

Celebration of Freedom!!!

Smith Family Newsletter
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Happy Fourth of July everyone!!!! We celebrated the holiday here at Lakeside Crossing, which was very enjoyable! The event started at 4:00 PM, with a golf cart parade through the community, ending at the Community Center, where everyone gathered for musical entertainment and more food than you can imagine. On top of that, this was a no cost event and residents were permitted to bring guests and family members that might be visiting. The event went into the evening with fireworks over the adjacent lake. The display was conducted by a community resident, who had the expertise in this area. Very nice job! We sat with some of our neighbors throughout the evening.



Also this month, Bob & I brought the motor home up to Briarcliffe for five days to charge up the batteries and do some cleaning. It really needed the battery charge as we had to have it jumped to get out of the storage area. We had a number of 100+ heat days which was hard on the batteries. The owner of the Storage Facility gave us a jump with his truck, which we appreciated. Even though we were busy, I found time to check up on the resident swans, that had made their traditional Summer pilgrimage from Barefoot Landing to the small pond in the campground. I took the opportunity to take some pictures of them. To our surprise, they still had a youngster that was a fairly good size. At one point, I apparently got a little too close. Yes, that is 'Dad' coming straight for me, feeling his privacy has been violated!



Another significant happening this month was my cataract surgery. I might as well get it over with. The right eye will be done in August. Everything went very well and I can't wait to have the other one done. My old glasses are useless at this point and I have to temporarily deal with excellent vision in one eye and poor vision in the other eye. Dr Royal of the Coastal Eye Group is a great doctor and has taken good care of us both. It was really funny when I went to my post surgery check up the following day. Looking around the waiting room, you just knew who was there for an exam.....all were members of the 'super dark eyeglass club'. At one point we all laughed and made comments about the experience. I am writing this in the beginning of August and am still on eye drops 4 x day. The bottles seem to be bottomless. Whatever we do, I have to make sure I get my drops in my eye.



One of the most popular trees in the area is Crape Myrtle. I really think they out number the Magnolia trees, as they are in bloom everywhere. We have one in the back of the house and one in the front. They remind me so much of Lilac bushes, just not as fragrant. They are everywhere and just beautiful.



Get a load of the feline part of the family! Don't ask how Whiskers got up there? I was in shock when I saw him. No wonder he had to lay down to drink his water!!

