



# Winter Camp Park

*A Community Gathering Place*

## Fall 2020 Newsletter

### End of Year Recap



Pavilion #1 2016



Acquired 2015



Woodstock50 2019

### 2020 Happenings or Not!

It has been a tough year for everyone. First and foremost, we would like to thank all the front line first responders and workers who are helping us get through the COVID-19 pandemic. It had been rough for many folks throughout and we hope that this situation will end soon so that we may all get back to normal!

Before the pandemic hit this area, we were able to have our annual spring cleanup days. Leaves were blown, branches were picked up and stacked, the picnic tables set up, and some games were placed. We walked up and down our little creek and removed some logs and large stones for better water flow. With the help of several neighbors, we also spread most of the wood chips for easier parking around the first pavilion. The pavilions will be “winterized” on November 10, by storing seat cushions and badminton net, and stacking the picnic tables. The Park is still open all winter for your enjoyment!

We were able to complete one big project - to remove the old spring house in the back-right portion of the park. We also removed many bricks and blocks, metal, tires, wood, shingles, etc. which have been a danger to walkers, hikers and kids playing in the area.

As partners in the park, we are not getting younger and there are times that our muscles hurt. So, we decided to contract with a lawn care service (C&C

Lawn Care) to help maintain the grasses and weeds. We were able to do this because of the generous donations from you, our neighbors. The park has never looked so good!

Additionally, we completed another walking path that runs parallel to the creek. The Park has provided easy access to new and old Sleepy Creek trails too.

We resumed our Wednesday Socials in May and we want to thank all for practicing “social distancing”! As usual, the food was fantastic and it has been great just to get together, talk and meet new neighbors in this safe area. With winter coming, the last scheduled Social Hour will be on November 4th.

We did have a 4th of July social, and because of the pandemic, the turnout was small but still enjoyable. We were planning a party in August to celebrate our 5th year anniversary of purchasing the land, but that was scrubbed. Then we were planning another social for October; that too was scrubbed. Tis the way with 2020! We are still hoping for a belated anniversary party next year to coincide with the annual Woods 4th of July fireworks (to be held on Saturday July 3rd). We are talking about a combination food festival with some Bluegrass bands. More information will be forthcoming next year!!!

Even though the pandemic has caused many folks to cancel social gatherings, we did have a good number of folks/families who had weddings, birthday parties, family picnics, art classes, band practices, and other types of events at our pavilions. We the partners, thank you for having them at the park and for make sure that all was clean afterwards.

Finally, one of our special neighbor’s daughter passed away this year and we planted a tree in her memory. The tree and sign are located on the front grass for all to see it grow for many years to come.

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## Volunteers

THANK YOU! You know who you are. You are the ones who come when asked. Check out the bulletin board at the park and our website – [Volunteers/Supporters](#).

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## New Woods Homeowners

This is probably the first time that you have received our Newsletter. Welcome to the Woods Community! We are a group of homeowners that purchased the land (which was never part of PVP and was in existence many years before the Woods community was built) to give back to the community a place to enjoy and have fun. We are not part of PVP, The Woods Club or WHOA. Please go to our website [WCP](#) to read about our park project.

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## Future Projects

There are two efforts we were not able to accomplish this year. First was to

take down the very large dead trees that are endangering Pavilion 1 and the power lines if they come down on their own. The second is the final removal of residual debris left by the previous owners. Both of these require professional services to accomplish. We will embark on these once sufficient funds are available.

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## Friends of Winter Camp Park

What can we say but “THANK YOU”! Your generous donations this year exceeded 2019 contributions which enabled us to pay for the massive spring cleanup, our normal property, tax and insurance, and utility bills and a long debt that we had for 4 years. These donations

tell us, that we did the right thing 5 years ago when we decided to purchase the land and turn it into a park for all Woods residents to enjoy. We know you come and walk the trails and bring your kids to run around and pets to roam.

The Friends of Winter Camp Park was launched in 2018 to help defray the cost of annual expenses and to enhance the beauty of the Park. It is our hope that with the continued support of our community we will be able to further enhance the Park for the whole Woods Community to enjoy. It is open to all residents of The Woods and their guests. For more details on becoming a “Friend” [Click Here](#).

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## Corporate Friends of Winter Camp Park

One year ago, we started a new initiative asking businesses that serve the Woods residents to become a yearly corporate sponsor of the park. Eight companies became sponsors. Letters will soon be sent to those, asking for renewal and to other businesses which support the Woods community to participate in this program for a yearly donation of at least \$250. As you click on the corporate sponsors' logos, they will take you to their respective website or email address. Check out the [Supporters](#) page on how you can help. If you use any of our supporters, mention that you saw their ad in the WCP Newsletter and thank them for their support.

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