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Beer & Brat Fest – November 10th

This is always a fun event, but we need everyone's help to make it a success. **Please remember to bring your favorite hometown beer and/or wine for the beer and wine tasting.** Watch the bulletin board for more details.

Tidbits from Speckles, Natures Proud Cat.

I'm so excited. Soon our Winter Texan Natures Family will start coming back. We've enjoyed a quiet summer, but I'm looking forward to all the activities again.



- I've heard that we are going to have a wall in the card room honoring all our war veterans here at Natures. So if you are a veteran please bring a 5 x 7 photo of yourself in uniform so we can put it on the wall.
- Once again Denny saw what needed to be done and just did it. The outside bathroom doors have been painted and the kickboards were buffed to a high shine. Also, the stand for the popcorn machine has been sanded and painted. Now he is working on the lights around the pool. These jobs entail far more work than anyone would imagine,

but the end results make the doors, stand and lights look new! Thank you Denny!

- The card room floor looks great thanks to our volunteers. Two people prepped the floor and a team of 5 resurfaced it with an epoxy paint. Now it matches the floor in the clubhouse. Thanks everyone for a job well done!
- I don't think it tastes so great, but apparently everyone else thinks it does! Diane and Marvin prepared three huge bowls of watermelon for everyone so that they could have their fill before the end of the watermelon season in South Texas.
- Marvin & Diane had a huge roof erected over their lot. That should help them stay cooler in the summer!



Diane tells Marvin Where to Go!

- Richard & Barb bought new noodles for the pool. Thank you so much! It was really nice of you!
- We are playing musical chairs with lots again. Ed & Larry moved to Lot 216 and Mike & Julia are taking over their old lot, #207. Ron & Jill are leaving us for family reasons, and Don & Deb, (new to our Natures family) will be moving on to Lot 130. Mike, who is currently on Lot 58 will be moving to Lot 41.

- It only happens once a year, and it only happens at night so if you are not watching for it, you can miss the night cactus blooming!



This photo was taken at about 7:00 a.m. just as the blooms were starting to fade away.

- Any excuse is a good reason for a get-together. Dennis & Donna spent a few days at Avatan while on vacation, and enjoyed a get-together with our Natures family who spend their summers there.
- It was so exciting watching the Ed & Larry's house moving to its new site. The movers moved the house, screen room and carport all in one piece. It took three hours to get from Lot 207 to

Lot 216, which provided a whole morning of entertainment for the 'observers'.



Moving house, screen room & car port in one piece!

- Julia (Mike) shared her photographer skills with us and did a photo shoot of the guest rooms and some other areas using Doug & Alannah as models. We have some great new photos on our website. The next photo shoot will be of the pool area, shuffleboard and petanque courts. If you would like to be in them, watch the bulletin board for dates and times.
- Labor Day was a scorcher, but Marvin and Al braved the heat and cooked homemade hamburgers and brats on the grill. Everyone contributed by bringing a side dish or dessert, and we all enjoyed a great meal together followed by a dip in the pool. Many thanks for Marvin & Diane and their helpers for a job well done!
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I'm so excited! Our Natures' family is starting to return after spending their summer

up north. It will be great to see everyone again! We're looking forward to a purrrfect season. That's all from me!



Our Last Projects for the Summer.

There were two small projects remaining on our summer improvement schedule: The card room floor and windows in the north facing guest rooms.

The floor in the card room was starting to look scruffy, so it was decided that it should be sealed with epoxy sealer to match the clubhouse floor. Al and JoAnn did a great job of prepping the floor so that the epoxy would adhere properly. Then the call went out for volunteers to do the epoxy work. In the usual Natures Volunteering spirit, there was no shortage of people willing to help. In less than one hour we had the card room floor looking really spiffy. A big thank you goes to everyone who helped with this project. We appreciate you sharing your time and talent with us!

The last project on our list was to have new, large windows put into the two north facing guest rooms. The rooms only had one small window, and most of that was taken up with an air conditioner, so a large window giving a view of the expansion area was a must. A contractor was hired to do the job, and now the north rooms are bright and cheerful.

At last – everything we planned to do was done... at least that is what we thought!

To our dismay, when the big pool was refilled after the new cool deck had been

poured, the plaster at the bottom of the pool started lifting. Patching was an option provided that there were only a few bad places and the plaster would stop lifting. It didn't stop! The only option at this point was to re-plaster the entire pool. We contracted to get a double crew in to chip out the old plaster so that the job would be done as quickly as possible causing the least inconvenience to our residents. The workers did an amazing job of completing the chipping in only three days. It took another day to clean the mess out of the pool, and do some cement work on the steps. On day 5 the plaster crew arrived at 4:00 a.m. to plaster the pool. The foreman and his workers did an amazing job to accomplish all this in only 5 days.

Immediately the plastering was finished, using many hoses the pool was filled as quickly as possible. During the night of day 5 plus the 24 hours of day 6 with hourly checking to balance the water, a sleep deprived Richard was able to re-open the pool on day 7. Thank you so much Richard! You are awesome!



Re-plastering the Pool early on Day 5

NOW all the summer projects are finished and we are ready and looking forward to the return of our Winter Texas family!