



# NATURES TALES

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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

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

How exciting it is! Each day the gate opens, and more of our Winter Texan family come home and we get to hear all about their summer. We have missed all those who went north for the summer, and are glad that they are coming back!



- It's amazing what some will do to get to Natures. When Jody & Carrie Mae pulled into PT #10 they discovered that the black outdoor stray cat from home had stowed away in their camper! And they also discovered that she was pregnant. Then as a crowning gift, the day before they were to leave the stow-away cat had two babies! Perhaps she just wanted her babies to be citizens of Natures?
- We had a hot water flood! While cleaning Jo Ann wiped down the water connections to the washing machines, and one of the connections that had rusted popped right off, giving Jo Ann a blast of hot water. After a mad scramble to shut the water off, Laurie helped out with her shop vac to clean up the flood, and Dan & Kelley came to the rescue and put on new hoses and hose bibs. Thanks Laurie, Dan & Kelley!
- Laurie had the urge to bake (again), so she organized a pool social to be followed by cake and ice cream. She

supplied a variety of cakes, including a sugar free one, which we enjoyed. Thanks Laurie for a fun, social time.

- Lynne, Lot 53, made a quilt of the United States and Canada which is hanging in the card room. Please take a moment to fill out one of the tags and pin it to the quilt so that we can see where everyone is from. Thank you Lynne for the quilt!
- Volunteers came together to decorate for Halloween. Somehow our volunteers turn working a fun, social event, judging from the laughter during the decorating. Many thanks to everyone who helped to give the clubhouse a Halloween atmosphere.
- Oh-oh! I got my feet wet when I should have been walking on dry grass. I asked Dan & Kelley to see why there was a soggy, wet spot when it hadn't been raining and they discovered that we had sprung a leak in our 2" water pipe. Thank you so much for fixing it. Cats really don't like getting our feet wet!



*Excavating to Find the Leak.*

- When we had the Days For Girls raffle quilt hanging over the back corner of the stage, bands commented that it helped the acoustics in the clubhouse, so Jane, Lot 209, made a Natures Resort quilt that will hang in the corner during the times that we don't have other quilts there. Thank you so much Jane for the beautiful quilt, and thanks to Dave, Laurie and Lee for hanging the quilt.



- The Halloween Dance was a huge success. The Wally Garza band played a wide variety of music, and the dance floor was full for most of the evening. The snack table was loaded with goodies to eat with everything from meatballs to eye-ball Jello shots. The costumes were great and ranged from Adam & Eve (which was very brave considering that it was a cold evening!) to the farmer and his wife with their John Deere tractor! Many thanks to the hosts, their helpers, everyone who brought snacks, and everyone who came in costume. You all created an evening of fun for everyone!

#### Halloween Winners:

Couples Costume: Steve & Dana (who were issued a parking ticket for parking their John Deere tractor on the dance floor)

Single Costume: Jerry in his Ducky PJ's.

Halloween Snack: Don & Margot who made the eyeball Jello shots

- Did you get Boo'ed? I don't know who started the Boo'ed movement in the park, but it was fun! The excitement of receiving a Halloween Treat, and then having the joy of making up two more Halloween treats to share. To whoever our Boo instigator was, Thank you!
- Many thanks to Dan & Kelley for repainting all the yellow lines on the roads and paths. Now you can see where to stop at the stop signs. (*hint, hint!*)

That's all from me!



#### ***And so we begin another season!***

Our quiet summer has raced past, and suddenly it is the start of another exciting season. The gate is working overtime as more and more of our Winter Texan family return home with tales of their summer adventures. We are happy that you are back with us, and are looking forward to the return of those who are still on their way south.

Prior to the end of last season, the Fun Association Board worked hard to set up a schedule of all kinds of fun events as well as booking bands for the various dances for this season. The kick-off event for the season was our Halloween Dance with music provided by Willie Garza and the Texas Breed.

In the past Steve, President of the Fun Association, was very active in introducing and coordinating some new fun events such as the outdoor Luau street party and Monte Carlo night. He was DJ at a number of our dances and hosted Karaoke and other activities. He also ran the electronic activities board in the clubhouse as well as the Fun Activities Association website. As you are probably aware, Steve and Julie are unable to return to Natures this season because of some family issues, so you might be wondering whether all these fun activities are going to fall by the wayside.

The success of Natures is based on the wonderful volunteering spirit that we have here. Obviously we are going to need volunteers to help out with the many activities that Steve & Julie were involved with. The plans for the activities were made last season, so much of the footwork has already been done. There are instructions for how to host an event, All that is needed is hosts, coordinators and helpers to make these things happen.

If you are new to Natures or have not volunteered to host a function or coordinate an activity in the past, consider this: Not only does volunteering ensure that we have an abundance of activities, but volunteering is a great way to meet people and become a part of the Natures Family.

We are grateful to Tom (Kat) for stepping up from Vice-President to President of the Fun Association. At the November 16th Member's meeting Tom will be asking for volunteers to host or coordinate some of the functions that Steve has previously hosted as well as other activities. This will be a great opportunity for you to get involved and join the heart of Natures which is our volunteering spirit.

We are excited about the fun season that is ahead of us!

## November Special Events

- 4th - 13th** 9:30 a.m. PiYo/Abs Exercise
- 5th** Blood Drive
- 7th** **7:00 p.m. Open Mic/Karaoke**
- 9th** Beer & Brats
- 10th** 6:30 Birthday & Anniversary Cake & Ice Cream
- 13th** Garage Sale Set-up
- 14th** 8:00 a.m. Fall Garage Sale - Clubhouse
- 15th** 8:00 a.m. Garage Sale - Monte Cristo Rd
- 16th** Members Meeting
- 17th** 7:00 p.m. Open Mic/Karaoke
- 18th** 7:00 a.m. Dance
- 21st** 4:30 p.m. Fall BBQ. Please sign up

## Weekly Activities:

### Monday

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
- 9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
- 9:30 a.m. Advanced Exercise (starting 11/18/19)
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball

### Tuesday

- 9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
- 9:30 a.m. Advanced Exercise (starting 11/18/19)
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball

### Wednesday

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
- 9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
- 9:30 a.m. Advanced Exercise (starting 11/18/19)
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball
- 4:00 p.m. Happy/Social Hour

### Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
- 11:30 a.m. Veggie Joe
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball

### Friday

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
- 9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
- 9:30 a.m. Advanced Exercise (starting 11/18/19)
- 1:00 p.m. Crafting in the Corner
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball
- 5:00 p.m. Camp Fire
- 6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Purchase Bingo tickets
- 7:00 p.m. Bingo

### Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Darts

### Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball