



NATURES TALES

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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

We are Grateful!

After a long, dry spell, we were grateful when it started raining. We had about an inch of rain in a 24 hour period much of which soaked into the ground and the rest drained off within an hour after the rain stopped. What we did not realize was that some areas received much heavier rain for a longer period of time, causing dreadful flooding and hardship to many people. Over the next few days it rained off and on which was great for us, but devastating to the flooded areas - which again received much more rain than we did.

The flooding in the surrounding areas, including Weslaco, was devastating. Many home owners have simply handed in their keys to the mortgage holders and walked away from their homes. Our hearts go out to all the people who were impacted by the flooding.

The continued rain has caused an abundance of mosquitoes in the area. Bill R has been out and about early in the morning, day after day, fogging mosquitoes. Although one can't eliminate them totally, certainly he has cut their numbers dramatically to the point that they are not impacting us. Thank you so much Bill. We appreciate what you have done and continue to do for Natures!

The rain has greened up all the vegetation both at Natures and in the valley, so everything looks green and lush, and Tony is working hard to keep up with the mowing and the weeds that are thriving!

So we are grateful for the rain that we have been getting, we are grateful that we did not suffer any flood damage, we are grateful to Bill R for his mosquito work and we are

grateful to Tony for keeping our grounds looking great!

Our Volunteers are at it again!

After some heavy rains (prior to the flooding) we were having problems with the paneling under the guest rooms balcony. Dan and Kelly saw the problem and have done a superb job of putting all the paneling back up, with holes drilled to allow the water to escape after heavy rains. Thank you Dan & Kelley for the wonderful job that you did!

Although Dan and Kelley have often helped us out, we also have many others who step up and help when they see that there is a need. We are so grateful to all our volunteers who continue to work to keep Natures looking good and a place that people want to visit.

A Race Track at Natures with no speed limit! Really?

There was another project that was tackled by volunteers. Over the past few years a number of people here became interested in Remote Control Car Racing and would go out of the park to race their cars. The problem was that they didn't have anywhere to practice!

Some of the RC enthusiasts at Natures approached management to see if there was a place where they could set up a practice race track in the park. Of course Pool Richard was roped into the discussion of finding a suitable area, and in his usual efficient manner found an area west of the dog

run that would be large enough and would avoid the septic system drain fields.

Having been to some of the RC races, Richard's enthusiasm for the project grew, and he became involved in the building of the track together with the other volunteers. This fueled his interest in RC cars, and the next step was (obviously) to buy himself an RC car- but it arrived without a battery or charger!



Richard Smoothing out the Track



See how much greener everything is after the rain!

Do you remember what your kids' reaction was when Santa brought them a toy with no batteries?? That was Richard!

Again we thank our volunteers who put a great deal of time, effort and labor into planning and building a race track which we

believe will be enjoyed by an increasing number of people at Natures.

Editor's note: Although there is no speed limit for the remote control cars on the race track, the speed limit at the resort remains at 5 m.p.h.!

Tidbits from Cally, Natures' Proud Cat!

Oh what a lazy wonderful life! I check on all my family in the early morning and later evening while I catch a critter or two, then siesta during the hot part of the day! I'm a lucky cat, but I still need to report on all that is going on here.



- We didn't have a pig in a poke, we had a pig in the park! Where it came from nobody knows, but it was seen on several occasions over a number of days by many people. Then it was gone. What happened to it is a mystery to everyone but me. I think it got tired of me constantly chasing it out of the park. That's a tough job for a little cat - but I did it! The pig is no more!



"The Pig"

- A couple more canopies have gone up. One for our new family members, Frank & Lena on Lot 233 and one for Richard & Karen on Lot 136 who say that it has dropped the temperature in the house by 14 degrees.
- Once again one of the Century Cactus plants put up its huge flower stem. For those who have not witnessed this rapid "Jack and the Bean Stalk" growth, this enormous flower stalk grows to over 20 feet in just a few months. The sad part is that it uses so much of the plant's resources, that after flowering, the plant dies.



Century Plant on Lot 222

- July 4th, Independence Day, was celebrated by having a social get-together plus a wonderful meal in Richard's Pool Hall which was air conditioned. Many thanks to Janice and Mark for organizing this event,

as well as others who helped with set-up and clean up.

- July 14th was International Skinny Dip Day. AANR encouraged everyone, especially anyone who had never done so before, to have a skinny dip on this day. Although our numbers are small at this time of the year, we had 18 people in the pool, and followed this event with cookies and ice cream.
- July 3rd was the 11th Anniversary of "The New Natures" - when Big Bill & Sandy and Bill & Misty teamed up with Frank as the new partnership. The anniversary was celebrated on July 4th with cake and ice cream. Again, thanks to Janice, Mark and their helpers!



*Happy Anniversary
Natures!*

That's all from me! I hope that you are all enjoying a purrrfect summer!

