



Winter Camp Park
A Community Gathering Place

December 2018 Newsletter End of Year Recap



Increased Use of Park in 2018

Community residents have become more aware of Winter Camp Park as a place for quiet strolls and for gatherings. Site improvements over the past season have made the Park a more welcoming place. The popular Wednesday afternoon social hours returned for a second year. Potluck picnics on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day brought residents with many delicious dishes to share and convivial conversations. Woods residents used the Park walking paths for strolls in the Park or to access the hiking trails in Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area (SCWMA). One neighborhood in our community held their “block party” at the larger Pavilion and the Hiking Club often used the Park as a starting point for their explorations in SCWMA.

Labor Day
Picnic

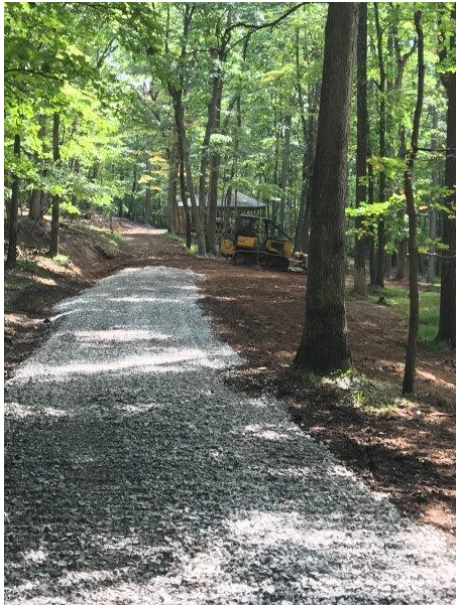


Peacepipe
Picnic



While sustained rainy weather in summer and fall 2018 led to wet areas and challenges in fording the swollen creek, those who donned rain gear and boots were rewarded with a different perspective on the natural surroundings. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors in the community that the Park is open to all residents and their guests - no memberships and no fees. While there are no scheduled events during the winter months, it remains open for walking in the Park itself or for access to SCWMA. (Be mindful of hunting season in SCWMA!)

Park Improvements



New gravel path to 2nd pavilion



Installing 36 inch culverts for walking path across the creek



Tons of Gravel



First of 5 culvert pipes

The many rainy days and weeks significantly delayed work in the Park over the summer. Nevertheless, a second pavilion was completed; the spring house demolished; road and pathway access upgraded; a walking path around the park completed; substantial debris removed, and electrical service installed in the larger pavilion. Some Partners, along with community volunteers, worked several days in the park for clean-up of large item debris, and grass cutting

and trimming. The new picnic tables were sanded and prepared for use, again by Partners and community volunteers. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Friends of Winter Camp Park

Winter Camp Park has been acquired, and is being built, maintained and improved solely with donations from Partners and neighbors. Outside of any site improvements, minimal park expenses are over \$3000 per year which include taxes, insurance, electric, and computer service expenses. A “Friends of the Park” program was launched in 2018 to help defray those expenses and to continue to enhance the park. With the support of the community we hope to continue in enhancing the Park each year. Over 25 households to date have become “Friends” of Winter Camp Park and proudly display their “2018/2019 Friends of Winter Camp Park” stickers.



Hearty thanks go to these supporters, who have joined in this effort to keep this beautiful area a vital part of our community. It is our hope that with the support of our community we will be able to continue the enhancement and upkeep of the park for the whole Woods Community to enjoy. Remember, there is no membership or fee to use the Park! It is open to All residents of The Woods and their guests. For more details on becoming a “Friend” [Click Here](#). Even though there are multiple ways to contribute, **Pay Pal** gives you the option to schedule regular contributions automatically!

Looking Ahead

In early 2019, planning will commence for park operations in the coming season, including social activities and additional site improvements. If there are things you'd like to help with, please let us know!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE PARK THIS COMING SPRING!

Please check our website – www.wintercamppark.com for updates to the park status!

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