

NATURES TALES

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Welcome Home!

This is an exciting time at Natures. As the temperature up north drops, the Winter Texans start their annual migration south. Almost every day someone whom we have not seen since spring arrives. We love the anticipation of who is going to come through the gate next.

Although our travelers are tired and sometimes a little wilted from their long trip they still find the energy to respond to the greetings and hugs awaiting them and usually before they even have time to settle in, they are sharing news of their summer.

Natures' owners extend a warm 'Welcome Home!' to our Winter Texan Family. We are delighted to have you back with us.

A Taste of Poland

On October 12th Richard and Barb – Site 48 – provided an exquisite Polish dinner for everyone in the park. In their words:

"I am part Polish and our son had FedExed 20 pounds of real Polish Kielbasa from a Polish meat market in St. Louis. Knowing that Frank and a few others could not consume it all within a reasonable time we decided to put on a meal for everyone in the park. We included other Polish delights made from scratch, such as "Kapusta" (Polish style cabbage), "Peirogi" (cheese and cabbage stuffed Polish dumplings), "Babka" (Polish yeast bread), assorted rye breads, country ham and horseradish."

More than 40 guests brought an assortment of relish platters and desserts and

the meal was enjoyed by all. Some had never tasted these Polish delights before, but others, familiar with this ethnic food, couldn't wait to fill their plates.

Many thanks to Richard and Barb for sharing their windfall with us. We appreciate all their hard work and the wonderful, social evening they gave us.

You can feel the Excitement!

As the Winter Texans return and numbers increase at Natures, one can feel a corresponding mounting of electricity in the air! The winter season is off to a flying start. Already the Fun Association Board has met and the first Fun Association General Meeting has taken place. This means that most of the weekly activities are in full swing, and special events are being planned.

With all of the many activities, sometimes it is difficult to keep track of everything that you want to do. Each Monday Cassandra emails a list of that week's activities and during the week if there are any additions or changes, she will email that information as well. If you have not signed up for this service and would like to receive the activities emails, give Cassandra – Site 59 – your email address. Thanks, Cassandra, for once again offering this fantastic service.

Many of the special events require a sign up, so remember to check out the bulletin board and sign up for events you wish to attend. The impromptu board is also an important source of information. Remember to check it out every day for spur of the moment activities or changes.

If you have ideas for an activity or special event, or you are willing to host or help with an event, talk to your Fun Association Board. They welcome your input and your help.

Our Volunteers are at it again!

Once again we are overwhelmed by the generous volunteering spirit that is in evidence at our park. During the summer our permanent residents were awesome. Although few in number, with huge volunteering hearts they accomplish so much. Take a moment to look around and see all the things that they have done. Mowing, tidying, site work, gardening, painting, cleaning, taking photos for Natures Tales and answering the phone ... The list goes on and on. We are so grateful to each and every one of you. Thank you so much for all of your help.

Now the winter season has begun, and we see the volunteering starting all over again. We thank the Fun Association Board for their time and effort. Much of the work that you do is "behind the scenes" so it goes unseen, but it is you and those who volunteer to host events or help the hosts who create a great variety of special events for everyone's enjoyment.

Many people are also involved in making sure that our daily or weekly activities run smoothly. Our 'instructors' and 'group leaders' give their time and energy so that we can all have a great time. In addition we are blessed to have people who quietly see a need and take care of it without any expectation of acknowledgement or thanks.

Because there are so many volunteers it is impossible to name names without leaving someone out, so to ALL our wonderful volunteers we extend our heartfelt thanks. YOU make Natures a great place for everyone!

Tidbits from Speckles!

I love this time of year when all my Winter Texan friends are returning – but I have to be careful not to get squashed by a big rig!

- Welcome home Bill & Marge, Stan & Sue, Robin & Danny, John & Pam, Chuck & Pat, Jim & Maryann, Art & Ann, Chuck & Charlotte, Kat & Norm, Bob & Nan, Rick & Pam, Keith & Joan, Danny & Jan, Cindy & Randy, Al & Bernadette, Mike & Karen, Jack & Jane, Dave & Evie, Craig & Paula, Joe & Gail and Serge.
- I just heard the news! Ron & Lynne – Site 60 – were married in Las Vegas on August 8th. Congratulations!
- Frank is on a well deserved vacation. Natures just isn't the same without him.
- Another brand new park model rolled into the park, and it belongs to Bill T. It looks really great.
- Connie is in hospital. I hope she gets better soon. Her smiling face is missed at Natures.
- Yvette had a birthday party with homemade soup and cakes, and everyone sang Happy Birthday.
- Bill S. is doing well after his surgery, and he and Sandy should be back at Natures soon.
- There's been a lot of activity around the workshop. Denny designed and, with Ragualla and Al's help, built a great new work table to store the gas cans and ladders.
- The cement truck has been in and out of the park. It visited Jack & Cassandra, Norm & Kat, and Tony & Pam.
- I saw Mike and Karen zipping around in a brand new golf cart!
- The clubhouse is a very scary place with all its Halloween decorations
- There are lots of pretty new flowers in the Memorial Garden as well as around the lion fountain just inside the gate.

- I heard Cindy practicing some songs in the clubhouse. Probably getting ready for Bruce & Marysue's anniversary party. She sounds great!

I'd like to remind everyone that although I can read and write, I'm just a little cat, and sometimes I might miss something important. If you want something put in the news letter either tell me or email Misty and one of us will make sure that your information is included.

That's all from me!



Weekly Activities

- Aerobics:** 8:00 p.m. Clubhouse Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
- Bicycle Rides:** 9:30 a.m. Thursday
- Billiards** 6:30 p.m. Monday & Tuesday
- Bowling:** 9:00 a.m. Friday at Flamingo Bowl on 23rd in McAllen.
- Campfire:** 5:00 p.m. Friday. Bring hotdogs etc.
- Country Dance Lessons:**
Watch bulletin board for start date.
- Euchre:** 6:30 Monday
- Dominoes:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (Mexican Train)
- Koffee Klatch:** 9:30 a.m. Site 100.
Bring your coffee cup.
- Men's Breakfast:** 8:00 a.m. Every other Tuesday Sign up required.
- Petanque:** 10:00 a.m. every day. When the weather cools a little it will be changed to 2:00 P.M.
- Poker:** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.
- Soup & Salad:** 6:00 p.m. Monday. Sign up.
- Trivial Pursuit:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday
- Volleyball:** Check impromptu board
- Water Aerobics:** 9:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Special Events:

October 31 7:00 p.m.

Halloween Dance

Hosted by Sharlotte & Chuck. Please bring snacks/appetizers to share. Prizes for best costumes. Peggy will make a special MP3 for the event. Dress up and enjoy the fun!

November 9 6:30 p.m.

Birthday & Anniversary Celebration

Meet in the clubhouse for cake and ice cream to celebrate all our November birthdays and anniversaries.

November 15 9:00 p.m.

Fun Association Members Meeting.

This meeting is for everyone in the park. Coffee and donuts provided. Please come and give your input for the planning of activities and special functions.

November 22 3:00 p.m.

Fall Beer & Wine Festival and Welcome Home to Natures.

Everyone is asked to bring beer and/or wine from their home town or state so that everyone can sample the special brews from all over the United States and Canada. Brats will be provided.

November 27 12 noon

Thanksgiving Dinner

Turkeys are provided by Natures, but volunteers are needed to cook them. Please sign up for this event and bring a dish to share.

November 28 7 p.m.

Bruce & Marysue's Anniversary Party.

Bruce & Marysue invite everyone to join them as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Cindy will be singing, so put on your dancing shoes and join the celebration.