



NATURES TALES

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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

The Summer is Over!

It seems only yesterday that we were saying goodbye to our Winter Texan family as they left for their summer homes up north and we settled into a long, quiet summer at Natures.

Although we do not have a summer schedule of fun activities, summer is a busy time of year. As soon as people start heading north we immediately begin preparations for the start of the next season. Besides the big summer projects that involve contractors and workers, there are myriad smaller tasks that need to be done during the summer. Many of these are handled by our residents who make up an awesome team of volunteers. These tasks fall into three categories:

1. *Maintaining the park's tidy appearance during the summer.* Through the hottest summer days people can be seen tending to absent annual lease holder's lots. Although the growth of grass, plants, shrubs, trees and the inevitable weeds is slow during the winter months, any time that there is rain during the summer, EVERYTHING grows in leaps and bounds, including the weeds. Residents mow, trim, weed, water and spray for people who are away. Although this doesn't take much effort in the winter, doing the same jobs under the hot summer sun makes it a major task but the end result is that Natures looks good 12 months of the year.

2. *Continuing on-going projects for the wellbeing of everyone as well as on-going projects for the Fun Association.* The dog run continues to be mowed, the candy, soda,

snacks and ice continue to be sold and restocked, the Recycle Hut is maintained and recycling runs are made, and ants and mosquitoes are kept under control.

3. *Maintenance projects.* There are many areas in the park that need a "once a year" spruce up, and many of our residents can be seen jumping in to tackle these areas. The benches at Sandy's have been pressure washed, the emergency stairs from the balcony have been sanded and painted, the gazebo and fountain have been cleaned up, the bonfire wood pile has been tidied up and the library has had a thorough clean-up to get rid of duplicate books or books that are not being read.

Besides all of these projects, residents have also volunteered to host, help or do clean-up for our Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day picnics, as well as hosting or baking for our weekly Sunday Ice Cream. In addition people have generously donated decorations and supplies and others have un-decorated and re-decorated the clubhouse to keep it looking festive in the summer for us as well as our day guests. And, although not an annual occurrence, this summer we also had people who helped with grounds maintenance while we were between Maintenance Technicians. We are most grateful for this extra help.

Summer is the time when all the extra work needs to be done. It is also the time when there are the fewest people in the park, yet we manage to accomplish so much! This is because we have an awesome team of

resident volunteers. Many of these volunteers prefer to keep a lower profile during the winter, so our Winter Texan family is unaware of the very active volunteer roll that they play during the summer. However, we are aware of all that they do, and notice when something has been worked on or cleaned up. We are so thankful to all of you for your dedication and faithful work during the last few months and want you to know that you are greatly appreciated. Without all your help Natures would not be the great place that it is! Thank you!

Another Season Begins!

It is amazing to find that summer has raced by, and here we are, ready to begin a new season. As always, we look forward with great anticipation to the return of our Winter Texan family and the start of all the activities. We wish all of our returning family a safe trip and a big Welcome Back Home!

Condolences

It is with a heavy heart that we inform our readers that Mel, Lot 67, passed away suddenly in August. Although Mel & Tamara have only been at Natures for a little over a year, in that short time they became an active part of our family and our lives are richer for knowing them. Mel will be greatly missed. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Tamara and their families.

Tidbits from the Spirit of Speckles

It has been very quiet at Natures. All the summer contract projects were completed by the end of July so there are no more workers at Natures. It's nice to have the resort back to ourselves! I like how



peaceful it is, but I'm excited about the prospect of seeing all my Winter Texan family again. A few have already come back, some are on the road, and others are planning their trip back home! Although it has been quiet, there are some things to report on:

- Rebecca is back and Willis is smiling again! She and Blayde were both missed while she was helping her mother recuperate. Welcome home Rebecca!
- Randy & Cindy bought a new Class C motor home. Congratulations!
- At midnight one night, a group of crazy people gathered at the pool so that they could watch the predicted meteorite showers. There were a few large meteorites plus some smaller ones - but certainly not enough to call it a 'shower'. However, it was a nice social time!
- Art & Terry were busy every morning from first light until it got too hot painting their house. Nice job guys.
- The contractors really turned the library upside down when they were working there. Willis has spent many hours straightening out their mess and getting everything back in order once again. Go check out how organized the library is now. Many thanks for your hard work Willis!
- Dirk visited us again and once more brought us a case of cookies to have with our Sunday ice cream! Thank you Mr. Cookie Man!
- What do you do when it is too hot to play outside? You play inside! At least that is what Jan, Lot #37, has been doing. She has been working on her quilts at home, and getting Steve to help her in the clubhouse when she is ready to put the top and bottom together.

- The cement truck visited us again! Mike & Robin, Lot 120, decided it was time to pour a slab and put down some roots at Natures.
- Bill R spent a large portion of his summer on his bike visiting various people. He rode more than 11,000 miles, a good portion of which he said was in the rain. I wonder if he has webbed feet now?
- Richard is back! It's always good to have Pool Richard back in the park. On his travels this summer he bought a 'new to him' Scamp, so I suspect that he may 'disappear' from time to time to do some fishing at South Padre!
- Labor Day was another time for gathering together and celebrating! Many thanks to those who hosted and helped make this such a successful event.
- Misty has a new name! Three months ago she broke her left little toe. Last month she broke her right little toe. Her new name is Gimp, but she also answers to Klutz
- Richard, Big Bill and Al look as though they are mixing up some sort of witches brew, but that's not so. They are heating up a pot of tar (No, not to tar and feather someone!) to fill in some cracks in the road. Thanks for fixing our roads guys!
- There has been a lot of activity in the clubhouse as the summer decorations were taken down, and new decorations celebrating fall have been put up. Some very clever people devised a system that will now allow larger items to be hung on the clubhouse walls. Some of our very talented quilters have loaned a variety of beautiful quilts that now line the clubhouse walls. The

clubhouse looks stunning. A huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make the clubhouse look so good.

That's all from me! Safe travels to everyone on the road. Have a purrrrrfect trip back to Natures!



A Message from our President

Members,

As Labor Day approaches and members start thinking about returning to their winter homes at Natures Resort, I would like to remind you of a couple of things:

First, please remember to bring back your home town beer and or wine to donate for the Annual Beer/Wine and Brats Festival that will be held on Nov. 14th. This is always a fun event and many members plan to return in time for it.

Also, please remember the first of our semi-annual NR Garage Sales, and bring back what you don't want or need anymore and donate it to our Garage Sale. This year the first Garage Sale will be Nov. 17th inside the clubhouse and Nov. 18th on Monte Cristo Rd.

This is the largest money maker that we have and the money is used to make the winter at NR a more fun place by getting more bands for dances and more items for activities. So dig deep and help us out with the Garage Sale.

Another thing I would like to ask all members returning, and that is to travel safely on your trek south. We want you to arrive safe and sound and have another fun winter.

Thank you,
Ken C.
President, NR Fun Association.