

Oakcreek Cohousing Community

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The 2020 Summer of our Discontent continued, with distancing restrictions still in place -- and no end in sight. With organization provided by the Oakcreek Social Team and cooperation of neighbors, though, we've insisted on keeping ourselves occupied and entertained. Tommie's son-in-law and friend generously played a Red Dirt music concert in the meadow.



And this was just a few weeks after that same son-in-law and daughter had entertained Tommie and her pod-mates on her birthday.



As in most locales, Stillwater's summer festivals, concerts and gatherings of all types were cancelled.

One of the few tourist attractions to remain open was a popular local animal park, Lost Creek Safari, enjoyed here by Ronda & Chuck's visitors --





4th of July
was celebrated --
just no fireworks, or
casually shared
potlucks.

We did gather 'in person' to share our famous
Grillmaster Frank's spectacular BBQ...

with super charred
pineapple & peppers --
all carefully orchestrated,
distanced, and served. It
was great to see each
other face to face for
awhile -- though outdoors
and well separated.



As most of us did little traveling this summer, we looked for projects to fill the time.



We found lots of basil for making pesto,

and mounds of mulch for completing a long-planned front yard landscaping job.



With more 'at home' time,
we're available to notice more
outdoor happenings — like
this Hummingbird stand-off!



Anticipating the upcoming home eviction crisis for pandemic-related unemployed folks, neighbors at Oakcreek collected donations for the local Salvation Army's housing assistance program. Many neighbors regularly contribute to other relief programs, in line with Oakcreek Community's stated **VALUE** of **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**.



In addition to the above:

- When our resident tech guru informed us that most of our routers needed to be checked, we spent hours trying to ensure their security.
- Planned a joint inspection of 14 of our air conditioning units occupied some hours.
- Irrigation and painting plans were made.

So there WERE some accomplishments which may not have occurred without the semi-quarantine. We will be ready to get away when we're free from confinement.

A neighbor's sticky Leavenworth's
Eryngo reminds some of us of our
attitude these days -- a bit prickly,
impatient to move on with our lives.



Then the birth of a new grandchild, though halfway across the country and a travel-challenge to visit, reminds us: Life goes on.



Members' Corner



Today Mike celebrates one last birthday at Oakcreek, before he and Julie move to be close to online-schooling grandkids and their working parents. We can't even envision the size of hole that will be left in our Community.

But we know that hole will be shaped like Julie's weed pulling hands and Mike's gutter clearing ladder, like Julie's cello and Mike's guitar, and like Julie's fresh baked biscuits and Mike's home built bridges. We'll miss the sound of them calling out to grandkids, or reminding us of the Bermuda grass growing in our gardens, or just shouting 'Good Morning' as they return from their 30 (or 50 or 60) mile bike rides.

Who will 'guilt trip' us, as they CONSISTENTLY do their morning workouts, runs, and bike rides? And as they volunteer at the Free Clinic, and in Guatemala for weeks on end? (Not really, they never 'guilt trip' us!)

We're sure someone will step up to fill these holes, re-shaped to fit other skills. But, for a long time, we'll really miss Mike & Julie.

So we call for gratitude for the closeness of our cohousing neighbors during this trying time, for resourceful use of our time, and for patience as we wait for a VACCINE!

Oakcreek Community will welcome your visit as soon as this virus is less of a threat. In the meantime, may all of you have good health.

Sorry No Vacancies

All Oakcreek homes are occupied

We are glad to put your contact information on our Interested List.
Call number below if you want to be notified when a vacancy occurs.

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