



Winter Camp Park

A Community Gathering Place

January 2023



Established 2015

Winter Camp Park is being built and maintained solely with contributions of funding, time and talents of neighbors within The Woods community. The park is open to all Homeowners, Residents, and their Guests.

NO MEMBERSHIPS, NO FEES!

Our goal is to continue to create and maintain it solely with volunteer funding.

It is privately owned by a group of homeowners and is NOT associated with WHOA, PVP, or The Woods Club.

Donations are greatly appreciated!

Restroom Update & Fundraiser

Your generous community donations for our “Restroom” project have been outstanding. Water and sewer lines were installed early last year. Late summer/early fall 2022, the footers were dug, foundation and split blocks installed.

During the late fall/winter last year, the rough plumbing, roof trusses, roof and shingles were completed. We were planning to pour the concrete base until we found out that the price had increased by 50%. Once additional funds are raised, we will complete phase 2 by installing the windows, exterior doors and pour the foundation floor.



As we all know, costs have increased on all products and, in our case, materials and labor are no different. Therefore, we had to revise our estimates!

Phase 1 (\$7,500) included the installation of the water and sewer. **Completed!**

Phase 2 (**\$30,610**) includes excavation and construction of the exterior structure under roof, including doors, windows, rough plumbing, and concrete

pad. Since January 2022, our generous neighbors and Corporate Friends have donated over \$22,000 towards this phase. We are close to being able to complete this phase. See details below:

\$30,610 – Total needed for Phase 2

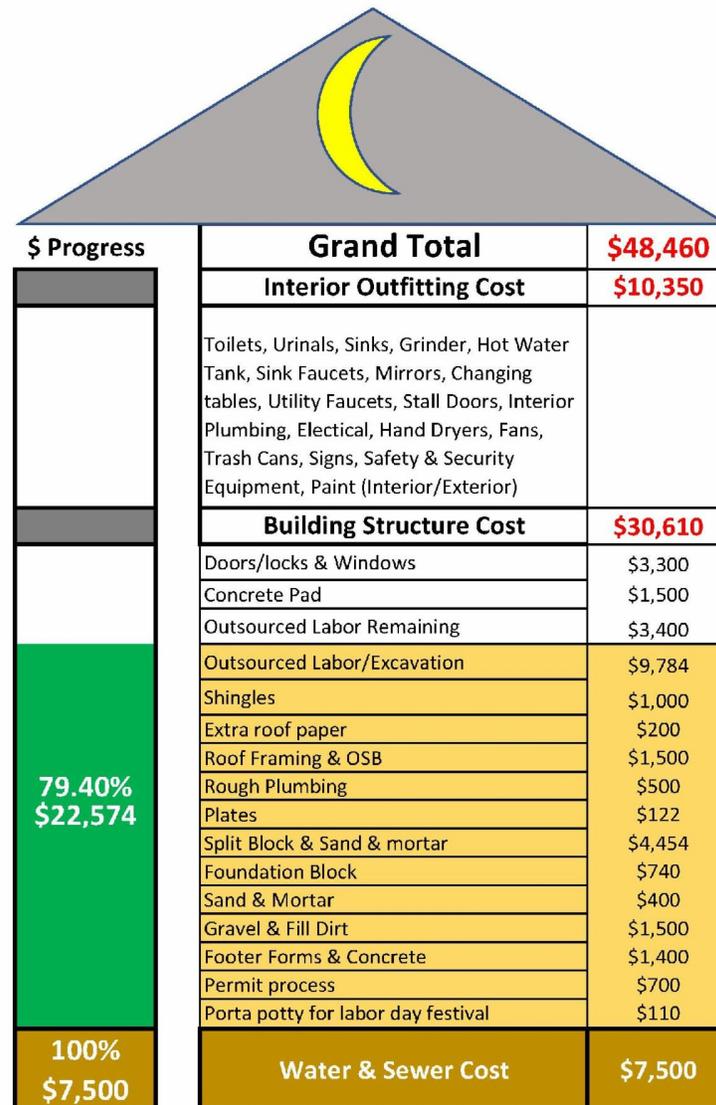
\$22,574 – Donations received (Restroom-designated and Friends surplus)

\$ 8,036 – Shortfall for Phase 2

Phase 3 (\$10,350) includes outfitting the interior with electrical, plumbing, painting, etc. As previously mentioned, costs are changing constantly. We have reworked the numbers during the winter months and provided a more accurate account of what is needed for full completion.

Our goal is to complete the center section before our first Wednesday social, so we do not have to rent a porta potty!

As depicted below, we have revised the costs that we calculated in the Jan-Mar 2022 timeframe. If you are willing to help with this significant upgrade to the park, we will happily accept your contributions. Just specify that it is for the Restroom. Go to the [Contribute](#) page to see ways to donate.



Opening Date for the Wednesday Social

Wednesday, April 5th, will be the kick-off for our weekly social when neighbors, friends and their guests can come and meet other Woods neighbors. This event occurs every Wednesday, rain or shine, under the large pavilion. We start at 5PM for about 2 hours. Folks normally bring their own drinks and often food to share. You can optionally bring hot (we have electric) or cold appetizers or main dishes, salads, desserts, soups, chili, chips, etc. to share.

Last year, many folks stepped up and volunteered to get the pavilion ready for the weekly social. It involves wiping all tables and chairs, opening the storage bin and placing the necessary paper products on the buffet tables and putting everything away at the end.

Plans and Events for 2023

- As donations become available, complete construction of the Restroom.
- Labor Day Weekend Music Festival (2 Sept - Sat).

Park & Pavilion Activities

Yes, the pavilions and the event stage in the park are available to be reserved by Woods homeowners and residents for personal use, as was used many, many times this past year. The pavilions were reserved for: birthday parties, farewell parties, band practices, church potlucks, committee meetings and discussion groups, family reunions, golf group gatherings, hiking club events, and a wedding and reception.

If you wish to reserve the pavilion(s) or the event stage, please go to our [Reserve Facilities Form](#). Before filling out the form, please check the [Calendar](#) first to ensure availability on the day and time you want it. Please read the Facilities form carefully. Donations for using the facilities are greatly appreciated and critical to the maintenance, operation, taxes, insurance, IT support, and upkeep of the park, including electric/water bills, grass cutting, etc. Remember that nothing is free! We have had folks reserve the park and we have received nothing in return; this is not fair to the rest of the users!

Park Damage

December was not a good month for the park. Someone damaged the bulletin board. We were able to temporarily repair it, but we will need to remove the post and the concrete and rebuild it.



After the snow, wind and ice before Christmas, three large trees fell and a 4th one is leaning near the gravel walkway between the 2 pavilions. None of the park structures were damaged! **We are asking for volunteers to help cut the trees into 16-inch logs for anyone to take.** Volunteers get first dibs on the firewood! We'll then get a company in to mulch all the brush. If you are willing to assist, please email our partner, [Dan Forte](#), so he can setup a work date.



Park Cleanup - Volunteers Needed

The time will be approaching for our yearly park cleanup which is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 29 at 9AM**. Volunteers with gloves and gas or battery-powered hand-held or backpack blowers are needed (there will be significant leaf blowing to be performed). We are not taking down any trees but bring your chainsaw in case we need to cut up fallen branches. We will also re-stage all the picnic tables and set up the volleyball net in the center area.

If the weather becomes a problem, the cleanup will occur on Friday, March 31 at 9AM.

If you can volunteer, please email us [here](#), so we can have an idea of who is coming!

Special Event Parking in the Park

When there are special events at the park, there will be signs posted on where to park.

We ask that large trucks/SUVs park on the gravel road immediately after the park entrance on either side.

After entering the park, cars and small trucks/SUVs should turn right into the newly constructed parking area. Park at an angle and make sure that there is room for a vehicle to pass behind. The Handicap area is on the back left-side of pavilion #1.

There will be No Parking signs at certain areas. Please adhere to those signs. Depending on the event, there will be a designated traffic coordinator(s) to assist.

Our Generous Neighbors and Friends



We continue to invite all Woods neighbors to join us as a Friend of Winter Camp Park! With the continued support of our community, we will be able to further enhance the Park for the entire Woods Community to enjoy. For more details on becoming a “Friend” check out our [Contribute](#) page.

Throughout the year, we hear folks want to donate but don't want to use cash or checks. Our Contribute page lists steps to donate via PayPal, Debit or Credit Card. Here is the link for on-line donations to [PayPal/Debit/Credit](#).

The park is opened for use by the Woods Community and their Guests. When we decided to start this endeavor, our intent was to fund the initial purchase and cleanup of the area and to “request” donations from the community to operate and increase the park’s capability. When you reserve any of our facilities, we politely ask that you consider a donation to the park. Just like any other recreational facility, we have bills to pay. Our estimated expenses for 2023 will be around **\$12,000**.

Corporate Friends of Winter Camp Park

Five years ago, we started the Corporate Friends initiative asking businesses that serve The Woods residents to become a yearly corporate sponsor of the park. Letters are being sent to those, asking for renewal, and to other businesses which support the Woods community to participate in this program for a yearly minimal donation of \$250. As you click on the corporate sponsors' logo below, it will take you to their respective website or email address. If you use any of our supporters, mention that you saw their ad in the WCP Newsletter and thank them for their support. If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor or you know of companies that you can recommend to be contacted to become a corporate sponsor, please contact us. Check out the [Supporters](#) page on our website!



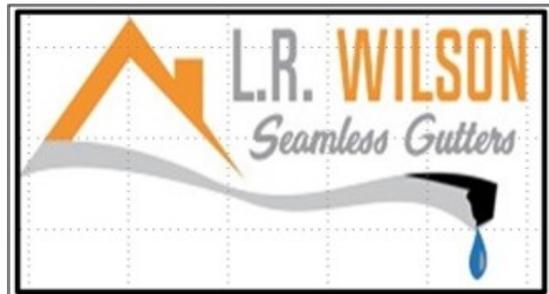


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