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Wendtwoods Park to open June 15

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (June 5, 2013) – The Woodlands Township will dedicate its newest park, Wendtwoods Park, on Saturday, June 15, 2013, beginning at 10 a.m. The 12-acre village-wide park, which also includes a pool, is located at 8950 Creekside Green Drive in the Village of Creekside Park. Wendtwoods Park was jointly funded by The Woodlands Development Company (TWDC) and The Woodlands Township. It is owned and will be maintained by The Woodlands Township.

Wendtwoods Park is the 128th park in The Woodlands. The park's amenities include a 40' x 40' Craftsman-style pavilion, a scenic pedestrian bridge that connects the pool to the pavilion over a lake for fishing. The park also features separate playgrounds for younger and older children, picnic tables, barbecue pits, two lighted tennis courts, a lighted sports field, a lighted basketball court, restrooms and 50 parking spaces.

The landscape design for the park was based on lakeside animal and plant life, with images and sculptures of frogs and native grasses strategically placed throughout the park. The signage was rendered in steel, which naturally weathers over time. Quarry tile and natural stone were also used to enhance the park grounds. LJA Engineering was the architect for Wendtwoods Park, and Landology was the landscape architect.

Wendtwoods Pool is the 14th community pool and features a zero-depth entry, a current channel, a playscape in the pool with a dump bucket, a lily pad balancing water walk, two lap lanes and plenty of shade.

Wendtwoods Park is named after Jim Wendt, long-time parks planner for The Woodlands. Mr. Wendt was Director of Planning for The Woodlands Development Company (TWDC) for 29 years, from 1976 to 2005. He is now associated with LJA Engineering, a consultant to TWDC, and has continued his role in planning all of the parks in The Woodlands.

“Parks are a vital part of the fabric of The Woodlands’ neighborhoods,” Mr. Wendt said. “There is a park within a five-minute walk of just about every neighborhood. There’s also a ‘hierarchy’ of parks from large village-wide parks with pools like Wendtwoods Park to sports parks like Bear Branch and event parks like Rob Fleming Park and Town Green Park. Smaller neighborhood parks and tot lots provide

family play areas within a short walk from homes. We always try to take into account the demographics of the neighborhood surrounding the park when designing the features of each park, in addition to incorporating the newest trends and equipment to provide many different types of active play experiences.”

Admission to Wendtwoods Pool will be free on Saturday, June 15, 2013, in recognition of the official opening. For more information about regular season pool fees and passes, please visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/pools.

For more information about all the parks in The Woodlands, complete with an interactive map by village, photos and features, visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov, click Residents and then Parks. For more information about Township pools, please visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/pools. For the latest news and information on The Woodlands Township government, please call 281-210-3800 or visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.

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Jim Wendt stands by the entrance of his namesake park, Wendtwoods Park, the 128th park in The Woodlands, scheduled to open June 15, 2013. Mr. Wendt was Director of Planning for The Woodlands Development Company from 1976 to 2005 and is now associated with a local engineering firm.



Kaidence Dietrich takes a turn crossing the lily pad walk at Wendtwoods Pool. Wendtwoods Park is the 128th park in The Woodlands, and is located at 8950 Creekside Green Drive.