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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

A New Season Begins!

Our Winter Texan family is pouring into the park, and we are enjoying all the stories of their travels during the summer. The greatest news is that our northern border will be opening on November 8th, and our Canadian Winter Texans will be able to join us this season. They have been greatly missed.

After last season, when we were so very limited in what activities we could have, people are anxious to get back into the old routine. Already pickle ball is back in full swing, Mollky Madness is back, the 2 p.m. gong can be heard daily calling people to play petonque, and the conch shell horn can be heard summoning people to the volleyball pool. Friday Bingo has started, and a new activity "Make & Take" has made its debut. Morning exercises continued throughout the summer, but now there are many more people enjoying this activity. As more people get back, more and more activities will be added. (Remember that all activities must go through the Fun Association so they can be added to the schedule.) There is talk of "Movie Night" becoming a regular feature in the clubhouse. If you have ideas and are willing to host additional activities, speak with the Fun Activities Board. New ideas are always welcome, and the Board is willing to add any activities that will enhance the fun at Natures.

We are looking forward to our best season ever. Come on down to Natures where we smile and have fun!

Covid Booster Shots

How fortunate we are that Michele is Meg's daughter and that she is the Chief Operating Officer at the McAllen Emergency Room, because she was able to arrange for two of her staff members to come to Natures to give us our Pfizer booster shot!

Waiting for our Booster Shots.



All of those who received the booster shot were also given a big goodie bag which included a lap blanket and a cup with a lid. Thank you so much Meg and Michele for arranging this.



Receiving the Booster Shot

Of course we had to turn this into a social event! Some met in the pool prior to the shots, and after the shots we had to stick around for the 15 minute safety check, so Lee & Mary supplied delicious ice cream cones and Laurie baked us cupcakes. The 15 minutes turned into an extended social time, catching with friends.

Beer & Brats, One of Natures' most Popular Events

On November 13, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, we will be having our 13th Annual Beer/Wine and Brats Fest. (It should be the 14th but we were being safe last year)

For those new to this, we ask members to bring some beer and/or wine from their hometowns, states, provinces or countries for other members to taste. The Fun Association will provide the Brats.

This has been a favorite event since it was started 14 years ago. If you haven't participated in Beer & Brats in previous years, do plan to come to this one. It is fun and a great way to socialize and meet people that you may not know.

Thank you Ken for starting and hosting this great tradition.

Tidbits from Zeus, Natures Proud Cat!



It is so much fun! Every day another of my Natures' family return home. I'm so happy to see everyone. I'm also happy that all the activities are starting again, and everyone is busy and having fun! Here's what's been going on:

- We got a new laundry door! This door opens on the left instead of the right, so now people don't have to fight with the Sago Palm when they go through the door. It's fun watching people reaching for the handle on the wrong side of the door! Old habits die hard! Many thanks to Dan who nursed the old door until it eventually was declared dead, then arranged for the new door to be put in and for painting it to match the other doors.



In Goes the New Door!

- I see people gathering in Richard's Pool Hall early each the morning. Apparently they drink coffee and solve the problems of the world. Obviously they are not doing a very good job of problem solving, so perhaps you should join them and help them out. Everyone is welcome, and there is complimentary coffee in the kitchen.

- It's that time of year when all the ghosts, goblins and scary creatures show up. A large group of volunteers gathered in the clubhouse to help Steve & Ginger decorate for Halloween. I love all our volunteers! Thanks for your help!
- Every morning at 9 a.m. I see a group of very energetic people playing pickle ball. It's a good thing that a second court was built!
- Have you ever heard of Pegs N Jokers? If you have, then come to the clubhouse on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. to play. If you have not, then come to the clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and learn how to play it! This is a new activity at Natures, so you can get in on the ground floor and learn at the same time as many others. Pegs N Jokers is a fun game and easy to learn.
- Start preparing now for a new Fun in the Sun event: A cardboard boat race! Form your teams now, and design a boat made from cardboard and duct tape that will be sturdy enough to hold one person who will be timed paddling from one end of the pool to the other. Keep your designs and construction secret and don't give away any strategies that might help the other teams. We anticipate that this event will be as much fun for the participating teams as it will be for the spectators.
- Make and Take is a new activity led by Terry, Lot 232. The first Make and Take had a fall theme, and those participating made the cutest scarecrow decoration. Terry has many other crafts that she will share, so if you enjoy making things, sign up for her next Make and Take on November 14th.
- After a bat was discovered in Karen's umbrella, Doug decided that it would be good to make bats in the area feel welcome, so he made a bat box and

placed it in a tree in the common area. Bats are our friends! They eat mosquitoes!

- The Halloween Dance was so much fun. There were many unique costumes, including a pregnant nun and priest, the unknown ghost, and a glamorous witch. The best couples costume went to Dave & Elaine, Lot 41; best single costume went to Dion, Lot 114; and best pumpkin was carved by Maryann, Lot 77. Congratulations to our winners.

Many thanks to John & Candy who filled in as hosts for Steve & Ginger, and to everyone who helped with the clean-up after the dance.

That's all from me. Remember to Smile and have Fun!



The first of 3 blood drives this season

Natures' family has a very giving spirit, and supports the Rio Grande Valley in various ways. One way is by giving life saving blood to an area that is currently in desperate need of blood. Our first blood drive was held on November 2nd. Twenty people registered to donate, one was deferred, so a total of 19 units of blood were donated.

This drive, like last season's drives, was very well organized and extremely sanitary. All the necessary precautions were taken to insure our health and safety. The next blood drive is on January 4, 2022. Please consider supporting our blood drives. With your donation there is a free screening for Covid antibodies as well as cholesterol screening.

Many thanks to Ken, Lot 57, for organizing these blood drives.

November Special Events

- 2nd:** 9:00 a.m. Blood Drive
- 4th:** 7:00 p.m. Karaoke
- 13th:** 3 p.m. Beer & Brats
- 14th:** 1 p.m. Make & Take
- 15th:** 7 p.m. Dance: Southern Knights
- 17th:** Garage Sale Set-up
(No Exercise classes today)
- 18th:** Garage Sale in Clubhouse
- 19th:** Garage Sale on Monte Cristo
- 20th:** 9:00 a.m. Members' Meeting
- 20th:** 3:00 p.m. No Pressure Book Club
- 21st:** 7 p.m. Karaoke
- 25th:** 4:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner
- 28th:** 1 p.m. Make & Take

Weekly Activities

Monday

- 6:00 a.m. Coffee Klatch
8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
9:30 a.m. Advanced Exercise
(Starts 11/8/21)
10:00 a.m. Hand & Foot
1:00 p.m. Cards
1:30 p.m. Volleyball
2:00 p.m. Petanque
3:00 p.m. Mollky Madness

Tuesday

- 6:00 a.m. Coffee Klatch
9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
10:00 a.m. Hand & Foot
1:00 p.m. Cards
1:30 p.m. Volleyball
2:00 p.m. Petanque
6:30 p.m. Pegs & Jokers

Wednesday

- 6:00 a.m. Coffee Klatch
8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
9:30 a.m. Advanced Exercise
(Starts 11/8/21)
10:00 a.m. Hand & Foot
1:00 p.m. Cards
1:30 p.m. Volleyball
2:00 p.m. Petanque
3:00 p.m. Mollky Madness

Thursday

- 6:00 a.m. Coffee Klatch
9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
10:00 a.m. Hand & Foot
11:30 a.m. Veggie Joe
1:00 p.m. Cards
1:30 p.m. Volleyball
2:00 p.m. Petanque
4:00 p.m. Happy/Social Hour

Friday

- 6:00 a.m. Coffee Klatch
8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
9:30 a.m. Advanced Exercise
(Starts 11/8/21)
10:00 a.m. Hand & Foot
1:00 p.m. Cards
1:30 p.m. Volleyball
2:00 p.m. Petanque
3:00 p.m. Mollky Madness
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Purchase Bingo tickets
6:45 p.m. Bingo sales close
7:00 p.m. Bingo
7:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em

Saturday

- 6:00 a.m. Coffee Klatch
9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
10:00 a.m. Texas Hold'em
1:30 p.m. Volleyball
2:00 p.m. Petanque
7:00 p.m. Darts

Sunday

- 6:00 a.m. Coffee Klatch
9:00 a.m. Pickle Ball
1:30 p.m. Volleyball
2:00 p.m. Petanque