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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY



Repairing the Damage Caused by Hurricane Hanna

*Left and Right photos shows the damage
caused by Hurricane Hanna. Below
are the progressions of the tear down
and rebuild, to put our clubhouse back
together again.*



*At last the repairs
are finished, and
the clubhouse is
back to normal
again.*



*With the larger
fasteners that were
used, the walls
should be stronger
than before
Hurricane Hanna*

Cleaning up after Hurricane Hanna

All the major damage from Hurricane Hanna has been completed, but it was a long and frustrating process. Although we were able to hire contractors for the major damaged areas, because the damage was extensive in the Rio Grande Valley, it was difficult for the contractors to find the materials that they needed. 4 x 4's and 2 x 4's and the tin for the fence were in short supply which caused some delays.

However, the contractors were resourceful and managed to obtain the materials, and the jobs were completed within three weeks. However, this was not without many headaches. Unbeknown to us, the contractor working on the east and west fences was sick and his helper would not work with him. Fence repair is not a one person job, and all the work that he did without his helper was totally unacceptable. The contractor for the entrance fence had to be told a number of times to redo the work because it too was unacceptable.

Eventually the front fence was adequately repaired, but the best that could be said for the east fence was that it was up, giving us our privacy, but it needed extensive work done on it to correct the bad workmanship. Huge thanks go to Dan & Kelley who worked on this as time and energy permitted. The contractor who worked on the clubhouse did an excellent job for us without us having to watch and nag!

But those were just the big jobs. What was left was myriad smaller jobs. The fence on the south side of the pool area, the fence on the west side of the dumpsters, and the metal fence behind Sandy's all had to be repaired. Dan (Kelley) and Joe (Elaine) rebuilt the pool fence. Dan & Kelley rebuilt the dumpster fence. Dan & Kelley also worked on getting the fence behind Sandy's pulled upright, only to find that the posts and cross sections were rotted and needed to be replaced, so they completely rebuilt that fence as well. They also replaced the entrance light post and light that was torn

down with the fence during the hurricane, plus straightening the entrance fence next to the cardboard recycle that we had not even realized had been compromised. Dan's sharp eyes also noticed a corner post at the gate that needed to be replaced, so he and Kelley did that too!



Repairing the Pool Fence

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the cleanup, like shop-vacuuming the water out of Richard's Pool Hall, picking up fallen branches, mopping up the clubhouse, fixing one of the path lights and one of the pool area lights, etc. We appreciate you and all that you did to help with the clean-up after Hurricane Hanna. Very special and sincere thanks to Dan & Kelley who have gone way above and beyond volunteering. They have spent many hours each day for the past 2 months working on projects to get Natures up and running again. They are an exceptional couple and we are extremely grateful for all their help.

Condolences

We have two sad announcements. Julia, (previously on Lot 116) passed away recently, but, as her daughter-in-law said, she is now with Mike and is happily singing and dancing with the angels. Julia will always be

remembered for her love of singing, and for her years of taking photos of all the events at Natures. We send our heartfelt condolences to her family.

Joyce, Lot 15, also passed away peacefully in her sleep after battling many health issues over the past few months. She is now with Doug, probably trying to keep him out of trouble! Joyce was a kind, loving and caring person and will be greatly missed by all at Natures. She will always be remembered for organizing 'old fashioned' pot lucks, and being an avid Kansas Jayhawks fan. Our condolences go to all of Joyce's family.

Rest in peace Julia and Joyce.

Tidbits from Zeus, Natures' Proud Cat.

It has been a busy time here at Natures, cleaning up after Hurricane Hanna, but Misty will tell you about that. I'll tell you the other things that have been going on!



- People are playing musical lots again! Leroy & Joyce have moved from Lot 1 to Lot 15. For health reasons, Al & Jean decided that it was time to return to New York so Joe & Elaine have moved from Lot 84 to Lot 13. Dean has given up Lot 201 and moved to Lot 120. Tom & Patty have given up Lot 138, and Jim & Judy, day members, have taken over their lot and become annual members. Tom & Patty hope to join us in the New Year with their latest toy - a travel trailer. Gary & Nina, who took over Lot 224 from Normand & Diane, have sold it to Larry was shuffled from one lot to another last season.
- Doug, Lot 5, spent many hours cutting out some branches from a Mesquite tree in the common area, making it less top heavy in the hopes that it will survive if we have another storm. Thanks Doug!

- The shrubs and trees that we were topped after Hurricane Hanna have done a remarkable job of sprouting new growth, and are starting to look pretty again.
- Some of Big Bill's sculptures are receiving a face lift! Terry, Lot 232, has done a wonderful job of painting them giving them a bright new look. Thank you Terry! Your work is beautiful!
- When I was brave enough to venture out after Hurricane Hanna, I saw John, Lot 19, casting his fishing line in a big puddle of water left by the storm! Did he really think he was going to catch some fish? Even I know that the big puddle will disappear in a couple of hours! Oh wait I get it! It's part of the ever present sense of humor at Natures Resort - even after a hurricane!
- The hummingbirds are starting to arrive at Natures, which means that their migration south has begun. This also means that my Natures family who have spent the summer up north will also be heading south again. It's going to be fun to have them back, and I can't wait for all the activities to get back into full swing!



Humming Bird migration signals the return of my Natures Family!

That's all from me.
Stay safe and stay healthy!

