

THE WOODLANDS

# Good cause inspires park name



**From left, Eric Campbell, Linda Hall, Todd Bennett (holding daughter Brooke) and Julee Bennett gather at Brooke Jillyann Bennett Park at The Woodlands.**

**REDMOND** | How did a lovely park in the heart of a new CamWest community here come to include another well-known developer's name?

Eric Campbell, president of CamWest, donated the naming of the park in The Woodlands to the 2005 St. Andrew's Housing Group auction. "As a member of our board, Eric wanted to come up with a unique donation to our auction. He is a very enthused supporter of affordable housing, and broadens our perspective with his many years of home and community building experience," says Linda Hall, executive director of St. Andrew's Housing Group, a nonprofit that builds and preserves affordable housing for East King County.

Apparently Campbell has a sense of humor equal to his generosity. As the bidding heated up for the naming of the park, a CamWest competitor, Todd Bennett, president of Bennett Homes, led the

bidders. "There were a lot of laughs when (Bennett) started seriously bidding for the chance to name the park right in the heart of one of our newest CamWest communities in Redmond," says Campbell. "The park is close to three acres in size and central to the whole community, setting the tone for the open space, greenbelts, mature trees and trails that really distinguish The Woodlands as unique."

Bennett says he was delighted to eventually win the auction and christen the park, now named Brooke Jillyann Bennett Park.

"I was glad to contribute to a good cause while honoring my young daughter with such a gorgeous park at the heart of a stunning community in her name," says Bennett, who attended the auction as a guest of Washington Federal Savings and Loan. Bennett is a leading advocate of Eastside affordable housing and has served for 13 years as the chairman of the Downtown Action to Save Housing (DASH), which has created more than 1,000 low income housing units.

"The Woodlands offers a truly exceptional and unique setting," says Windermere agent Camille Brash. "It's aptly named with all the protected mature trees and emerald greenbelt. It's a fabulous 'close-in' neighborhood, offering quick access to 520 and I-405 and an easy commute south to Microsoft and other Redmond businesses and north to Woodinville, Kirkland, Bothell and Lynnwood. It's not surprising the homes have sold as fast as they have, but we still have a fabulous selection of three- to five-bedroom homes with two- and three-car garages," she says.



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Many of the homes at The Woodlands feature welcoming front porches, elegant columns, charming shutters, brick and stone elevations. Interiors are just as attractive — millwork wrapping the windows, generous 5.5-inch baseboards, lots of top-of-the-line finishes like granite, tile and hardwood, energy-efficient appliances. CamWest offers buyers the added advantage of a streamlined customization process which encourages the special, personal touches that really make new homeowners feel that a home is uniquely theirs.

On April 22, supporters of St. Andrews will have another chance to name a CamWest park in the soon-to-open Shamrock Heights community, a Built Green™ certified 4-star rated community set on a picturesque hillside in the Renton Highlands. For more information about St. Andrew's Housing Group and their upcoming 2006 auction, visit [www.sahg.org](http://www.sahg.org) or call 425-746-1699.

**View these homes:** Open daily from noon to 5 p.m. at 11840 173rd Place N.E., Redmond.

**Getting there:** From I-405, take Exit 20 (southbound) or Exit 20B (northbound) east onto Northeast 124th Street. Turn right on Northeast 162nd Place, which becomes Northeast 122nd Street. Turn right on 172nd Avenue Northeast and then left on Northeast 117th Way into The Woodlands. From the end of Highway 520 eastbound, continue north on Avondale Road Northeast. Turn left on Northeast 116th Street, right on 172nd Avenue Northeast and right on Northeast 117th Way into The Woodlands.

**Prices:** From the high \$500,000s.

**Developer:** CamWest Development.

**Information:** 206-999-3008 or [www.camwest.com](http://www.camwest.com).