

## **Subject: Property Adjacent to The Woods Purchased by Homeowners – 26 August 2015**

Dear Fellow Woods Homeowners:

A group of Woods homeowners has purchased the 7.73 acres of unrestricted use land formerly known as the Wills Family Hunting Camp, located across from the Indian Burial Mound on Wintercamp Trail. We do not know what the future holds for this parcel- whether it would become a gathering place, a park, or an actual facility. That is up to the desires, interest and support of Woods homeowners. What we do know for certain is that purchase of this property has taken it off the market so that its future use will benefit Woods residents. Topographically, the property is well suited to accommodate a park like setting, space for adequate parking, and a large multipurpose building. All are invited to help bring the vision to paper and plan. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to reclaim that sense of community that an attractive new area can bring in expanding our quality of Woods life.

Many residents of The Woods fondly remember the stately lodge building that dominated the entrance to The Woods. It was an inviting place to share a dinner or drinks with friends, a place for visiting family to stay over, and, most importantly, a place for residents to gather for club activities, meetings, and social events. Since the closing of the Lodge, community spirit remains strong, but community activities continue to face difficulties due to the lack of adequate meeting, social event, and gathering space. Homeowners have discussed a variety of options to stimulate activities and have attempted to identify places that might be regularly and consistently available for our use. Some suggested repurposing an existing property within the community; others suggested enlarging the facility at Hedges Chapel; still others suggested that activities continue to cycle between private homes; and some felt because there was no suitable permanent gathering space, community spirit had declined.

It was by chance that a Woods homeowner saw that a sizeable adjacent property had remained unsold for several months. He contacted the listing Real Estate Agent about his making an offer that would be less than the current asking price. The property owner was receptive; the formal offer was made and was accepted. The homeowner then contacted several fellow Woods owners about joining him as financial partners in the purchase. Several interested homeowners met the following weekend to discuss this one-time opportunity to purchase this land parcel. Closing took place on August 5, 2015. The homeowners purchased the property as Community Center Partners, LLC.

The acquisition of this property is wonderful news for the entire Woods community, and, over time, will involve everyone who is interested in contributing to make this property best serve Woods homeowners. The property has available electricity, water, and sewer service and an existing driveway. The first requirement is clearing the property of refuse and removing unsafe structures and dead and diseased trees and plants. When this first stage is completed, interested participants are needed to be advisors and advocates, form committees, volunteer groups, and be or find financial stakeholders.

In the coming months there will be many opportunities for homeowners to learn more about how any and every homeowner can become involved in this venture. As we proceed and have more information to share, we will send out emails from this email address. We don't expect that we would send out mass emails more than once every month or two. However, **if you do not want to receive any other emails from us on this topic, please reply to <mailto:news@communityctr.info>, and type OPT OUT in the subject line. DO NOT do a Reply All!**