



# NATURES TALES

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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

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



Hot! Hot! Hot! That is the only way to describe it! During the middle of the day everyone hibernated! Even me! I'd find a shady patch under a shrub and spend my afternoons there. My people would head to the pool in the later afternoon, but I just stayed under my shady shrub. In spite of the heat, we still had fun here - Even a few crazy things!

- When things are a little too quiet in the park, some people have been heading out to play Mexican Bingo. By all accounts they have been having a great time.



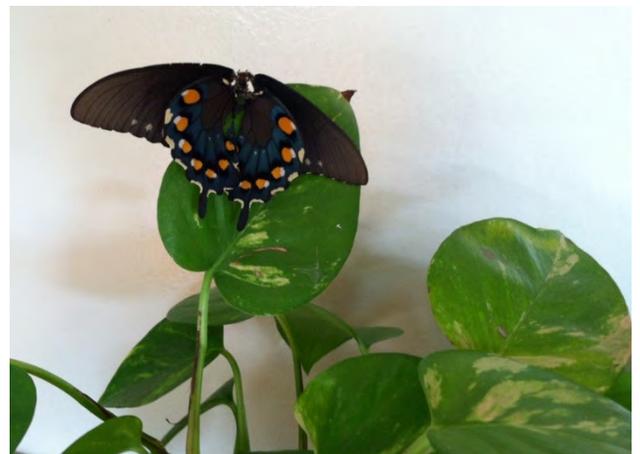
*The only problem with Mexican Bingo is that you have to get dressed!*

- There are some things that I can only show you. Don't ask me how, where, what or when! All I know is that

strange things have been going on at Natures this summer!



*Carolina and a Kayak on the Stage?*



*And this turned up on the plant in the office!*

- Labor Day was another excuse to gather together and eat! Many thanks to Mel and Randy and their helpers for organizing a delicious meal for us.

- Did you ever hear of Friendship Day? We hadn't either, but decided that it was a good excuse for a pool party and pot luck hosted by Dave & Laurie. Dave provided delicious pulled pork supplemented by side dishes which everyone brought. Thanks to Dave & Laurie and all their helpers for a fun afternoon.
- Another social occasion! Pool time followed by Ice Cream Sundaes. Life doesn't get much better than this!
- And then we had Pool Time and Snacks - but this turned into "Let's make Misty lie on her belly to get photos of us" and "How many people can we fit in the hot tub?" Like I said, strange things have been going on at Natures this summer.
- Another eating occasion! Laurie, who is always wanting to try out new recipes, made huge dishes of two different kinds of meat balls, accompanied by spaghetti, sauce, salad and bread, plus desserts. What a feast. Many thanks to Laurie and Dave and their helpers for a great meal, and a fun social time.

I'm very excited because my Natures Family will be returning soon. I've missed them and hope that they all have safe travels.

That's all from me!



## **Condolences**

It is with a very heavy heart that we pass along the news that Alan (Joann) had a heart attack and passed away very suddenly and quickly. Alan and Joann were one of the original couples who came to Natures when it was still being developed. Alan had a kind and generous heart, and was always ready to help when there was a need. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our sincere condolences go to Joann and their family on their great loss.

## **Summer Maintenance**

Although there is a much slower pace at Natures during the summer months when our Winter Texan Family are away traveling or spending time up north, it is a busy time for the staff as this is when we try to get the big maintenance jobs done so that we can keep Natures looking good.



*Carefully sealing the edges of the road, making sure that there is no overspray.*

This summer we sealed all the roads in the expansion section of the park. (We sealed the original section last summer) Although this causes great inconvenience to those who are in the park, it is very necessary because regular sealing protects and greatly extends the life of the roads. Many thanks to everyone

who was here for putting up with the noise, dust, and inconvenience. Our roads are all in good shape now.

The big sunshade in the smoking section of the pool area was blown down during the nasty storm in June, so this needed to be replaced. We were sorry to lose the unique sunshade designed and built by Big Bill, but the patio roof that we had built will give our smokers some much needed shade.

The Memorial Garden is getting a face lift with new mulch. (Misty discovered that she can fit 23 bags of mulch in her car, but the brush truck can only fit 20 bags in its bed!)

Tony has been busy sanding and sealing all the wood benches around the petanque courts, fire ring and at Sandy's as well as the picnic tables in the pull throughs, and Carolina has been doing a good job with deep cleaning the buildings.

Another summer project has been going through all the clubhouse chairs, and recovering all those with cushion covers that were worn or torn. At the start of last season all the chairs were in decent shape - but apparently many of the covers reached the end of their life during the season! By the end of the season there were many very sad looking chairs. Our thanks to Tony and Laurie for all the work that they put into re-covering approximately 80 chairs. This will be an ongoing project as more covers wear out, but now that we have the pattern and fabric, we are all set to recover them as the need arises.

## ***A Few Reminders as you pack to head south .....***

### ***Beer & Brats***

On November 9th 2019, we will hold our 13th annual Beer/Wine and Brats Festival at the clubhouse.

This is a reminder that we would love to taste your home town/area's beer and/or wines. So if you have room for a 6 pack or so or a bottle or two, in your travel vehicle, please bring it along with you when you head south. It will be a great addition to an already fantastic time.

### ***Military Photos***

Also, if you were in the military and have a 5x7 inch photo of yourself in uniform and want to have it put in a place of honor, please bring it with you to Natures and Ken will put it up in the card room with others.

### ***Quilts***

Once again we will be hanging quilts in the clubhouse. As you are planning your return to Natures, please give some thought to bringing a quilt to display. Whether it is made by you, a friend or family member or has been passed down to you, we would love to see your treasures!

### ***Garage Sale***

One of the biggest fund raisers for the Fun Association is the Garage Sale in the fall. If you have unwanted items up north, toss them in your camper or car, and donate them to the garage sale. Remember, one person's trash is another person's treasure! And the more money raised means more fun for everyone!

We're looking forward to the return of our Natures Family and the start of another fun season! Travel safely!