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Removing the Tree Stump next to the Butterfly Sculpture

The Beginning of a New Season!

It doesn't matter how many times we do it, the beginning of a new season is always exciting. During the summer we work hard to make sure that everything is ready for when our Winter Texan family return, then it is with great anticipation that we wait for the flow of traffic from the north.

In October the Fun Association Board meets for the first meeting of the season, and the first members meeting is scheduled for the third Saturday in October. This is when we really start to feel the excitement of the new season building.

The owners have done their bit to make it a good season. The Fun Association Board is always working hard to provide fun activities and special events for you. Your part is to come back to Natures with a happy disposition and a willingness to have fun.

We welcome our Natures Family back and are looking forward to the best season ever.

Heads Up for Upcoming Events!

Beer, Wine & Brats Fall Festival:

This is a great event where we all have the opportunity to taste various beers and wines from all parts of the USA and Canada. However, we can only have this event if people bring beer and/or wine from their local towns or counties. So please put a couple of cans or bottles into your luggage to come down to Texas with you! Your contributions will be greatly appreciated and you will help create this fun event.

December Craft Fair:

Crafters, this event is scheduled for December 3rd, so now is the time to work on your crafts so that you have sufficient stock for the fair.

For those of us who are not crafters, remember that this is a great time to do some of your Christmas shopping. We have some very talented people at Natures who make beautiful and original items.

**New Event! Christmas Decoration
Contest:**

All the themes and details have not been worked out yet, but there will be a contest for the best decorated lots in categories such as 'Most Original', 'Most Traditional' etc. This will make the park look really festive, and it will be fun to walk around looking at all the decorations, greeting old friends and perhaps making new friends as well.

More details will be posted as we get closer to the holiday season, but you might wish to start some planning and bring special decorations with you.

**Tidbits from Speckles,
Natures' Proud Cat!**

I'm so excited! Very soon my Winter Texan Family will be coming back. I can hardly wait to see them again and hear about their summer adventures.



- Art & Terry chose one of the hottest days to work on putting rock down on their lot! I got so tired just watching them. I think they have finished all the work now, so they can relax and enjoy it!
- The Mother-in-Law's Tongue (the plant next to the steps into the hot tub) was almost bursting out of its pot, so Richard & Barb split it into three plants - two pots at the hot tub, and one on the east side of the clubhouse. Thanks guys for a job well done!
- It has taken a long time, but at last J.J. has recovered sufficiently from his shoulder surgery to be given the OK to return to work for light duty. We are happy to have his smiling face around the park. Welcome back J.J.!
- The old cement truck continues to wear a path to our gate. Hector now has a

cement pad to keep his truck out of the soggy grass during heavy rains.



Hector's New Pad

- How sad! The big tree on the west side of the clubhouse next to the butterfly sculpture died. Bill R & Richard spent a long, hot morning cutting it down and disposing of it. Thanks for your help guys!
- It was like old times seeing Al (Jean) on the ZTR mower, helping out while Dennis & Donna were on vacation. Many thanks for your help Al!
- Labor day was a blast! As always it was celebrated with food! Many thanks to Al & Jean and Ken & Barbie for hosting the event and making it such a success.
- New Members Barry & Peggy are excited to have become a part of our family. They have had cement poured and are now established on Lot 126. A big welcome to Barry & Peggy. We are looking forward to your return in December.
- I have never seen Natures so green! It has been raining and raining and raining and raining! We need the rain, so it is a good thing, but I'm concerned that I'm going to get webbed feet like a duck!
- Watermelons are still in season and are still providing an excuse for us to get together. Hector provided the watermelons, Marv, Diane, Brad &

Janice hosted, and everyone enjoyed a great feast!

- Steve, Lot 230, saw a need and jumped in to help. Thanks Steve for sprucing up the sunshades with a fresh coat of paint!
- A group of professional cleaners in matching shirts arrived at Natures with ladders, scissor lift and cleaning equipment. They have scrubbed the clubhouse walls, washed the ceiling and cleaned the lights. With this job done, we are now ready for the new season!



Professionals Cleaning the Clubhouse

- Stop by the office and say Hi to Frank and check out the new haircut! He is ready for the new season too.



A Big Smile from Frank!

- Have you noticed the thousands butterflies? Those big butterflies are the American Snout, and they are currently flying through Natures on their migration route. What a sight!

That's all from me. Safe travels to all my Natures Family who are returning to see me! Have a purrrrrrrrrrrrfect trip south!



What is 'The Natures Family' and What Makes it YOUR Family?

Often we talk about the Natures Family, but who exactly are they, and how do YOU become a part of it?

The Natures Family is a cheerful group of people who have the common goal of helping to make Natures a better place not just for themselves, but for everyone. They are able to accomplish this in many ways:

- They reach out to neighbors, friends or even someone they hardly know and give them a smile or a hug or a helping hand when needed.
- They encourage the Fun Activities Association Board (who work VERY hard to create a fun season for everyone) with feedback, comments and ideas.
- They volunteer to coordinate various activities, host special events, or help the coordinators and hosts.
- They help in myriad ways simply by seeing a need and taking care of it.
- They reach out to new folks and make them feel welcome.
- Most of all, they are positive. They are positive about Natures, positive about the people at Natures, positive about the activities.

We consider that EVERYONE who comes to Natures is a part of our family and we are extremely grateful to be surrounded by such loving, caring people.

How do YOU make the Natures family YOUR family? Come to Natures, join the fun, lend a helping hand, take part in things that interest you, meet and greet your neighbors, have a positive attitude and in no time at all you will feel that you belong and that this is YOUR family.