

NATURES TALES

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The Expansion Continues on And on...

The expansion area has been a hive of activity and our volunteers have accomplished so much. Managing to dodge the contractors road making machinery they made great strides on the water and electric projects. We can actually see the light at the end of the tunnel – and it is NOT an oncoming train!

The area west of the main road now has Caliche roads. (These roads will be black-topped at a later stage once the caliche has been properly compacted) Twenty three lots in this area have been completed and after the usual delays, AEP has installed the meters and these lots are now available. Nineteen of these are our super-duper sized lots with 200 amp service that can accommodate a super-duper sized rig or a 70 ft mobile home.

On the east side of the main road, another 15 lots have been completed thanks to our awesome volunteers. The caliche roads in this area should be started soon, and once they are finished then we can start the process of having the meters put in and the power turned on. Being older and wiser, we anticipate the inevitable delays with AEP.

The final major construction event will be to have all the lots graded, and once this is done the native grass will be allowed to grow, and within a few months what currently looks like a war zone should look clean and cared for once again.

Tidbits from Speckles, Natures Proud Cat!

What a busy month February has been. Dances, Dinners, Tournaments. I've been so busy all month that I've had no time to laze around in the sun!

- The worst thing happened! I've been threatened! I received the following email: "Dear Speckles, If you don't do your job, there is a newcomer at Natures who might just take over and do it better." I hope that someone catches Bunny Big Ears and gives him a home. I like my job!
- A group of bikers from Natures joined up with bikers from Sandpipers and went for a ride to Hebronville. The weather was perfect and they had a great day.
- I had to watch the Daytona 500 on the big screen TV through the clubhouse windows because animals are not allowed in the buildings. Everyone enjoyed the race (and the crashes!) The winner of the pool was Bob (Sharon). Thanks to hosts Randy & Cindy and Mike & Karen for the lasagna.
- Such talent we have here at Natures. Jane was awarded second place for her quilt at the Quilt Show.
- What a fun evening with Mexican food and dancing. The Mexican hat decorating contest showed that we have some amazingly creative people at Natures. Many thanks to hosts Tony &

Pam and co-hosts Mike and Karen for a job well done.

- There are people playing billiards almost every night. You might want to join them for some fun!

- Rick & Pam organized a Euchre tournament. There were no time restrictions (as has been the case in previous years) so it was more relaxed although the competition was fierce!

The winners were:

1st Bernie (#32)

2nd Brad (#227) & Nolan (#82) (tied)

3rd Rick (#79)

- The Super Bowl Party and was fun and the chile for the chile cook-off was delicious!

The Chile Cook-off winners were:

First: Jean M

Second: Barbara B

Third: Steve from Alaska

Thanks to everyone who participated, and to hosts Dan and Jan who did a great job.

- The clubhouse was PACKED for the first ever talent contest at Natures. The audience enjoyed music, singing, lip syncing, dancing, poetry, and comedy. Who knew that we had musicians who played the Native American flute, saxophone and accordion? The talent was awesome and everyone wants this to become an annual event. The judges and audience had a really difficult time judging as all the contestants were great. The winners were:

1st Pam, Karen & Tinka – Lip Sync

2nd Chip & the Girls – Song

3rd Steve – Song

Many thanks to Hans and Hermien who did a fantastic job of organizing and

hosting the event. Thanks also to the contestants who gave us a wonderful evening of entertainment.

- Another new house arrived – the second house in the expansion area! It was amazing to watch them backing it around the new roads and into its space.
- I had to investigate because I heard voices in the clubhouse saying “Breath of Life” over and over again. It was a CPR class which was attended by 9 people. This is a good time to remind everyone that there is a defibrillator just outside the laundry door as well as procedures to be followed in an emergency.
- It was a celebration, but it was also sad. Everyone gathered in the Memorial Garden to celebrate Sandy’s life, and to plant a palm tree, one of her favorite trees, in her memory. People shared stories of happy times with Sandy. She will always be missed – but never forgotten.
- We have some very busy ladies at Natures. One group is learning how to quilt, and I’ve seen some fantastic projects that they have finished. Others bake cookies just because they like to bake. Then the clubhouse smells delicious, and they leave the cookies for everyone to sample! (Misty likes to lick out the mixing bowls!)
- Everyone had fun at the Valentine Dance, and the clubhouse looked so pretty with all the decorations. Thanks to Randy & Cindy who hosted the event and to Greg and Kat for the awesome decorations.

It's been a purrrfect month. Now I'm looking forward to a magnificent March. There are lots of fun activities planned. That's all from me!



March Special Events:

- 3rd** 7:00 p.m. Dance Ralph & the Cruisers.
- 7th** 8:00 a.m. Blood Mobile Please consider donating life giving blood.
- 8th** 9:30 a.m. Yard Sale in the Clubhouse
8:00 a.m. Set-up Helpers needed.
- 8th** 1:00 p.m. Pet Play Afternoon. This will be an afternoon of fun for pets and their owners as well as the spectators. Don't miss it!
- 8th** Yard Sale on Monte Cristo Road
- 13th** 6:30 p.m. Cake and ice cream in the clubhouse to celebrate all the March birthdays and anniversaries.
- 17th** 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Dance
- 19th** 9:00 a.m. Members Meeting. If you are at Natures you are a member, and you are encouraged to attend this meeting. Free Coffee and donuts.
- 19th** 12:00 noon Farewell Cookout
- 22nd** 5:00 p.m. Appreciation Dinner. The owners wish to show their appreciation for all the wonderful members. Please sign up.
- 23rd** 7:00 p.m. Dance. Music by Ruthi

Weekly Activities

- Aerobics Indoors: 9:00 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday – Clubhouse
- Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. Monday – Gazebo
- Bike Rides: 9:00 a.m. Thursday. Meet on the north side of the clubhouse
- Bingo: 6:15 p.m. Friday Clubhouse (Starts at 7 pm)
- Camp Fire: 5:00 p.m. Friday. Bring your own hotdogs, buns, chairs etc
- Euchre: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - Card Room
- Line Dancing & Western Dance: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday – Clubhouse
- Men's Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. every other Tuesday
Details on Bulletin Board
- Mexican Train: 7:00 p.m. Monday – Card Room
- Quilting: 10:30 a.m. Monday – Clubhouse
- Sewing Circle: 1:00 p.m. Friday – Clubhouse
- Shanghi Rummy: 1:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday Card room
- Trivial Pursuit: 6:30 p.m. Thursday – Card Room
- Water Aerobics: 9:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Water Volleyball: Watch impromptu board for days and times.
- Wii Bowling: 3:45 p.m. Tuesday – Clubhouse
- Zumba: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday – Clubhouse