Winter Camp Park

A Community Gathering Place

January 2025

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 some homeowners and is NOT associated with WHOA, PVP, or The Woods Club.
Donations are greatly appreciated!

Winter Camp Park 10th Anniversary Celebration

Would you believe that it's been 10 years since we purchased the land which is now Winter Camp Park! **15 July 2015 was the date that we purchased it!**

Before "The Woods Community" was built, this land was a family hunting lodge for decades. When the owner passed away in 2015, his family decided to sell it and we heard what some investors wanted to do with it: another hunting lodge, more homes or apartments, motocross area, etc. With no zoning, it could have been anything! So, some of us got together and purchased the land because we felt the need to 'protect' our community and our property values. Our goal was, and still is, to build a park where all Woods residents can come and enjoy the beautiful surroundings that we call "Home". You can read how we started this endeavor by going to the - **Winter Camp Park History Tab**.

Since the purchase, we have removed old structures and dozens and dozens of dangerous and diseased trees, added gravel roads, walkways and parking

spaces, built 2 pavilions, an event stage and a restroom.

We would like to thank you, The Woods community, Friends of the Park and our Corporate Friends for providing monies and your attendance at all the different events and socials these past years. You have proven to us and to The Woods community that if an idea is good for the community, folks will support it and come and have fun. What you don't hear or see are the number of folks who use the park for hiking, eating at the pavilions, walking their dogs, letting kids run around, holding band practice and just enjoying the peaceful and beautiful surroundings. Don't you just love the "gnomes"?

With that stated, please mark your calendar for **30 August 2025 (Saturday), Labor Day Weekend!** We will hold a 10-year celebration to thank The Woods community and our Corporate Sponsors and to commemorate the protection of this area for the community's use. There will be live bands and free food!

This will be our major fundraiser event for 2025. After having fundraisers in 2022/2023 for the restroom, we decided not to have a 2024 fundraiser.

Further details will be coming in our newsletters; so stay tune!!!

2025 Park Cleanup - Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendar for our annual cleanup day on **29 March (Saturday) at 9am** (weather permitting). We will need folks with backpack blowers and heavy-duty hand blowers. Even if you do not have a blower, we need folks to walk the main areas and remove any down branches and limbs to make the folks blowing the leaves easier.

We will need to restage all the picnic tables and chairs, turn on all the utilities, clean the interior of the restroom after the winter months, setting up the volleyball net and adding the sails to the event stage.

Keep your fingers crossed that we do not lose any trees during the winter months. If so, we will need chainsaws.

If you can volunteer, please email us **here**, so we can have an idea of who is coming!

Farewell and Thanks, and Welcome

In 2025 we are ushering in a few changes to the Winter Camp Park ownership. The park was purchased and is owned by a partnership of Woods neighbors. In 2024 we have to say goodbye and a huge thank you to one of our original partners who was instrumental in building and operating Winter Camp Park.

Isabel (Liz) Dunst has left the ownership team. She was one of the original partners of the park. She was instrumental in the formation of the company and in the development of the vision and operating principles of the company. She was part of the Business Planning Committee. We very much

appreciate her guidance and support over the years.

Joining the partnership in 2024 are Chris and Anne Felice. As we are all getting older, it is great to have some “young blood” join us. We look forward to having them help with ideas on how we can better support the younger generation of the community.

Community Events

- Park Cleanup - 29 March
- Weekly Social Begins - 4 April (every Friday at 6pm) -change from previous years
- Farmers Market (behind the Sports Center) - Starts 9 May (every Friday from 4-6pm)
- WHOA Community Celebration - 14 June
- Winter Camp Park Labor Day Music Festival - 30 August
- WHOA Fall Festival - 5 October

Friends of Winter Camp Park
Get your 2025 Winter Camp Park decal now!

Winter Camp Park is a valuable resource for the whole Woods community – for those that actively use it, as well as everyone that benefits from the increased property value it brings to our homes and property. Besides those that use it for hiking, having picnics, walking dogs, attending weekly socials, participating in community events and using it for family and club events, many real estate brokers highlight the park when selling homes. We have heard from many new homeowners that it is one of the main reasons that they bought in The Woods. As you know, the park is operated solely on contributions from the community and companies that support the community, as well as run with thousands of hours of volunteer time of the WCP partners and neighbors. No one receives a salary nor makes any money on the park. All contributions are put into the park to pay the operating expenses and make enhancements.

Enhancements to the park are contingent on funding availability. This year we would like to add a concrete pad under Pavilion #1 and add a concrete pad and ramp by the restroom to make it more accessible. We did not raise enough funds to do it this last year.

SO…. Please consider becoming a Friend of Winter Camp Park this year, for a contribution of at least $100. The 2025 decals are in and as soon as we receive sufficient funds we can begin our enhancements. For more details on

becoming a “Friend” check out our **Contribute** page.

The park is open 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 **2025** will be around **$15,000**.

What are the funds used for?

Description	Estimated Expenses
Utility (Electric/Water/Sewer)	$900
Accountant/Tax Services	$2500
IT Support	$1100
Lawn Care	$1500
Operating Supplies	$700
Real Estate Taxes	$1750
Property Insurance	$1500
Tree Removal/Park Maintenance	$5000

Opening Date for the Weekly Social

After years of having the weekly socials on Wednesday from 5-7pm, we have decided to try a "trail" run and change the day and time for 2025. **Starting 4 April 2025, the weekly social will be on Friday starting at 6pm.** This social will be held every Friday from April until the middle of October.

This weekly event brings friends and their guests to meet other Woods neighbors. This is a wonderful way to meet neighbors you might not meet otherwise. Folks normally bring their own drinks and often food to share. You can bring hot (we have electric) or cold appetizers or main dishes, salads, desserts, soups, chili, chips, etc. to share, or just come and socialize. All paper products and utensils are provided. As a background, this is a no host social which was started in 2017. Originally everyone brought appetizers to share, but it has evolved to a true potluck. This was because no one wanted to go home and cook after the social. Now, no one goes home hungry!

Even though this is a very casual event, it does need help to get it set up and cleaned each week. Thanks go to Dawn McClure (Social Chairperson) for organizing this in 2024. The volunteers only need to arrive a little early, wipe the tables and chairs, and place the paper products on the buffet tables, then put everything away at the end. Setting up takes about 15 minutes and tearing down is quicker, because everyone helps.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Dawn** so she can place you on the schedule. If there are not enough volunteers, we will make a

management decision to cancel this weekly event.

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 last year. The pavilions were reserved for birthday parties, farewell parties, band practices, committee meetings and discussion groups, family reunions and golf group gatherings and even several weddings.

If you need 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 it is available 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.

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 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 or a company you know of are interested in being a corporate sponsor, please contact us. Additionally, you can view the **Corporate Form** here and print it out and just hand it to your contractor.

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