

# Oakcreek Senior Cohousing



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**On The Road Again!**  
Summer Newsletter  
September, 2021  
Stillwater, OK

Following a year of near lockdown, summer of 2021 brought a welcome return to travel, though limited and still with some restrictions. Located in a small college town, OAKCREEK had easy access to the COVID vaccine very early, so all residents were protected by mid spring.

John enjoyed exploring the Albuquerque area, including the Pecos National Historical Monument and Albuquerque Botanical Garden.



Tracy and Mark took a 6 day rafting trip on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho – and lived to tell about it!





The less adventuresome among us stuck with family reunions or day trips an hour or so away - like The (fantastic outdoor) Gathering Place in Tulsa, or surrounding ourselves with color in the Chihuly glass exhibit at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. All in all, it was wonderful to safely travel again -- before COVID variants caution required that we again limit close exposure to our fellow humans.



Summer brought visits from a few grandkids -- not as many as usual -- following their very weird online school year. They, and their scooters, skates, and noise, added much needed energy to our days.





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HELEN – OAKCREEK'S SENIOR MEMBER!!!

How fortunate we were to gather and celebrate Helen's 95th birthday. Helen inspires us all to 'keep on going,' as she overcomes various obstacles -- all with good humor. Stories of her girlhood, family, college years, and traveling the world as a university professor entertain and educate us all. What a talent!



Who says organic vegetables are scrawny? Look at this zucchini. Yes, again the gardeners among us have faced the heat and persevered -- providing zucchini, cucumbers, kale, potatoes, peppers, herbs, and this beautiful okra -- just waiting for the common meal cooks to stew some jambalaya.



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Even our near perfect houses sometimes need improvements, such as Donna's new screened porch. She says she'll relax and read there, but we know that her kitties will have first choice of the furniture!

Planned additions to our homes are discussed with neighbors and approved prior to construction, in order to avoid disagreements and to maintain property value.





We're normally tolerant of the wildlife on our 7.5 acres, but worse came to worst this summer. The skunk family became a bit too tame, so they're being relocated for the good of us all

**Before**



**After**



For many months Oakcreek-ers have been assisting as we can during the final illness of one of our neighbors,



## Mebby VanOstrand

As a Senior cohousing community, we're aware of the inevitability of the eventual loss of our friends. However, that awareness doesn't make the loss easier, and we all miss her and care for her husband, as he continues as our good friend and neighbor.

Mebby and Frank moved to Oakcreek in the spring of 2013. Immediately they became active in assisting the Common House Team in furnishings for the house. Their years of experience in that field was very helpful.

Mebby walked with confidence of who she was, and inside she had a heart of kindness and caring. She loved Oakcreek and served on the Finance Team for years.

To walk by her house you might see her sitting on the front porch with her dog Ginger, just enjoying the day. You couldn't help but grin when you heard her out there laughing with friends. Her laughter was contagious.

We hope this will remind our Newsletter



friends that cohousing is about so much more than having our homes closely located, and working together. It includes the day to day participation in each other's lives -- as we are able.



We send our wishes for your good health and  
an Enjoyable Rest of Summer

# **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.**

**Contact: 405-880-3703**

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