
Is Winter Really Here?

Oakcreek Cohousing

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Since our last Newsletter, Oakcreek has enjoyed the most beautiful fall. And there's no end in sight. The forecast for Christmas Eve is 62 degrees.



Over Thanksgiving weekend our new basketball goal and the corn hole boards got a workout. We participants complained of sore backs and feet for a few days, but all recovered completely.



Our deck in the woods is now more accessible to community members. New neighbor Mike coordinated installation of a smoother pathway down to the deck, which provides a perfect spot for grandkids' knitting, reading, or just watching the squirrels flying through the limbs above.

One of the benefits of Oakcreek's 7 1/2 acre grounds is the quiet wooded area with access to hiking/biking trails to Boomer Lake and Stillwater streets. Of course the woods and stream also provide plenty of opportunity for trail maintenance, beaver redirection, etc. Fortunately, the community includes members who are quite capable of coordinating those projects.



Local band Misspent Ukes brought their ukelele talents for a Halloween themed concert in Oakcreek's common house. It was surprising to hear Ukelele and The Eagles



in the same sentence -- think Witchy Woman. A really fun performance.



Speaking of musical performances, the beautiful fall weather allowed Margaret to enjoy a clarinet concert on her front porch. Knowing that Margaret had played clarinet in her school band (and had marched in the Rose Parade, by the way), Eden played a few beginner tunes, and was entertained by Margaret's critiques.



Over the past few weeks, our community has participated in the traditions, memories, and winter holiday celebrations of the various members. The Christmas tree is in the front window and luminarias along the walkways, the menorah is lighted, and the labyrinth was lighted at dusk.

Living in a small close community enables us to know each other well, and appreciate the backgrounds and traditions of all.



Menorah Lighting



Labyrinth Lighting



Naturally the holidays bring an assortment of events, presented by community organizations, churches, the university, and theatres. One of the most impressive this year is the McMurtry Lake light display, including of course this tribute to Oklahoma State University.



A couple of mornings ago, though, Nature offered her own light show. A few early rising neighbor photographers captured this full rainbow visible from our porches. Amazing!



We wish all of you a **Happy Holiday Season**
and good health and peace in 2024.



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