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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

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## *It's Time for Fun!*

As far as activities are concerned we had a quiet summer, but now we eagerly greet our returning Winter Texas family and with their return we are looking forward to another fun filled, busy season loaded with activities.



*Welcome Home Everyone!*

The coordinators of all the activities are our hard working Fun Association Board who had their first meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, followed by the members' meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We encourage everyone to attend the members' meeting each month so that you know what is going on at Natures, can vote on the various entertainers who have visited Natures, and can give your input to the board and all the other members.

As always, the Fun Association Board needs YOUR help. All the dances, pot lucks and special events need a host and/or hostess. Hosting is not a difficult job. There is a list of guidelines outlining exactly what needs to be done, but in a nutshell, the host needs to ensure that tables and chairs are set up prior to the event, and that everything is cleaned up after the event. There are always many volunteers willing to help with set-up and clean up so you are not doing everything on your own. If you choose to decorate the clubhouse

for your event, traditionally there has never been a shortage of people to help put up and take down decorations. So please step forward and volunteer to host an event.

Tom is coordinating "Fun in the Sun" which runs for about 10 fun filled days in February. There are plans for wonderful new events and he is hoping for even more ideas. Once again volunteers are needed to organize each event. Please contact Tom (Lot 309) if you are willing to help or have an idea for a new event.

We had a wonderful 2011/2012 season with an abundance of activities for everyone. The reason for such a successful season was all the volunteer help. We are so grateful to everyone who hosted an event, who helped the hosts, who decorated, who cleaned up, who stepped up when there was a need, who coordinated an activity, who cooked for some of our special meals, who helped raise funds for the Fun Association..... The list goes on and on.

We do not take our volunteers for granted. We realize that volunteering is exactly that .... Voluntary. It is not something that you HAVE to do – It is something that you CHOOSE to do and we are grateful to our volunteers for the choice they make. Natures Resort has an amazing number of people who DO choose to volunteer, and it is because of this wonderful volunteering spirit that we are all able to have so much fun.

If you are new to our Natures family one of the best ways to get to know people and to feel like a part of our family is to become a part of that volunteering spirit. So don't hesitate! Jump in, volunteer and enjoy the fun!

Once again, a HUGE Thank You to all of our volunteers. YOU are the reason that Natures is a fun place to be and we appreciate all that you do.

***Tidbits from Speckles,  
Natures Proud Cat.***

I love this time of year! Our Natures family is coming home! It is wonderful to see everyone again but now there are lots of things going on, so I have little time to nap in the wonderful Texas sunshine.



- What a thing to happen! Doug broke his ankle two days before he and Alannah were supposed to leave for their vacation in Ireland and London! He had to have surgery and will be in a cast for a few weeks.
- Doug and I looked like twins, both hobbling along with a sore foot – but mine was only a sandbur and it's all better now.
- Mike & Karen will be leaving for Florida where they are expecting twin grandchildren! How exciting for them!
- We had a nice turnout for the October birthday and anniversary party. About 50 folks!
- Pool Richard had some surgery on his hand, and now he looks like he is wearing a boxing glove! You better shower before getting into the pool or you may see his boxing glove up close!  
Hehehehe!

- Richard has been measuring up lots for cement to be poured. We're adding some new folks to our Natures family!
- You should see the new carport on site # 130. It is big enough to accommodate Don and Deb's motor home and still provide lots of space for outdoor activities.
- Steve and Tish are on Lot #230. Welcome to our Natures family!
- Several big cement trucks have come to Natures. They poured a big cement pad for Steve and Tish (#230) and for Lee & Mary (#128). They also poured some cement to enlarge the parking area for John and Pam (# 61).
- After a lengthy absence, Danny and Jan (Lot 64) are back at Natures. Welcome back!
- On Thursday I heard dance music and went to investigate. Country dance lessons have started again, but they have moved to Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
- There have been so many sugar cane burns that Richard was about to go crazy with the "black snow" getting into the pools. Many thanks to all the people who helped him with the continuous clean up.
- I have seen people giving a warm welcome to Dean and Doris on Lot 201. I want to welcome them too.
- Jean, Lot 13, had knee replacement surgery. She is back home now and is doing well. I hope it won't be too long before she will be dancing in the street!
- Richard and Al worked so hard shoveling dirt up to the edge of the new

cement paths. Thanks guys! It looks great.

- We got two new puppies! Actually Nick and Greta belong to Ken & Janet. I sure hope that they will make friends with me.
- I can hardly believe my eyes. When Laurie drives her new golf cart she sits on the right side and Sadie is in the driver's seat. I wonder if that has anything to do with the funny thing Laurie wears on her right foot? Yes, I think I saw Dave driving it once when Laurie wasn't looking.
- The bicycle rides have started again. It's neat to see people lining up outside the clubhouse on Thursday mornings with their bikes and helmets.
- When Danny and Robin got here they had a new puppy. I hear them calling her Pretty Girl. She is a real cutie and I especially like the color of her coat! (It's the same color as mine!)
- Then there was Bill Rose going all around the park with that noisy saw trimming low hanging branches from the trees. I thought the noise would never end. The next day Bill and Nolan put all those loose branches into the big trailer to be hauled away. Thank you guys!
- Ken and Barbie have moved their motor home from the pull-throughs to site #238. I am so happy to have you at Natures!
- Donna is happily enjoying her new park model on Lot 81. If you haven't been inside, ask her for a tour (and try to sneak me inside so that I can see too!)
- When they are not playing with their puppies, Abby & Bo, Lester and Brenda

are busily making their new mobile home look welcoming on site # 231.

- Are they building a new swimming pool on Lot 313 ? Better ask Pool Richard!!!!!!!!!!
- I heard from an unconfirmed source that Frank was seen vacuuming the mats in the clubhouse!!!! Go Frank, Go!
- I am almost afraid to go out at night these days. There are jack-o-lanterns and ghosts all over the place.

Things are really starting to get busy around here. I just know we are going to have a purrrrfect season!

Sorry, gotta run ... see if I can find a mouse.



### ***Halloween Fun***

Many thanks go to Tom and Mel for hosting the Halloween Dance, and to everyone who helped them make it such a success. The costumes were clever, inventive, imaginative and some were just downright funny and entertaining. To everyone who dressed for the occasion we thank you for your effort and fun spirit. The judges had a difficult time awarding prizes because there were many wonderful costumes.

*Best male and funniest costume - Larry (Lupe).*

*Best female – Alannah and Tinka*

*Best Couple – Lester & Brenda*

*Best Pumpkin – Rebecca*

## **Activities**

As our Winter Texan family returns, our regular weekly activities are starting up again. Please keep a close eye on the bulletin board (next to the dance floor in the clubhouse) and the Impromptu Board (in the pool area) for any additions to the list below. It is also a good idea to subscribe to the Activities Google group so that you will be notified of additional activities.

**Aerobics** (Low Impact) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m. Clubhouse

**Bible Study:** Monday 10:00 a.m. Card Room

**Bike Ride:** Thursday 9:00 a.m. Meet outside the office

**Bingo:** Friday 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. card sales. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

**Breakfast:** Wednesday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Clubhouse. Sign-up.

**Campfire:** Friday 5:00 Fire Pit. Bring your hotdogs, buns & drinks and join the fun.

**Texas Cards:** Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. 7:00 p.m. Card Room

**Country Western Line Dancing Lessons:**  
Thursday Clubhouse  
6:30 p.m. Beginners line dancing  
7:00 p.m. Line dancing  
7:45 p.m. Couples country western

**Euchre:** Monday 6:30pm Card Room

**Mexican Train:** Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Card Room

**Petanque:** Every day 2:00 p.m.

**Stitch & Chat:** Friday 1:00 p.m. Clubhouse

**Water Volleyball:** Every day 2:00 p.m. Check the Impromptu Board by the pool for additional information.

## **Special Events**

**Sunday, Nov 4** Daylight Savings time ends.  
Turn your clocks back one hour.

**Monday, Nov 5** -- Blood Drive -- 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please sign up for this life giving function.

**Saturday, Nov 10**—Marine Corps birthday

**Saturday, Nov 10** -- Beer and Brat Fest 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. -- Music by Ron O'Neil, Party of One. This is always a fun event. (Remember to bring your favorite beers and wines from your home town or state)

**Sunday, Nov 11** – Join us in the clubhouse for cake and ice cream to celebrate our November Birthdays and Anniversaries -- 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov 13** -- Yard Sale -- Clubhouse – morning .

**Wednesday, Nov 14** -- Yard Sale – Along Monte Cristo Road – morning

**Saturday, Nov 17** – Members' Meeting – 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting. Complimentary coffee and donut.

**Thursday, Nov 22** -- Thanksgiving Dinner. Sign-up.

**Friday, Nov 23** -- Turkey Hop Dance -- 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. -- Big Daddy, DJ  
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**Wednesday, Nov 28** -- Pot Luck Dinner. Please sign up in the three ring binder under the bulletin board.