



Winter Camp Park
A Community Gathering Place

Fall Newsletter November 2022



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 some homeowners and is NOT associated with

WHOA, PVP, or The Woods Club.

Donations are greatly appreciated!

A Big Thank You to the Community, Friends and Sponsors

When we started this project in 2015, we had a vision that we felt was needed for our community. We would like to thank the community, Friends of the Park and our Corporate Sponsors for providing monies and their attendance at all of the different events and socials in 2022. You have proven to us and to The Woods community that if an idea is good for the community, folks will come and have fun. What you don't hear or see are the number of folks who use the park for walking, eating at the pavilions, walking their dogs, letting kids run around, band practice and just enjoying the peaceful and beautiful surroundings.

Work Completed in 2022

Since our last Quarterly WCP Newsletter (19 July), we have made significant upgrades to Winter Camp Park.

No Restroom funds were used for the following projects! WCP partners provided funds, materials and labor which:

- Added more gravel and parking adjacent to Pavilion #1.
- Constructed a new 50+ space parking area to the right of the creek.
- Constructed a 12x32 event stage with a removable cover.
- Constructed a bridge using 22-foot downed trees and pressure treated lumber.
- Removed approximately 15 dead or dangerous trees and used the large trunks for sitting around the park.
- Installed water run from the restroom area to Pavilion #1.



Upgraded Parking next to Pavilion #1



New 50+ Parking Area



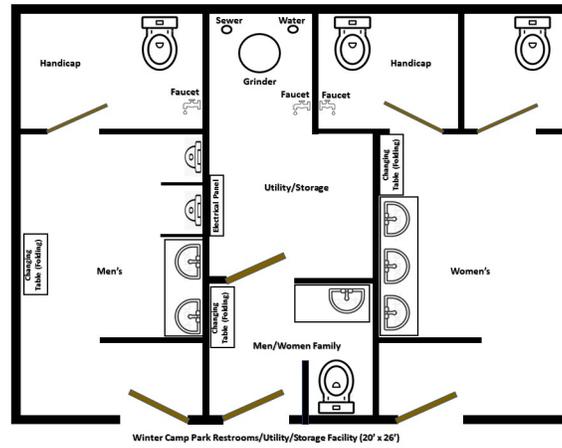
Event/Performance Stage



Bridge between the new parking area and the grassy area

Restroom Update & Fundraiser

Your generous community donations for our “Restroom” project have been outstanding. After water and sewer lines were installed this past winter/spring, footers were dug, concrete poured, foundation and split blocks installed. Our fall/winter goal is to have the structure under roof by the end of this year.



Foundation Block - Sept 2022



Split Block Walls - October 2022

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!

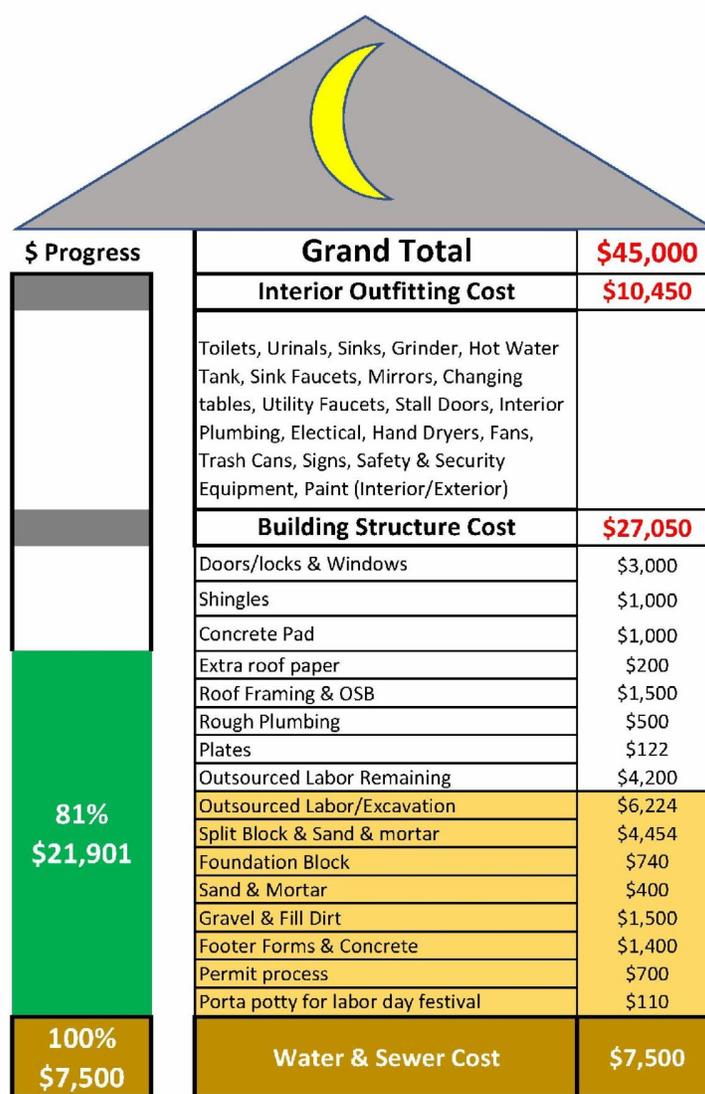
Phase 1 (\$7,500) included the installation of the water and sewer. **Completed!**

Phase 2 **\$27,050** (Original estimate was \$20,000) includes excavation and construction of the exterior structure under roof, including doors, windows, rough plumbing and concrete pad. Since January, you have donated **\$22,000** towards this phase. Certain phase 2 items may not get completed by the end of 2022. Below is a detailed view of the finances for Phase 2.

- \$27,050 - Total Needed for Phase 2
- \$15,528 - Spent to Date
- \$11,522 - Funds to Complete
- \$21,901 - Donations Received to Date
- \$ 6,527 - Funds Available
- \$ 4,995 - Shortfall

Phase 3 (\$10,450) includes outfitting the interior with electrical, plumbing, painting, etc. As previously mentioned, costs are changing constantly. We will be reworking the numbers during the winter months and will provide a more accurate account of what is needed for full completion early next year.

As depicted below, we have revised the costs originally 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.



Wednesday Social Hours

Wednesday evening socials were again a huge success this year. We got together to eat, drink and have fun. The food at the potlucks was phenomenal and folks did not go home hungry; desserts were outstanding! Average attendance was around 40-50. A big shoutout to all the volunteers who stepped up this year to open and close the socials. Work included wiping off the tables and chairs, putting out paper products, and candles and dropping off the trash. A huge thank you to Maryann Valcourt for coordinating these special volunteers and to Ken Valcourt, who removed all the recyclables from the blue bins throughout the season.

After the last social, utilities were turned shut off, and picnic tables stacked. However, the Park is still available year-round for hiking and other informal activities.

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 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 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.

Labor Day Festival Update & Other End-of-Year Events

During the Labor Day weekend, Fairway Home Services and Artisan Kitchens sponsored, with support from Look Family Exteriors, L.R. Wilson Seamless Gutters, Leo Dugan's Soft Pressure Washing and Boss Jr's BBQ, a 2-day musical festival at WCP featuring Johnny and the Headhunters and our own Winter Camp Park Band. The turnout for the 2 days was well over 250 attendees. There was no charge for attending the event but donations toward the "Restroom" project were encouraged. Your generous donations amounted to **\$5,815**. Well done Woods community! We Thank You!!!



Johnny and the Headhunters
Saturday 3 Sept



Winter Camp Park Band
Sunday 4 Sept

A few days after the fantastic Labor Day festival, we experienced severe flooding from the "deluge of water". This unexpected event cost us \$1,000 to repair. The park was closed for several days after the heavy rain until we were able to remove all the debris that blocked the culverts at the park entryway and toward the back. None of the pavilions or the event stage suffered any damage, but some recently installed gravel was washed away.



September and October offered several additional events at the Park, which included:

The Steve Warner Combo

The Winter Camp Park Music Showcase and Concert

The WHOA Fall Festival featuring the Winter Camp Park Band



Steve Warner Combo



WHOA Fall Festival



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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 whole Woods Community to enjoy. For more details on becoming a “Friend” in 2023, check out our [Contribute](#) page.

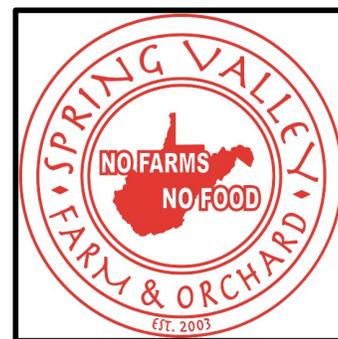
Throughout the year, we hear folks want to donate but don't want to use cash or checks. Our Contribute page lists steps to donate via PayPal, Debit or Credit Card. Here is the link for on-line donations to [PayPal/Debit/Credit](#).

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 **\$10,000**, independent of completing the restroom project.

Corporate Friends of Winter Camp Park

Four 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 will soon be sent to those, asking for renewal, and to other businesses which support the Woods community to participate in this program in 2023 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. Check out the [Supporters](#) page on our website!



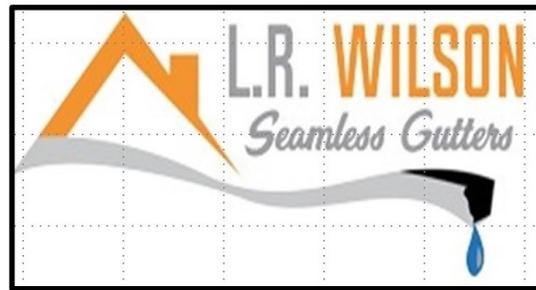


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