

# NATURES TALES

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## ***Unwanted Excitement at Natures***

A number of residents in the south east corner of Natures were abruptly awakened around midnight by the “BOOM” of an explosion, which sounded much too close for comfort.

Rushing out of their houses they saw flames leaping high into the night sky just over the berm. There was a gentle breeze that night – not a howling gale for which we were thankful – but the breeze was blowing out of the south east which meant that if the flames were to jump the drainage ditch, we could be in trouble. Vern & Sue who were closest to the fire unhooked their motor home so that they could leave if necessary. Doc & Yvette also took the precaution of moving their vehicles and some of their possessions out of the house. Bill D made sure that everyone on the east side of the park was awake – just in case! While all this activity was going on there was another explosion plus a few smaller bangs.

It seemed to take forever, but the response time was actually very good, before we heard the sirens and the fire trucks arrived to put out the blaze, which they did quickly and efficiently.

But what was burning and what caused the explosions? There is nothing back there but farm land!

On investigation the next day we found a burned out refrigerator trailer. We still don't know any of the details, but according to news reports, a tractor trailer was stolen then driven

down the dirt road next to us, the trailer unhitched and torched, and the tractor driven off!

We are most grateful that other than the inconvenience of interrupted sleep and some ash in the pools, no one was hurt and there was no damage to anyone's property.

That is certainly enough excitement for the whole season!!

## ***Condolences***

We regretfully inform you that Dick of Dick & Shirley passed away in September. Dick & Shirley lived at Natures for a number of years and were very active in decorating the clubhouse for special functions as well as establishing the Memorial Garden. Please keep Shirley and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

## ***WiFi News***

Brad, our resident “WiFi Guy”, is at it again! With the expansion of the park he has recommended (and we concur) that we need an additional WiFi system for the expansion area of the park. It is our hope that we will be able to receive our signal from a different tower, so that if VTX (our supplier) has one tower go down, we will still have WiFi in the park.

We expect that this will be accomplished in the next couple of weeks.



*Up goes the Pole for the new WiFi System*

### **25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration!**

(No gifts please!)

Come help Marvin and Diane celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited. The schedule is as follows:

6:00 p.m. Dinner. Ham will be provided by Marvin and Diane. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up sheet in the book under Pot Luck Dinners.

7:00 p.m. Dance with "A Party of One" provided by Marvin and Diane.

### **Halloween!**

Danny & Jan did a fantastic job of decorating the clubhouse for Halloween. Their organization kept all the proceedings running smoothly and everyone had a good time. Great job guys! Thanks for all you did to make it such a successful evening.

All the costumes were great, and many were so good that it was difficult to recognize people! Voting for the winners was really difficult.

The winners for best costumes were Doug – Lot 126 and Russ & Patti – Lot 212. Best carved pumpkin was Lee - Lot 305. Best wolf howl was Jane who was staying in one of the guestrooms.

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



It's so exciting!  
Everyday more of our  
Winter Texan family  
return! Welcome home folks!

- Bruce & Marysue, Lot 19, have created a butterfly garden. Go check out the multitude of butterflies!
- There is a yummy smell that wafts out of the clubhouse every Wednesday morning. If you haven't tried Marvin & Dianne's biscuits and gravy breakfast, you don't know what you're missing!

- Bill R is out of the hospital and is currently in rehab with continued back problems. Bill, we miss you, and hope that you will be home soon.
- Richard and Connie celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations! You are an inspiration to all of us.
- We have a bucket truck now. That is going to make it a lot easier to get to the top of the Wi-Fi poles, change the light bulb on the light at our entrance and trim trees.



*Big Boys have Big Toys!*

- It has been rumored that I don't earn my keep here at Natures. Besides keeping track of all that goes on in the park and

writing this column I also do my part in eliminating nasty critters.



*This Mouse could have gone into YOUR house!*

That's all from me. Have a purrfect Thanksgiving!



***It's Time for Breakfast!***

Marvin and Dianne have graciously volunteered to host breakfast, but they need your help!!

Due to popular demand, Biscuits & Gravy will be served every Wednesday from 8 to 9 at a cost of \$3.00 per person. The first Wednesday Biscuits and Gravy was on October 12<sup>th</sup>, and was delicious, so mark your calendars and remember to sign up in the sign-up book.

Saturday breakfast will start on November 5<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$4.00 per person. This will be from 8 to 9:15 on the first, second and fourth Saturday each month. Please remember to sign up for Saturday breakfast. (The third Saturday is the Members meeting with coffee and donuts).

In order for the breakfasts to run smoothly and continue thru the end of the season volunteers are needed. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the book. If you sign up for a certain Saturday, it is understood that you would like to work that Saturday for 5 months. (In case something comes up, you can always tell Marvin and they will get you a backup person.) Helping one Saturday a month is a good way to volunteer your time to help build the activities fund. With your help we can keep it going. Marvin: Site #21 or 918-497-9895

### ***November Special Events***

**1<sup>st</sup>** 8:00 a.m. **Men's Breakfast** – Meet in front of the clubhouse

**4<sup>th</sup>** **Blood Donations.** Please sign up asap for this life giving function.

**13<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 p.m. **Cake and Ice Cream** in the clubhouse to celebrate the November birthdays and anniversaries

**15<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 a.m. **Men's Breakfast**

**16<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 p.m. **Pot Luck.** Sign up required. Bring a dish to share, your own tableware and something to drink.

**19<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m. **Members Meeting.** If you are at Natures, you are a member and should attend this meeting. Coffee & donut provided.

**19<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 p.m. **Dance with Ruthi**

**24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Dinner.** Watch bulletin board for details.

**26<sup>th</sup> Trim-a-Tree.** Get into the holiday spirit by helping to decorate the clubhouse. Watch bulletin board for details.

### ***Weekly Activities.***

**Bicycle Ride:** Thursday 9:00 a.m. Meet in front of the clubhouse. See bulletin board for details.

**Bingo:** Friday Watch Bulletin Board for details.

**Breakfast:** Wednesday 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Clubhouse Biscuits & Gravy Sign-up

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 8:00 to 9:15 See sign-up sheet for menu

**Campfire:** Friday 5:00 p.m. Bring your own chair, drink, hotdogs etc. Fire provided!

**Euchre:** Monday 6:30 p.m. Card Room

**Line Dancing:** Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

**Old Time Radio:** Thursday 4:00 p.m. Lot 102

**Spanish Conversation:** Thursday 3 – 5 p.m. Card Room

**Stick Rummy:** Sunday 7:00 p.m. Card Room

**Western Dance Lessons:** Wednesday 7:45 p.m.

**Wii Bowling:** Tuesday Watch bulletin board for details

**Yoga & Pilates:** Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Clubhouse