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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

A New Season Begins

Usually we have a slow and gentle ending to a busy season of back to back activities and special events. We continue the weekly schedule as, one by one, our Winter Texan family return to their northern homes, then, when there are no longer sufficient people for a particular activity, it is dropped from the schedule.

This did not happen last season. Due to Covid-19, in mid-March everything came to an abrupt end. We had to shut down all activities immediately, and our Canadian family was ordered to go back to Canada. It felt as though we had been enjoying a wonderful dream, only to be rudely woken to find that life as we knew it no longer existed! It was a very unsettling time, and a horrible ending to what had been a great season.

Over the summer we have all been learning how to cope with Covid-19. Some people chose to remain at Natures for an extended period of time as they felt safer here than going north. Others chose to head home where they felt they would be better able to isolate. Each had to find their own comfort zone, and make the decisions that were best for them.

Having navigated the summer safely (and how grateful we are that we are all still healthy), it is time now to navigate our new season. Although Covid-19 is still very much alive and thriving, much as been learned about this new disease and how one can keep oneself safe. Obviously this season is not going to be like any season we have had before, but with all the new information from CDC, plus state and

county guidelines and protocols, we expect to have a great winter at Natures.

Although we want to have fun and be active with a full calendar of events, our number one priority is to keep everyone safe. We anticipate that by changing the way we do things we will still be able to be active and have a fun filled season.



In the past, a Halloween Dance has been the kick-off event signaling the start of a new season. With Covid-19 can we still have a dance? YES, we can, but we will have to do it a little differently. The Fun Association has done a great job in changing the table set-up in the clubhouse creating socially distanced seating, so once again, we will be starting our season with the Halloween Dance. Just one example of how we can still do the things that we enjoy while remaining safe! For those who might prefer to be outside, there are tables and chairs in the pool area where you can relax and enjoy the music and dance on the Kool Deck.

The Fun Association Board always work hard to provide a full calendar of events, but

this year, negotiating Covid-19 they will be working extra hard. Please let them know that you appreciate their efforts, and when hosts or helpers are needed, be willing to volunteer in areas where you are comfortable.

Together we can have a safe and fun season!

Tidbits from Zeus, Natures' Proud Cat

I'm so happy and I'm so sad. Every time I see an RV come through the gate, or see members of my Natures' Family return I feel so happy. But I overheard someone talking, and they said that some of our Canadian family members will only be getting here in January, and that some won't be able to get here at all this season. That makes me very sad because I will miss them. I hope that they will all be back next season!



- As people arrive, the activities are starting up again. Morning exercise and belly dancing are in full swing. Three on three volleyball is wishing for a few more volleyball players to arrive. Currently they are playing two-on-two! Petanque has begun again, but they too will welcome more players. It's fun to see people out and about again.
- What a lot of hammering and banging there has been in the park. Some house roofs were damaged during Hurricane Hanna, and had to be replaced, so one house at a time had a new metal roof put on. Because the company doing the work was doing such a great job, a few other people felt that this would be a good time to replace their older roof. If you walk around the park you will see a lot of new, shiny roofs!
- The Gazebo roof was also damaged in the hurricane. It's shingles flew all over

the park in the storm, so it has been given a new roof too.



A New Roof for the Gazebo

- One of the joys of being in this area is that we are in the migration path of many different kinds of birds and butterflies. It's been fun watching great numbers of small brown and larger yellow butterflies streaming through our park. (People driving through a flutter of butterflies don't enjoy them as much as I do, because they have to wash their vehicle afterwards!) This is a great time to visit some of our butterfly and bird sanctuaries.



One of the Migrating Butterflies

- Our first special event of the season was our Halloween Dance. There were scary costumes, funny costumes and cute

costumes. The weather was perfect, so people could comfortably sit outside in the pool area, while others were in the clubhouse seated at "socially distanced" tables, and all were able to follow the Covid protocols, enjoying themselves while staying safe. Music was provided by Gatos Locos. Thanks to Tom & Cathie for the great job they did hosting the event.



A few of the fun costumes!



- John & Candi introduced a new game, Molkky, (a cross between bocce and bowling) to Natures. Those who showed up for the 'trial run' enjoyed the game and said that, although there is strategy, it is easy to play. With the enthusiasm that Molkky received, it will be played every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 p.m. on Lot 303. They are looking for more players, so give it a try! Thanks John & Candi for adding to the fun that we have at Natures.

That's all from me. Please be safe! Remember to social distance, wear your mask (Have you noticed that I'm wearing one too?) and sanitize your hands!



Schedule of Events during Covid-19

Because we are navigating our way through Covid-19 it is difficult to look too far into the future regarding activities and special events. To get the most up to date information please go to the Calendar of Events at: <https://www.naturesresortfunassociation.org/>

Below is a partial list of activities, but this will be expanded upon as more people arrive from their northern homes.

November Special Events

- 3rd:** 9:00 a.m. Blood Drive
- 19th:** 8:00 a.m. Garage sale in clubhouse
- 20th:** 8:00 a.m. Garage sale on Monte Carlo

Weekly Activities

Advanced Exercise:
9:30 a.m. Monday Wednesday Friday

Belly Dancing:
9:00 a.m. Tuesday

Molkky:
3:00 p.m. Monday Wednesday Friday

Morning Exercise:
8:30 a.m. Monday Wednesday Friday

Petanque:
2:00 p.m. Every Day

Pickle Ball:
9:00 a.m. Every Day

Water Volley Ball: 4:00 p.m. Every Day
(If there are sufficient players) Watch Impromptu Board for changes in time.