
Mammary Clouds and Safe Rooms

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It's true -- Spring in Oklahoma is known for quirky weather. Most of us at Oakcreek, though, had never experienced this recent post-storm sight. Known as mammary, or mammatus, clouds, these seemed to line the sky with cotton balls.

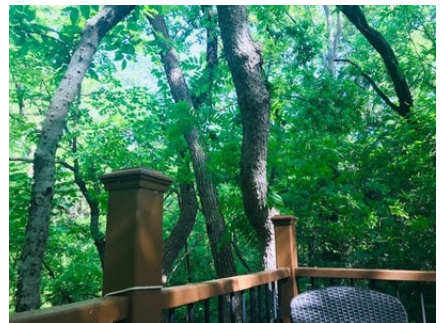
Of course, to create this view, Mother Nature had to bluster, blow, and threaten a tornado before putting on the puffy cloud show. We saw it only AFTER we exited our community Safe Room (better known as the Bike Barn) waiting for the severe weather to pass.

Oakcreek was planned and constructed with consideration of Oklahoma weather, so our sheltering procedures are practiced annually -- in preparation for the very rare occasions when they are needed.

Pets and their owners have their own safe rooms, and the rest of us listen to weather reports, and party in the Bike Barn -- until we get the 'all clear,' when we go about our normal routines -- grateful that no damage occurred in the immediate area.



Realizing the serious drought conditions around the country, we appreciate the (sometimes excessive) spring rains, which color our grounds with early daffodils and keep the woods green and shady



-- and perfect for visiting grandkids' picnics!



Visiting grandkids also get to help with chores.



AND, visit Lost Creek Safari -- if they're lucky.



Again this spring, Oakcreek took advantage of the volunteer efforts of the local university's 'Into the Streets' program. Twelve students showed up on a Saturday morning, and lent their muscle and good humor to projects that the Landscape Team had planned for them. Their help is much appreciated, and we hope that some of our 'life knowledge' will be useful to them, as well.





With over 30 members in our cohousing community living closely and working together, special attention must be given to building relationships and just having fun. Each year a Community Strengthening activity is sponsored by Oakcreek's Wellbeing Team. This year's event was an International Day. Representing various areas of the world, teams were assigned to present their country's food any way they would like. Some creative presentations evolved.



Team Germany provided steins and various beers for tasting, red cabbage, home baked rye bread, and polka music for dancing.

Polka lessons were needed by some, but Margaret just showed us how the pros

do it.



Team France went overboard, making eclairs from scratch -- and having a good time doing it!



And the Mediterranean Team treated us to a table full of various appetizers.



All five Teams were appropriately rewarded, and the event was considered successful in achieving its primary goals -- providing an opportunity to get to know each other better, to work together, and to enjoy a fun day.



Our day-to-day community activities continue -- constructing Miriam's crafting table, building and planting new raised beds, and sharing a 'pop up' pizza dinner. Conducting an all day Open House for those interested in moving to Oakcreek, selecting a contractor for the upcoming exterior painting project, assisting members as they confront health issues, talking and listening to each other, continuing the care of our wooded 7 1/2 acre grounds -- It's all in a day's life in cohousing.



Just to offer a bit of variety to our days, however, a neighbor will email a photo that reminds us that we DO live in a slightly wild area -- a baby possum washed down by the rain, deer sightings in the woods, or an owl perched in a tree in the meadow.



Then we're reminded that, as we age, we're able to continue living here with relative independence due to the forethought and planning of Oakcreek Community's founders, and the commitment of our members, who continue to live the senior cohousing concept.

We welcome those of you who are interested in touring Oakcreek, with an appointment in advance. Please wear a mask if not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. We wish you all a pleasant summer.

To schedule a tour or for any questions, please contact:

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