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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

We are Thankful

Thanksgiving is a special time when we can pause for a day and ponder on how much we have to be thankful for. On the top of the list is our Natures Family. A large group of people from all over the USA and Canada, who care about each other, and reach out to help those who might need help or a hug. We are thankful that our Winter Texan family has returned to spend the winter with us, and we are particularly thankful to see our Canadian family who were unable to travel last season.

We are thankful for our volunteers. Years ago I was asked how I managed to get people to volunteer. I replied "I don't do anything to get volunteers. When our Natures family sees a need, they simply step in and help." Because of all the volunteers we are able to keep Natures looking nice, and we have amazing activities and special events. They make Natures such a special place.

We are thankful for the Fun Activities Association Board who works with all the volunteers to coordinate our busy activities schedule. They spend hours in the background working together to make sure that everyone in the park has a wide choice of fun activities.

We are thankful for our staff at Natures. Carolina works hard keeping the buildings clean and tidy, Tony does a great job taking care of the pools, and maintaining all the common areas in the park. Valerie, who is the front door to Natures, is always smiling and willing to help everyone who comes into the office. These three people are a great asset to Natures.

We are extremely thankful that we have had the opportunity to be vaccinated against

Covid, and that we are once again able to get together as a family and enjoy all the activities and special events, including our Thanksgiving dinner. We are thankful to Jerry and Joan for hosting, as well as all of their helpers, everyone who contributed food, and the cleanup crew who enabled us to have a wonderful Thanksgiving meal together.

And we are thankful for the beautiful weather that we have been having and hope that it will continue. However, regardless of the weather, we will still continue to smile and have fun with our Natures Family.

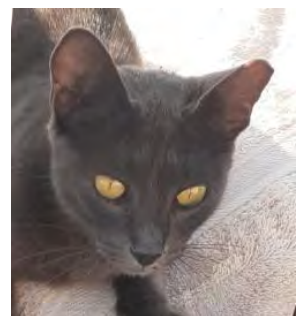
Condolences

One of Natures' members, George Gardner (Lot 224), recently passed away from natural causes. He had been diagnosed with cancer and was undergoing treatment.

Our sincere condolences go to George's family and friends. He will be missed.

Tidbits from Zeus, Natures' Proud Cat

The best part of November was seeing my Canadian family return after they had to miss last season because of travel restrictions due to Covid. Now our family is complete again!



There has been so much going on. I have been very busy trying to keep track of all the activities. Here is what I can remember:

- Make it and Take it has been a successful new activity. Every two weeks Terry has a new project for people to make and take home with them. If you like crafts, you might wish to sign up for one of the projects.
- Two more canopies went up! Evertt & Joy on Lot 240 and Mike & Lois on Lot 207. They both look great, and will be especially appreciated when the hot Texas sun is shining.
- Rose arranged a cake and ice cream social in the clubhouse to celebrate David's 95th birthday. That certainly is a big milestone! Happy birthday Dave! I hope that the coming year will be a happy and healthy one for you.
- Beer and Brats was a huge success. There were so many different types of beer and wine as well as some Moonshine for people to sample. Our bartenders did a great job helping people choose the type of wine or beer that they might like. The kitchen crew and people cooking the brats also did a great job, and everyone had such a good time. Many thanks to Ken and Janet who hosted the event, and to all their helpers as well as the clean-up crew for making this such an enjoyable social event.
- Ken & Terry had an open house to celebrate the completion of the various makeovers done in their home. Unfortunately at the time of the open house the heavens opened and we had a Texas downpour. For those who were unable to make it, Terry says that you are welcome to stop by and see what they have been doing.
- The fall Garage Sale was a great success although it did not go quite as planned. Sue & Rainy and all the helpers did a great job of setting up and pricing all the items in the clubhouse. The following

day was the in-house sale. Sales were great - totaling an amazing \$1,210.15.

Then the rain came and plans had to be changed. The outside sale, scheduled for the following day had to be postponed because the ground was extremely soggy. However, by Sunday everything had sufficiently dried up, and all the remaining items were taken out to Monte Cristo Rd, for another successful sale totaling \$968.10. The two day total of \$2,178.25 will be used by the Fun Association to create more fun for us!

All remaining items were taken to the Monte Alto Community Center. Many thanks to Sue & Rainy and all their helpers for all their hard work. Thanks also to everyone who donated items to and bought items from the garage sale.



Dropping items off at Monte Alto

- We had our first monthly Cake & Ice Cream Birthday and Anniversary Celebration for the season. Many thanks to those who baked or helped serve. It was a fun social event.

That's all from me! I'll be back with more news in January!



December Special Events

2 nd	7:00 p.m.	Karaoke
6 th	7:00 p.m.	Dance. Band: Texas Blood
9 th	4:30 p.m.	Fall Barbeque. Sign-up required
12 th	1:00 p.m.	Make & Take. Sign-up required
12 th	6:00 p.m.	Birthday Cake & Ice Cream
15 th	3:00 p.m.	Christmas Parade
15 th	4:00 p.m.	Brad Austin Trio Entertainment
18 th	9:00 a.m.	General Meeting
18 th	3:00 p.m.	No Pressure Book Club
19 th	7:00 p.m.	Sandpipers Christmas Play
20 th	7:00 p.m.	Gift Exchange
24 th	7:00 p.m.	Wine & Cheese
25 th	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Dinner
31 st	8:00 p.m.	Dance. Band Gatos Locos

January

1 st	1:00 p.m.	Moose Milk
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Weekly Activities

Monday

6:00 a.m.	Coffee Klatch
8:00 a.m.	Kundalini Yoga: Pool Hall
8:30 a.m.	Morning Exercise
9:00 a.m.	Pickle Ball
9:30 a.m.	Advanced Exercise
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

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.	Coffee Klatch
8:00 a.m.	Yoga: Clubhouse
9:00 a.m.	Pickle Ball
10:00 a.m.	Hand & Foot
10:30 a.m.	Line Dance Practice
1:00 p.m.	Cards
1:30 p.m.	Volleyball
2:00 p.m.	Petanque
2:00 p.m.	Ukulele Group
6:30 p.m.	Pegs & Jokers

Wednesday

6:00 a.m.	Coffee Klatch
8:00 a.m.	Kundalini Yoga: Pool Hall

8:30 a.m.	Morning Exercise
9:00 a.m.	Pickle Ball
9:30 a.m.	Advanced Exercise
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

Thursday

6:00 a.m.	Coffee Klatch
8:00 a.m.	Yoga: Clubhouse
9:00 a.m.	Pickle Ball
10:00 a.m.	Hand & Foot
11:30 a.m.	Veggie Joe
12:00 noon	RC Fun Race
1:00 p.m.	Cards
1:30 p.m.	Volleyball
2:00 p.m.	Ukulele Group
2:00 p.m.	Petanque
4:00 p.m.	Happy/Social Hour

Friday

6:00 a.m.	Coffee Klatch
8:00 a.m.	Kundalini Yoga: Pool Hall
8:30 a.m.	Morning Exercise
9:00 a.m.	Pickle Ball
9:30 a.m.	Advanced Exercise
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
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