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Woodland Shores: Setting the tone for distinctive homes

Riffe Homes

As the final phase of construction continues at Woodland Shores, the luxury lakeside community has evolved into a welcoming, sociable retreat, led by a group of active residents, said Jeri Taul, who markets the community for Realty Executives of Kansas City.

"Woodland Shores is home to a great group of involved residents who have started a number of activities, including a play group, swim classes, a luncheon group and more," Taul said.

In addition to the array of activities, Woodland Shores homeowners enjoy a relaxed lifestyle among what the marketing team described as the idyllic surroundings of the community. The topography of the land has produced a variety of homesites, the majority of which are walk-out locations. Treed and lakefront homesites are also available, priced from \$195,000. Sprawling estate-sized lots can accommodate spacious home layouts and are priced from \$80,000. Standard homesites are priced from \$65,000.

Woodland Shores' villa community, built exclusively by Sixta Homes, offers yet another lifestyle option in this retreat-like development.

When developer Jim Riffe acquired the 88 acres of rolling hills and rocky bluffs along the timberland hillside of Prairie Lee Lake, he knew he had something special and envisioned an exclusive retreat, Taul said. He began with an entrance that would immediately establish the community's distinctive atmosphere. After passing through a mountain landscape of wildflowers and pine, residents enter under a covered entrance supported by massive timbers and knotted logs.

Riffe believed this initial impression was essential in setting the tone for Woodland Shores.

"Aesthetics are everything. I wanted this to be a secluded sanctuary from the moment you enter," Riffe said. "This community feels like you're at a five-star resort. It really is an extraordinary atmosphere that saturates everything about this place."

This commitment to detail ties the community together and sets it apart, Taul said. Extensive natural landscaping weaves its way throughout Woodland Shores. Trees line every street and every home is carefully reviewed by an architect to ensure excellence, which hasn't gone unnoticed. The community received a Silver Award from *Kansas City Homes & Gardens* magazine earlier this year in the Best Community in Missouri category.

Lakefront lots can have private docks and lake access. However, all Woodland Shores homeowners have easy access to Woodland Shores' private community docks where they can fish or enjoy use of a community pontoon boat. A richly landscaped pool and cabana area, with a hot tub, waterslide and lakeside terrace offer a place to entertain, relax or enjoy the company of neighbors, Taul said. It is this array of amenities, she added, that helps create the resort-like atmosphere available at Woodland Shores.

Community builders include Achten Construction, Brennan & Sons, Harry F. Lutz Homes, Linquist Construction, Wyss Construction LLC, Pfeifer-King Building Corp., Sixta Homes, Red Leaf Homes Inc. and Riffe Homes Inc. Homeowners may also bring their own plan and builder pending developer approval.

Woodland Shores' close proximity to several Lee's Summit area parks gives homeowners even more opportunities for recreational activities and gathering places. Nearby points of interest include Fleming Park, which surrounds Lake Jacomo and Blue Springs Lake. On the eastern edge of Woodland Shores lies Lee's Summit's own crown jewel, Legacy Park, with its miles of walking trails, recreation center and sports fields.

Students attend the Lee's Summit School District, including Richardson Elementary, Bernard Campbell Junior High and Lee's Summit North High schools. A number of private schools are within a short drive, including Lee's Summit Community Christian School.

Taul said the quality of the homes at Woodland Shores and the unparalleled homesite selections have helped make the neighborhood Lee's Summit's premier lakeside community.

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