

Taking Root

Letter from Tyler Troutman

Dear Friends:

The Willows at Brooking Park recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of the grand opening of our Centerstage expansion. This was an important milestone for our community on many levels.



The completed expansion includes the addition of new amenities like a formal dining area, sculpture garden, art gallery, wine cellar and a new 130-seat cultural arts theatre. Most importantly, Centerstage includes 44 new apartment homes, giving us the opportunity to welcome even more friends to our already close-knit community.

Currently, we have a few move-in-ready apartment homes available. Needless to say, this is a rare opportunity at The Willows. I'd like to personally invite you to attend one of our upcoming events or simply stop by The Willows to see for yourself what makes life here so special. Please call us anytime at (314) 576-0800. We're always happy to hear from you.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler J. Troutman".

Tyler Troutman

Executive Director

The Willows at Brooking Park

An artist with animal instincts

From now until March 30th, The Willows is pleased to show the art of renowned animal artist Curt Parker. "My art," he says, "captures the diverse beauty of the animal kingdom, from the endangered tiger to the family dog." It's apparent through his art that Parker is an animal lover. But his work goes beyond the canvas.

He is involved with conservation groups like the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) to save the black rhino and the Wild Canid Survival and Research Center (Wolf Sanctuary), a captive breeding effort to save wolves.

"I also love doing pet portraits so people can immortalize the family dog or cat. Whether wild or domestic, animals are wonderful subjects for art."

Experience the work of Curt Parker for yourself by stopping by The Willows at Brooking Park or call to schedule an appointment at (314) 576-0800.



Resident Profile: Meet Richard White



When it comes to living life, Richard White has a lot of experience. World traveler, educator, youth leader, scientist, builder, idea man and military man—these are only a few of the terms one could use to accurately describe him.

As a student, Mr. White earned multiple degrees, including a bachelor's and a master's in business administration, a bachelor's in civil engineering and a master's in education in both science and in math. And he's had all the careers to match—and then some.

Throughout his life Mr. White has also been a devoted worker and leader in the education of young people, being involved with the Boy Scouts of America for 68 years and the YMCA for 73 years. Even now he remains active with 11 major youth charities, including Boys and Girls Town, of both Missouri and Nebraska, the YMCA, the Missouri Military Academy and Protestant Children's Home.

He's also traveled the world, having visited every U.S. state, every country in Europe and nearly every country in Asia, Africa and South America. Now his journey has brought him to our close-knit community—The Willows at Brooking Park.

A little more than one year ago, Mr. White became one of the first residents to move into one of the Centerstage expansion's 44 new apartment homes. He had spent some time looking into a number of the retirement communities in the St. Louis area. However, referring back to some of The Willows' brochures he had previously received, he took a closer look at the floor plans and said, "That's what I want."

His instincts did not fail him. "I love it here. There's a good mixture of everything that you're looking for. But the main thing for me is long-term security," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, The Willows is number one in St. Louis."

It's all Greek to The Willows

On Monday, January 25, The Willows held a GreekFest for guests interested in the independent lifestyle here, as well as some of the delicious Greek cuisine we had on hand. More than 60 people turned out to learn a little more about our close-knit community.

While they were here, visitors were treated to some excellent food, including spinach and feta spanakopita with tzatziki sauce, bacon-wrapped Gorgonzola figs and apricot-stuffed baklava pastries. While they mingled with Willows staff, residents and one another, they also enjoyed the traditional Greek music of "Bouzouki" Pete Dellas, a well-known performer who has toured and played many Greek festivals throughout the country.

Needless to say, everybody in attendance experienced a little bit of The Willows' way of life—let's get together and have some fun. See for yourself by attending one of our upcoming events.

Save the date!

Mark your calendar for our wonderful upcoming events. You're always welcome to join us for great entertainment and to learn more about The Willows firsthand. Visit www.newwillows.com for more information.

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February 26

Real Estate and Downsizing Seminar

April 22

Musical performance with singer Bridgette Kossor and pianist Steve Hoover



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