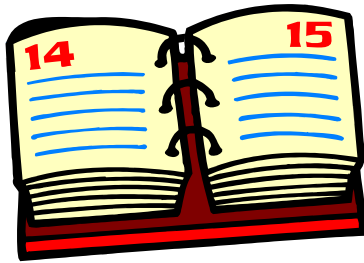
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JULY 2011

- ❖ July 4 – BCWCID #2 OFFICES CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
- ❖ July 11 – Deed Restriction Committee Meeting at 7pm
- ❖ July 16 – CLEAN SWEEP 7AM – 1PM
- ❖ July 18 – TV Architectural Control Committee Meeting at 5pm
- ❖ July 19 – TV Property Owners' Association Meeting at 7pm
- ❖ July 21 – BCWCID #2 Meeting at 6pm
- ❖ July 25 – Beautification Committee Meeting at 6:30pm

AUGUST 2011

- ❖ August 1 – TV Architectural Control Committee Meeting at 5pm
- ❖ August 8 – Deed Restriction Committee Meeting at 7pm
- ❖ August 15 – TV Architectural Control Committee Meeting at 5pm
- ❖ August 16 – TV Property Owners' Association Meeting at 7pm
- ❖ August 18 – BCWCID #2 Meeting at 6pm
- ❖ August 22 – Beautification Committee Meeting at 6:30pm 🌿

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SOCKS FOR SOLDIERS

BY JANA HELLBUSCH

Founded in 2003 by Tahitian Village residents Patti Patton Bader and her husband Jeff, Soldiers' Angels is a volunteer-led 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing aid and comfort to the men and women of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and their families. At the Pentagon, in October 2009, they received the 2008 Spirit of Hope Award from the Office of the Secretary of Defense. From the Award Citation:

"Like Mr. Bob Hope, Soldiers' Angels believes that the morale and welfare of our armed forces is a paramount concern and its steady flow of support for our service members and their families goes to Soldiers' Angels core value of bringing home healthy soldiers. Soldiers' Angels embodies the very ethos of the namesake for which this award is given."

Soldiers' Angels volunteers are always thinking of new ways to let active duty soldiers know they are thought of back home. Every year, they aim to send a Wrapped in Holiday Spirit care package to each deployed hero. Budgets are tighter than ever this year, but with just a little help from many, it can be done... a little bit at a time...

For each of the next six months, Soldiers' Angels will focus on collecting one component of the Wrapped in Holiday Spirit care package. Following is their projected list.

- June – Socks
- July – Instant hot chocolate and apple cider in single-serve packets
- August – Blankets of Belief (for more information on blankets, check out www.soldiersangels.org)
- September – Gift cards from Walmart to purchase needed items
- October – Christmas cards/letters
- November – Postage

Tahitian Village resident Jana Hellbusch is collecting any and all these items, any month you want to give them. Just drop off at the Tahitian Village BCWCID#2 office or call Jana to arrange pick up at 512-284-0220. 🐿

TVNNN ANNOUNCEMENT: VEHICLE BURGLARY

A Travis County law enforcement vehicle was burglarized in May on Kaneohe Lane.

A patrol rifle and three handguns were taken along with ammunition for each weapon. The guns were inside a locked SKB, TSA approved case. The case is black polymer with chrome trim. A badge was also inside the case.

A black Pelican case with two cameras, two flashlights, one of which is orange in color and associated gear were also taken.

This burglary happened between 9:45pm on 05/27/2011 and 8:00am on 05/28/2011.

If you have any information that may be of assistance in recovering this equipment, please contact Bastrop County Sheriff's Office at (512) 303-1080. If you hear gunshots in the neighborhood, please ask Bastrop County to investigate. 🐿

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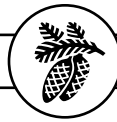
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TVNNN ANNOUNCEMENT: NEW FENCE ORDINANCE FOR RESIDENTS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

BY BOB PARMELEE

If you live within the Bastrop City limits, you need to be aware that the Bastrop City Council may soon enact an extra fence permit which will make your life a bit more difficult. In the event you want to erect a new fence you will have to obtain the usual fence permit from the Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee and then you may have to travel to the City Hall to prepare and submit the paperwork for an additional permit. The City will also charge a \$15 fee for the new permit.

I represented Tahitian Village alongside representatives from the Riverside Grove and Hunter's Crossing developments, in several meetings with representatives of the City, but we were unable to deflect the mayor, Terry Orr, from his course of action. The new permit is apparently a reaction to the building, on Pecan Street downtown, of several fences which violated the existing Bastrop Fence Ordinance. Of course, the downtown area is not part of a homeowners or property association. City representatives readily agreed that NO known fence violations have occurred in Hunters Crossing, Riverside Grove or Tahitian Village and acknowledged that our current fence permitting systems work very effectively. Note that the Tahitian Village fence requirements are more stringent and restrictive than those required by the Bastrop Ordinance.

Tahitian Village is composed of irregular lots and custom homes which all require custom fencing. Clearly Tahitian Village is the development which will suffer the most adverse effect from the new permit system. I pointed out that the true cost of the new permit would be more than \$15 due to the time spent on traveling, learning the new process, preparation, waiting for approvals, etc. My estimate is that the true cost of this permit will approach \$100. This might not be such a tremendous burden, by itself, but Mayor Orr was unable to cite any

value which would be added to the Tahitian Village community with the new redundant process. If an action does not add value, then it is simply waste.

I asked, "Can any City representative think of a single case in which a permit would be approved in Tahitian Village and then rejected by the City". The answer was no; no one could think of such a possibility. I then asked, "If the new permit did not add any value beyond the current system, then why do it?" There was no verbal answer, but the unstated answer appears to be that because the City has the power to do it, it WILL do it.

The Mayor opined that he would soon see if our Tahitian Village permitting process was effective as a City engineer would tour the streets of Tahitian Village looking for sight line and other fence violations. This seems to be a misuse of expensive engineers. Our own representatives already do this effectively; I was personally "dinged" during one of my fence projects when I did not post my Tahitian Village permit in plain sight.

The main counterproposal made by me and the HOA representatives was simply for the City to recognize the proficiency of our associations and delegate to them the fence problems within their neighborhoods. The proposed fence permit should exempt the HOA & POA Associations, then the City could concentrate on the neighborhoods which have the problem, not the ones that don't.

Long-term, the solution for this issue is single member districts, the issue bypassed by the recent Bastrop City Charter Commission despite overwhelming citizen support.

If you are interested in this issue then please contact the City Council.

Bill Peterson (twowillies@earthlink.com); josephbeal@austin.rr.com; julie_hart@sbcglobal.net; kay.mac@sbcglobal.net; kesselus@juno.com; mtalbot@cityofbastrop.org; terry.orr@bastropfuture.com.

In an effort to keep all information within accurate and up-to-date Julie Hart, a member of the City Council, added the information below.

The change that staff is recommending is simply asking for homeowners to obtain a permit prior to erecting a new fence or repairing a fence that has been 60% + destroyed, the city is not enacting any new requirements or regulations. At the public hearing on this proposed change, the council recommended to staff that we remove the \$15 fee for the permit, but still require residents to obtain a permit to ensure that the fence meets the City requirements. I understand that Tahitian Village and Riverside Grove have active HOA and POA's; however, we don't know that they will always be as active and vigilant as they are now or that other HOA's will have the same standards. This is how we can ensure minimum standards for everyone in the community.

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BCWCID #2 News

BURN BAN

We want to remind all of our residents and property owners that due to the extremely dry conditions, a burn ban is still in effect. Also, with the 4th of July coming up we ask that you remember when you begin to celebrate: **FIREWORKS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN TAHITIAN VILLAGE.** Please comply. Have fun, but be safe.

AUDIT

UPDATE BY CHRISTY KOSSER

Work continues to progress on Waikakaaua Drive, so if you haven't been down there lately, you are truly missing a great work project. Jason and his crew have done an extraordinary job with the placement and installation of culverts and the road base work is near completion. The completion of this road project will be a great asset to the property owners in that area as Waikakaaua offers another exit out of our subdivision.

Also the Road Committee has been hard at work determining and recommending to the Board a list of roads to be started in the fall of 2011. We will be entering into an inter-local agreement with the County for the completion of the following roads: Akala Lane (475 ft in City Limits), Keo Keo Drive and East and West Lua Court (775 ft), Lamaloa Lane to Kamaiki Drive (4000 ft), Paia Lane (400 ft), and Ulupau Circle (where dangerous). Note: The previous listed roads are not listed in order for construction. The committee also recommended that the Board ask Commissioner Piña to resurface and stripe Akaloa Drive

and stripe Tahitian Drive. In addition to road resurfacing, the committee recommended to the Board that 50% of all road fees collected for 2011 be transferred from the road construction fund to the road maintenance fund in order to facilitate more needed road maintenance. This was approved at the February 1, 2011 Board meeting. The Board thanks the road committee for all their hard work.

WASTEWATER

LCRA NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE BY JOHN CREAMER

Your BCWCID #2 Board of Directors has joined a newly formed coalition of utility companies called Central Texas Utility Development Corporation. This coalition is made up of all of the water and wastewater utilities that the LCRA plans to divest itself of in the near future. The coalition feels that a unified approach is the most effective way to answer the needs of so many communities in Central Texas.

The coalition committed an indicative bid on May 20, 2011 to the Bank of Montreal who is assisting LCRA in the evaluation of bids. It is anticipated that it will take several weeks to evaluate the bids and narrow them down. The second phase is expected to take four to six weeks for due diligence and then final bids will be submitted.

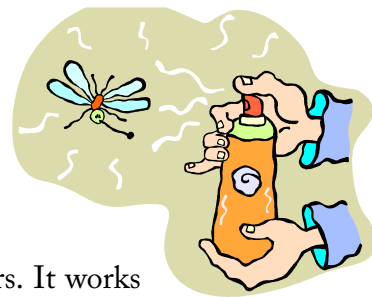
At the Board meeting held on June 16th an update should have been given regarding the bid process. Please check with the BCWCID #2 for the most current information. Please bear with us as we go through this time consuming ordeal to try and provide the best service possible to our wastewater customers. 🌿

How to Kill Mosquitos – NOT A JOKE

BY MARK RIPLEY

I was at a deck party awhile back, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little demons disappeared. The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it....Pass it on.

OUR FRIEND'S COMMENTS: I tried this on my deck and around all of my doors. It works - in fact, it killed them instantly. I bought my bottle from Target and it cost me \$1.89. It really doesn't take much, and it is a big bottle, too; so it is not as expensive to use as the can of Bug-spray you buy that doesn't last 30 minutes. So, try this, please. It will last a couple of days. Don't spray directly on a wood door (like your front door), but spray around the frame. Spray around the window frames, and even inside the dog house {editor's note: remove dog from dog house first}. 🌿



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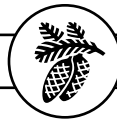
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2011 TVPOA ACTIVE VIOLATION INFORMATION (CURRENT AS OF JUNE 13, 2011)

BY ERIKA MCDONALD

Last year we had several residents express concerns regarding, what they felt, was a lack of deed restriction enforcement. Since then we have stepped up our efforts on enforcement and have had our attorney make contact with violators who refused to abide by our restrictions. We have also created a more structured system to handle violations. More recently, we have started receiving calls and emails from residents, some who may have received a violation letter and some who are neighbors and friends of those who receive the letters. They have expressed concerns because they feel that while they appreciate that Tahitian Village is a deed restricted community they also appreciate that the Association is more relaxed; and allows property owners to have more control over their property. The TVPOA Board wants everyone to understand that the Board is always willing to work with a property owner as long as contact is made from the property owner to the Association once a violation letter is received. Here is an update from our last issue along with new violation letters sent out. Please note that there was not a TVPOA meeting in June due to lack of quorum so action has not been taken on some of these items.

UNIT 1

Violation: Brush pile that could attract snakes and rodents

Status: Brush was not removed by April 18th after April Clean Sweep. County Health and Sanitation was contacted for assistance in enforcement on April 19th. Certified letter was mailed by the Association on April 26th. The property owner removed the piles of brush and debris, confirmed on June 13th, and is now in compliance with TVPOA Deed Restrictions.

UNIT 3

Violation: Structure constructed without ACC approval

Status: Certified letter was returned "unclaimed" on April 20th.

Violation: T-post fence visible from street

Status: Property owner removed the fence and responded in writing that the violation has been brought into compliance on April 13th.

UNIT 5

Violation: Possible use of RV as a residence

Status: Possible rental property. Certified mail was sent on April 15th. Property brought into compliance on June 1st.

Violation: Trash and/or debris

Status: Property has been brought into compliance.

Violation: Trash and/or debris

Status: Certified mail was sent on March 28th. Certified mail was delivered "unclaimed" to the Association on April 20th. County Health & Sanitation was contacted to assist with enforcement.

Violation: Prohibited fence that extends past front of residence

Status: No contact has been made by the property owner.

NEW VIOLATIONS

UNIT 1

Violation: Unpermitted signage

Status: Violation Notice Letter mailed on June 6th.

Violation: Unpermitted signage

Status: Notice Violation Letter mailed on June 6th. Contact made on June 7th. Signage was removed and violation resolved.

Violation: Unpermitted irrigation system

Status: Violation Notice Letter was mailed on May 16th. Application received and copy made for BCWCID #2 records on June 6th. Violation was resolved by TVACC approval at TVACC meeting on June 6th.

Violation: Trash and/or Debris; Unmovable vehicles/ Inoperable Vehicle

Status: Violation Notice Letter mailed on May 2nd. Property owner made contact by phone. Property owner reported that all vehicles were operable and all inspected and registered. Property owner also reported that all debris would be removed. As of June 3rd debris was not removed.

Violation: T-Post fence visible from road.

Status: Violation Notice Letter mailed on May 2nd. Property owner made contact with Association and reported fence had been removed on May 3rd.

Violation: Unpermitted structure; possible possession of chickens

Status: Report made by resident on May 2nd of loose chickens. Association Manager toured area that the chickens were reported in and found property with an unpermitted structure resembling coop. Violation Notice Letter mailed on May 2nd. No contact made by property owner.

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UNIT 3

Violation: High Grass

Status: Violation Notice Letter sent on April 21st. Violation was marked resolved by tour of property on April 30th.

Violation: Trash and/or debris.

Status: Violation Notice Letter mailed on May 10th. No contact has been made by property owner.

Violation: Unpermitted structure

Violation Notice Letter mailed on April 21, 2011. Property owner is in contact with Association and working to resolve the violation.

UNIT 4

Violation: Unpermitted structure.

Status: Violation was found on tour on April 26th. Courtesy email was sent to property owner regarding violation on April 26th. Property responded that the application would be submitted by April 30th. Violation resolved on May 3rd.

Violation: Pile of brush in easement.

Status: Courtesy email sent to property owner on April 26th. The property owner responded that he was in the process of getting a chipper and it would be removed within three weeks. Violation was not resolved as of June 13th. Bastrop County Health and Sanitation was contact to assist with enforcement.

UNIT 5

Violation: High Grass

Status: Courtesy email to realtor on April 21st. Response received on April 21st. Violation resolved on April 25th.

Violation: High Grass and/or Brush and/or Weeds, Trash & Debris

Status: Violation Notice Letter mailed on May 10th.

Violation: High Grass

Status: Violation Notice Letter mailed on May 2, 2011. Violation resolved May 13th.

Violation: Inoperable vehicle.

Violation Notice Letter sent February 9th. Property owner made contact with the Association on February 15th by email. The property owner requested three months to complete renovation of vehicle. The deadline was not met and the Association emailed the property owners for the status on renovation. The Association sent a certified letter on April 26th. Property accepted the certified mail on April 27th and responded in email on May 10th requesting until the first of August. 🌿

THE SNAKE VS. DOG NUMBER FOUR

BY MARIANNA HOBBS



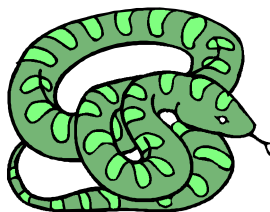
Few snakes are all bad, but even fewer are completely entertaining...

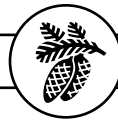
I have 4 dogs, a fenced back yard, and a busy dog door which contribute to few dull moments. Dog One and Two are slightly over the hill, Dog Three is middle-aged, and dog Four is about freshman in college age.

Last week I returned home to see Dog Four harassing a snake on the back porch. I moved impossibly fast to get to the scene and recognized the Eastern Hog Nose and Dog Four in a face off. The Hog Nose had been traumatized into regurgitating a Gulf Coast Toad he had recently ingested and had one puncture wound near the end of his body. Dog Four was furiously trying to catch him and he, in turn, was going through his complete set of defensive and aggressive behaviors. First the snake fanned out like a cobra and immediately moved into feigning death. Then his mouth was wide open with loud hissing and a slight lurch. The next act was a little stinky and I will skip talking about that one. I picked the snake up and moved him safely away from the fence (he is relatively harmless unless you are a frog or toad) I was pretty well convinced that he was dead at that point because he stayed on his back for a few minutes. During that time I turned him over a couple of times, but to no avail. We were all convinced that he was dead and Dog Four was busy high boasting to the rest of the dogs. I decided to take the dead toad out to the snake's limp and lifeless body. Later I returned to find the lifeless snake and dead toad had vanished. Hmmm - I guess we have seen the last of that.

A few hours later I headed outside to find the snake by the dog door and Dog Four once again on her quest. This time the snake was not backing off, but my presence persuaded him to go into the ground by the door. In the mean time the other dogs wanted nothing to do with this snake or situation and were a safe distance away. Dog Four was a bit intimidated at this point and had moved about three feet back from the Hog Nose. I laughed as I gathered the group in for the night.

Early the next morning I couldn't control my laughter. The first three dogs were not about to go out the dog door. Dog Four was a good twenty feet away from the snake making a lot of noise, but moving in no closer. The snake was hissing and standing in full cobra flare position. The Hog Nose began moving toward Dog Four and she ran at top speed and flew through the dog door. I knew the snake was leaving this time. The next day I was leaving work and saw a Roadrunner standing over and staring at something that couldn't be seen until I moved closer. It was an Eastern Hog Nose and as our eyes met briefly, I could have sworn there was a faint glimmer of recognition. 🌿





Who Uses the Colorado River Refuge?



BY CARRIE KNOX

When Pines and Prairies Land Trust created the Colorado River Refuge (CRR) in 2003 nobody knew how folks would use and enjoy the Refuge. Seven years later it is obvious. All kinds of folks use the CRR for many reasons!

The Pines and Prairies Land Trust Nature Lessons are an ongoing use of the CRR. Children (and their parents) gather from all over Bastrop County and beyond to learn about the wonders of nature from a dedicated group of retired educators, Texas Master Naturalists and nature professionals. Topics as diverse as the life cycle of trees and aquatic critters have been eagerly learned by students from 5 to 50. The ability to gain hands on learning in the field is a huge component of the nature lessons. The goal is to teach children about nature and the environment so they will want to conserve the special lands that keep our communities green, our farms and ranches productive and our wildlife healthy.



Joan Russell, a founding Pines and Prairies Land Trust board member, is the creator and nurturer of the Nature Lessons. In the beginning she fought for funding, wrote curriculum and recruited experienced teachers. As the years have rolled by she has continued to advocate for the Nature Lessons both with the board of PPLT and in the community. She has assembled a wonderful group of instructors including Louise Ridlon, Susan Crone, Joan Russell, Marianna Hobbs, Bill Brooks and Carol Reidy. From time to time LCRA and TPWD teachers generously give their time to pass on their specialized knowledge to the students.

The Nature Lessons program has grown each year. Since March 2008 over 900 children and 400 adults have been served. The 2011/2012 year is on track to surpass previous
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years and PPLT is delighted to continue to sponsor the Nature Lessons. For more information about the PPLT sponsored Nature Lessons, please contact Susan Crone at smcrone48@gmail.com or call 512-303-1844.

Robert Vaughn is president of another great group working to improve the Colorado River Refuge. The Friends of the CRR coordinates volunteers, Girl Scout and Boy Scout projects, trash clean up and any other tasks that improve the CRR. The Friends of the CRR has worked with Bastrop County and with the Tahitian Village Property Owners Association to discourage dumping at the CRR and other sites in Tahitian Village. Current Friends projects include working with the Girl Scouts to create a cactus garden and doing invasive species removal at the handicap ramp, working with the Boy Scouts to build another bridge along the Dragonfly Trail, working with the Lost Pines Master Naturalists on trail clearing, bridge building and writing grant proposals for funds to further enhance the CRR. For more information on the Friends of the CRR please contact Robert at vaughnrobertj@gmail.com or call 512-237-1148.

No article about the Colorado River Refuge is complete without mentioning Trail Master, Dale Morrison. Dale lives and breathes trails! He has envisioned and created most of the trails at the CRR as well as neighbor Lost Pines Recreational Trails. Dale is the coordinator and liaison between the Bastrop Juvenile Probation community service program and PPLT. A three week "boot camp" at the CRR and Lost Pines Recreational Trails beginning in mid June will allow young people to work off their community service requirements and teach the youth skills and responsibility. Adult community service probationers have also worked with Dale at the CRR and learned new skills. Dale is also working on trail linkages with City of Bastrop trails and Bastrop State Park.

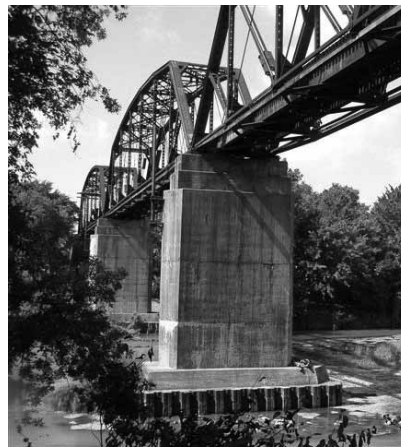
All these folks and more are working at the CRR so that our community can enjoy hiking, bird watching, fishing, picnicking and dog walking (and running!) at a peaceful wildlife refuge. Having clean, open, inviting trails contributes greatly to everyone's enjoyment of these activities.

Check out the rustic cedar bridges on the Dragonfly Trail (a trail created by the Master Naturalists) and the handicapped accessible bridges and trails along the Cottonwood Kings



Trail on the river's edge. Experience the thrill of standing under the railroad bridge at the end of Two Bridges Trail and watching and hearing a train roar overhead. Look for hawks and maybe even an eagle from the Cliffhanger Trail. Easily wheel your stroller, wheelchair or mountain bike down the concrete handicapped ramp.

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