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A TAHITIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION PUBLICATION ❖ MARCH/APRIL 2011

COMMUNITY PARTNERS WORK TO ELIMINATE ILLEGAL DUMPING IN TAHITIAN VILLAGE

BY ROBERT VAUGHN, PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE COLORADO RIVER REFUGE

Tahitian Village's undeveloped roads and vacant wooded areas have long been used for illegal dumping of construction trash, tires, mattresses and household waste. It has been more convenient and less costly for people to dump illegally than to take their trash to the County's waste transfer station north of Lake Bastrop. However, recent efforts by local organizations have been successful in reducing this dumping.

When the Pines and Prairies Land Trust acquired the land for the Colorado River Refuge in 2004, one of their first activities was to clean up a large dump in the flood plain. Thanks to the work of volunteers, many tons of garbage were removed. Next, PPLT placed barriers such as bollards, cables and large rocks along Riverside Drive. This prevents people from going off-road to a concealed location to dump their waste. These efforts have been successful - there are currently no dump sites on the east side of the Colorado River Refuge.

PPLT is now working to reduce dumping in the Refuge west of the railroad tracks. An old transient camp near the Dragonfly Trail was cleaned up, as was trash along nearby Waipahoe Drive. In the near



L to R: Timothy Linz, Robert Vaughn & Bill O'Barr.

future, dump sites along Riverside Drive adjacent to the Cliffhanger Trail will be cleaned up. Next, "No Dumping" signs and barriers will be installed.

In October of 2006, the Tahitian Village Property Owners Association began holding "Operation Clean Sweep" with Pine Forest joining in in 2010. According to Clean Sweep Coordinator Marianna Hobbs, "our goal is to provide a no cost, convenient way for residents of Tahitian Village and Pine Forest to legally dispose of

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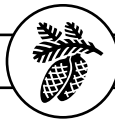
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bulky trash." On January 15th, 2011 dumpsters of trash were collected and removed (see photo). Residents of the two subdivisions can also bring their trash to the Water District parking lot four times a year, on scheduled Clean Sweep dates. The next Clean Sweep date is April 16, 2011.

Bastrop County is actively prosecuting illegal dumpers. They recently cited an individual who dumped household trash in the western section of the Colorado River Refuge. Tahitian Village residents can help the county enforce dumping laws by reporting illegal activity to 1-877-NO-DUMPS.

For more information on Operation Clean Sweep contact Erika McDonald at 512-321-1145. For more information on Pines and Prairies Land Trust call 512-308-1911 or check the PPLT web site www.pplt.org.

JANUARY CLEAN SWEEP

BY MARIANNA HOBBS



Clean Sweep was a rousing success on January 15th. We try not to change the date due to weather and were there until almost 2:00 p.m. in the rain. We had some great volunteers who roughed it out in order to clean up. Among those

are some of the usual suspects: Erika McDonald, John and Mary Jo Creamer, Bill O'Barr, Paul Steiger, Joe & Janet Schwindt, Tim Linz and Marianna Hobbs.

This year we had a request to pick up trash near the Colorado River Refuge by PPLT. This area has some old homeless hideouts and an area that is apparently thought of as a hunting lease. Volunteers from Friends of the Colorado River Refuge cleaned up during the week preceding Clean Sweep and hauled it away. Unfortunately, rain kept us from



getting through to another large collected dump area on Riverside. However, we did a cleanup that wasn't called in to us that was littered with old flower pots and other planting and landscaping debris. While we did that, Erika, Mary Jo and some of the other volunteers cleaned up the backyards of two homes that were recently foreclosed on and had gathered a number of complaints and violations. What a mess in the rain for sure.

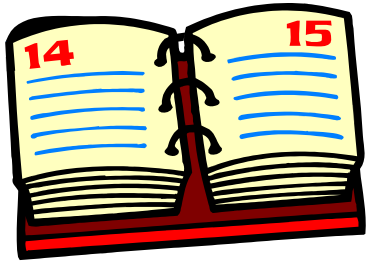
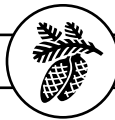
We were so fortunate to have Robert and Miriam Vaughn from Smithville help us for the day. Robert is the President of the new organization, Friends of the Colorado Refuge, and helped to orchestrate the clean up on the refuge.

Please keep in mind that we will work with you on a cleanup. E-mail Erika at info@tahitianvillage.com and arrange to have it collected and have it ready the day before Clean Sweep. April 16th is the next scheduled cleanup.

Our results for the January Clean Sweep were as follows: 13.81 total tons and 195 yards of stuff; five regular dumpsters and two metal collecting dumpsters. We wish to thank our ever-faithful Lone Star Waste for the greatest service ever.

Please remember that we can't take hazardous materials and that includes paint except latex if completely dried is acceptable. We appreciate your suggestions and always appreciate donations at the cleanup and volunteers coming to help.





Mark your calendars

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT BCWCID #2 CONFERENCE ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

MARCH 2011

- ❖ March 2 – BCWCID #2 OFFICES CLOSED FOR TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY
- ❖ March 7 – TV Architectural Control Committee Meeting at 5pm
- ❖ March 12 – BCWCID #2 Annual Road Meeting at 9am
- ❖ March 15 – TV Property Owners' Association Meeting at 7pm
- ❖ March 17 – BCWCID #2 Meeting at 6pm
- ❖ March 21 – TV Architectural Control Committee Meeting at 5pm

APRIL 2011

- ❖ April 4 – TV Architectural Control Committee Meeting at 5pm
- ❖ April 16 – CLEAN SWEEP 8AM – 2PM
- ❖ April 18 – TV Architectural Control Committee at 5pm
- ❖ April 19 – TV Property Owners' Association Meeting at 7pm
- ❖ April 21 – BCWCID #2 Meeting at 6pm
- ❖ April 22 – BCWCID #2 OFFICES CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

KEEP YOUR ANIMALS SAFE DURING EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

BY MARIANNA HOBBS



It is very important to keep your pets safe all the time and especially when the weather is very hot or very cold. Pets should never be forced to stay outside with no clean or fresh water and certainly not without a way to get in or have access to shelter. Our cats and dogs are domesticated and social animals with needs that humans are responsible for providing. Chaining a dog is illegal within the City limits and inexcusable in the County. Please report any neglect or abuse to Bastrop Sheriff's Department at (512) 303-1080 or contact the Bastrop County Animal Shelter at (512) 581-4080. Reporting it is easy compared to living with the results of not reporting it. Even if you are not an animal person, please don't allow unnecessary suffering. 🐾




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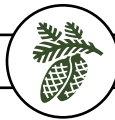
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NOTICE ON ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

BY ERIKA McDONALD

Any unlicensed vehicle of any type is not allowed on the roads in Tahitian Village. There are signs posted in several locations along our arterial roads as well as several other locations within the subdivision that state "NO ATV's". It is dangerous to allow your children to ride these ATV's and if they are stopped by County Sheriff Officers, the fines are expensive. All roads in Tahitian Village are off limits unless the ATV is street licensed. Please understand that driving your ATV is strictly prohibited by our POA if you are riding your ATV on private property that is not your own. The Association passed a resolution in November 2006 prohibiting the use of ATV's due to so much private property being damaged. If you have any questions, contact Erika McDonald, our Association Manager, at (512) 321-1145 before you are issued a citation or your child is accidentally hurt. 🐾



RECYCLING? IN BASTROP?

BY SHARON ROWE



YES! You can now recycle many items for FREE right here in Bastrop! Since the closing of Recycle Options, Lone Star Disposal has opened a self-service recycling facilities for household recyclables including paper,

cardboard, numbered plastics 1-7, aluminum, and tin cans. Your items should be rinsed clean before going to the facility, and you sort your recycling into the appropriately labeled bins. Not all items are accepted such as, but not limited to, hazardous waste, plastic bags, glass and styrofoam. Before you go make sure you either call Lone Star Disposal at (512) 321-3211, or visit their website at lonestardisposal.net. to find out specific rules that need to be observed. Their regular office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 and Friday 8:00 to noon. During these hours there is someone on site happy to assist you with any questions you may have, or even walk you through your first visit. Please do not leave items after hours as this is a violation of their lease. Lone Star Disposal is located at 704 Hwy. 71 West in Bastrop, Texas (next to Bluebonnet Electric in the Rundell Business Park).

Thank you to those patrons who have been utilizing the Lone Star Disposal facility. A few things to remember: CLEAN, CRUSH, NO CAPS & DON'T LEAVE WHAT WE DON'T TAKE! If you do, it is thrown away making your efforts fruitless.

If drop-off is not convenient for you, those using Lone Star Disposal for trash services have the option to participate in curbside recycling. Call the office to find out more at (512) 321-3211.

In addition to Lone Star Disposal here are some other recycling options available in our community:

- Plastic shopping bags: Wal-Mart and HEB
- Motor oil: Wal-Mart
- Sensitive document shredding: The Shed Guy (512) 797-2630 or email tom@theshredguy.net
- Industrial/packing type styrofoam only: Texas Foam (512)581-7500 or www.texasfoam.com.
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- E-waste: EcoGrun (512) 814-7861 or www.ecogrun.com. EcoGrun accepts e-waste at the Lone Star Disposal facility every other Saturday. Check their website for accepted items, possible fees and to see when they are at the Lone Star Facility next. Some items are accepted for free and EcoGrun offers a 20% discount while at Lone Star Disposal.

Those who consider themselves environmentally conscious might like to know about an organization called Keep Bastrop County Beautiful. KBCB is a Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate who, among other things (like getting recycling in our schools) is developing a website that will have even more resources for recycling in the future. Check it out at www.keepbastropcountybeautiful.org to become a member of this organization and be a part of their efforts to make Bastrop County an even more beautiful place to live, work and play.

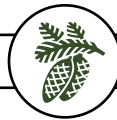
Remember that "Recycle" is only one part of saving the environment. You should also remember to "Reduce" the amount that you consume and "Reuse" or "Repurpose" what you already have. 🌱



IS TAHITIAN VILLAGE REALLY LIVING IN THE COUNTRY?

BY MARY JO CREAMER

Well, from my point of view, it is about as close as you can get. However, we do live in a subdivision. Yes, Tahitian Village is a platted subdivision with deed restrictions, rules and regulations. That also means you have to apply for permits to build, remodel, add fences, storage buildings, irrigation systems and pools, etc. If in doubt, it is imperative to check our website at www.tahitianvillage.com/ACC.html for the ACC Guidelines or call Erika McDonald, our Association Manager, at (512) 321-1145 for assistance. 🌱



2010 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN TAHITIAN VILLAGE – CITY OF BASTROP

BY JAN SCHWINDT

The following statistics were compiled from a 2010 End of Year Crime Report received from the City of Bastrop Police Department, for the city portion of our Tahitian Village Subdivision.

SUMMARY

TOTAL OFFENSES: 28

ANALYSIS

<u>DAY OF WEEK</u>	<u>NUMBER OF OFFENSES</u>	<u>% Of Total</u>
MONDAY	5	0.18
TUESDAY	6	0.21
WEDNESDAY	4	0.14
THURSDAY	3	0.11
FRIDAY	2	0.07
SATURDAY	4	0.14
SUNDAY	4	0.14

<u>TIME OF DAY:</u>	<u>NUMBER OF OFFENSES</u>	<u>% Of Total</u>
0000 – 0759	4	0.14
0800 – 1559	14	0.50
1600 – 2359	10	0.36

<u>TYPE OF OFFENSE:</u>	<u>NUMBER OF OFFENSES</u>	<u>% Of Total</u>
BURGLARY	6	0.21
• OF HABITATION	2	
• OF VEHICLE	3	
• OF BUILDING	1	
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	6	0.21
• < \$50	3	
• = \$50 < \$500	2	
• + \$500 < \$1500	1	
THEFT	3	0.11
• < \$500	2	
• = \$500 < \$1500	1	
FAMILY VIOLENCE	5	0.18
CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE	2	0.07
WARRANT	3	0.11
POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1	0.04
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	1	0.04
ILLEGAL DUMPING	1	0.04

The criminal report received from the Bastrop County Sheriff’s Department were the statistics for the entire Bastrop County, so therefore it is not included in this 2010 recap of Tahitian Village Criminal Statistics. You can obtain this report from the TVPOA Office. If anyone would like to obtain the whole county’s statistics, please contact Erika at info@tahitianvillage.com.

REMINDER: We the citizens of Tahitian Village should continue to be diligent about keeping an eye on our homes and our neighborhood. It is up to each of us to report any suspicious looking people or suspicious activity to our local crime enforcement authorities and to our local Tahitian Village Neighborhood News Network contact. The Police and Sheriff's Departments want to know when you observe problems with noise, drinking, family violence, vandalism and other unlawful or suspicious activity that needs their attention. If it is an emergency, call 911.

Non-emergency numbers:

Bastrop County Sheriff (512) 303-1080

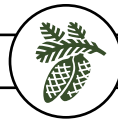
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM IN TAHITIAN VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

BY JAN SCHWINDT

Keep your community safe by getting involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program. The Tahitian Village Neighborhood Watch Program is struggling and we need YOU to help us keep it active. We are looking for a Committee of three to four people to accept the responsibilities which are not very much if shared. Please let us know if you could help plan programs, contact guest speakers or volunteer to set up the conference room for monthly meetings. Our program is only going to be as successful as the energy we the residents put in to it. If you are interested in being a part of the Neighborhood Watch Committee please send an email to info@tahitianvillage.com. Let’s make Tahitian Village a crime-free zone!!! Thank you. 🌿




Wildlife Abounds in Tahitian Village

BY MARY JO CREAMER

It is always interesting to hear different stories from our residents regarding the wildlife in Tahitian Village and more noticeably the deer population. I personally have received numerous calls and complaints from residents out walking who have happened upon the gruesome scene of a deer hunting location where the deer has been killed and its remains left at the site. This creates an environmental issue not to mention the issues of individuals hunting within a subdivision. Would you hunt near your home where you might experience a stray bullet? **IT IS ILLEGAL TO HUNT IN OUR SUBDIVISION** and signs are posted at many locations including all four entrances to our subdivision. I'm sorry the individuals who do not like the deer encroaching on their property have not been able to prevent this, but it seems the majority of our residents enjoy this part of nature and that is one of many reasons they moved to Tahitian. You probably will not see deer in Hunter's Crossing or Riverside Grove. One of our friends recently suggested trying to spread



human hair clippings into your flower beds and mix it into the soil. Now I don't know if this really works and I'm not sure I want to go to the beauty shop to obtain some, but then I like the deer in my back yard. Our friend also said this only works for a couple of months and then had to be redone. Well, that is my take on the wildlife. I love the deer, rabbits, squirrels, etc. Just not too fond of the snakes. 🐍



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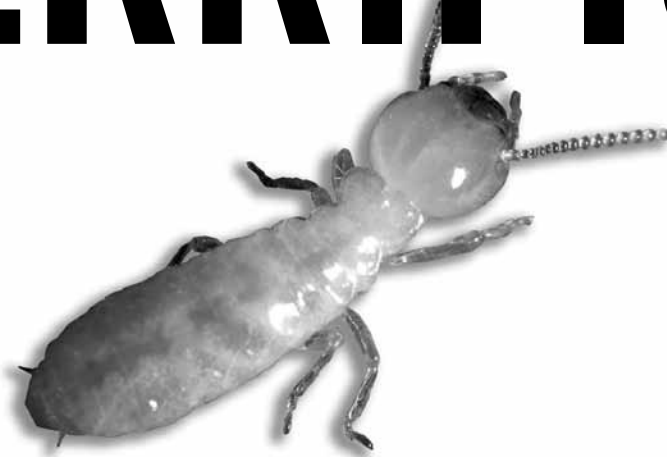
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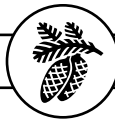
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BCWCID #2 News

BY VICTOR GONZALEZ

Walgreen's

As many of you have seen, Walgreen's has broken ground at the intersection of Tahitian Drive and Hwy 71. This property is within the city limits and subject to applicable permit and zoning regulations. The Water District is working closely with Walgreen's to provide their water needs.

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Joe Cooper, General Manager gave a presentation before the Board on the potential 100-mile pipeline that could be built from Bastrop to San Marcos. The pipeline could cause problems for our water system in Tahitian Village. If the pipeline is built, there are estimates that it could pump an estimated 80,000 acre-feet of water from local aquifers, which might significantly impact some of our wells. So, we naturally are concerned that our water supply could be threatened. Therefore, we oppose this project as currently proposed and we will keep residents informed regarding this situation. We encourage you to contact Senator Hegar and Rep. Kleinschmidt with your concerns regarding the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority's proposed \$400 million pipeline.

Waikakaaua Drive

As provided for in our inter-local agreement, the County is busy working on Waikakaaua. Commissioner Pina and his crew have started the preparation on this street. When completed, Waikakaaua will be paved from Lamoloa to Riverside Drive – approximately 4,500 feet of improved road at a fraction of the cost estimated by private contractors.

Road Committee

The Road Committee met on February 1 to discuss plans to prioritize road maintenance projects and to make recommendations on the 2011 road plan. On March 12, 2011, we will conduct our Annual Road Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the BCWCID#2 Conference Room. Please plan to attend this very important meeting, at which we will update residents regarding Road Committee recommendations and long-term funding options for faster road construction and better maintenance.



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LCRA UPDATE

BY VICTOR GONZALEZ

As you may have heard, LCRA has apparently decided to sell approximately 30+ wastewater systems located in Central Texas. BCWCID #2 is one of the wastewater systems that could be sold to private investors.

What does this mean to residents of Tahitian Village?

If LCRA were to sell the district's wastewater system to private investors, then the buying entity would control future wastewater rates in the district. Any investor utility purchasing these systems would, more than likely, want to ensure a 10%-15% stockholder profit, which would definitely mean higher wastewater rates for Tahitian Village users.

If BCWCID#2 can negotiate a reasonable purchase price with LCRA, the water district can maintain some control over costs. If we do nothing, wastewater rates could go up significantly in the future and the district would have little or no ability to control those costs.

For the record, there are approximately 500 homes in Tahitian Village served by the district's wastewater system. In order for Tahitian Village to remain attractive to prospective homebuyers, we need to make sure that our wastewater needs are met. There is tremendous potential for growth in Units 3 and 5, but unfortunately, there are no wastewater lines in place.

What are our long term plans for wastewater and how are we going to pay for necessary expansion and improvements?

We certainly need to have serious discussions on the future wastewater needs of Tahitian Village in the next several months. Throughout those discussions, we will make sure that residents have the ability to voice their concerns, ideas or thoughts. **Please plan to attend monthly BCWCID#2 meetings and any special meetings that might be called regarding this very important issue.**

In addition to wastewater concerns, long-term maintenance and road construction are critical issues needing to be addressed. **To discuss road issues, please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Annual Road Meeting on March 12, 2011.** Our goal is to continue to improve the quality of life for all Tahitian Village residents. 🌲

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 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: _____

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