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Markland's Second Fire-pit Friday is a Success

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(ST. AUGUSTINE, FL) – Behind the Manor House beyond the pool is an expansive lawn that leads to a fire pit beside the lake. It was a beautiful clear, crisp starlit night with temperatures dropping into the 40s. About 44 people gathered around the lakeside fire to enjoy delicious food and drink by Anthony's for the second "Fire-pit Friday." Gifted musician Ace Winn serenaded residents, guests and friends of Markland as they shared their stories. Twelve families have moved into their new homes at Markland with more on the way as their homes are being built by one of the six builders in this 345 home master-planned intimate community. Markland is set against a backdrop of thousands of acres of pristine protected preservation forest and features two 15-acre recreational lakes. The fire pit is next to the lake on the large back lawn of the Manor House. Sweet white confections of spongy cylindrical pieces were roasted and placed between graham crackers with chunks of chocolate to make everyone's favorite: S'mores!

Residents Kellin and Macally Henry enjoyed roasting marshmallows with their aunt Kristin who recently moved here from San Diego. Realtor Stephan Ulbricht with Magnolia Properties was there with his wife Deborah Montana. Jerry Parrish, an environmental engineer discussed the use of reclaimed water for irrigation systems at Markland and other sustainable practices. He said he loved the clubhouse with the beautiful pool area. His sweetheart, Renea Downes of Watson Realty agreed and said, "The pool is very nice and with the zero entry you can just walk right into it. I've seen that kind of pool in other upscale communities. Kids seem to like it, too, especially the little ones who like to play in the shallow part." Markland's exclusive resort pool features serene beach entry complete with lap lane and fountain jets. There are private pool-side cabanas and lounge areas all around.

Members of the Markland team were on hand such as Todd Myhill, the amenity manager, Walter O'Shea, managing director and Carla Luigs, all from Hines. Residents Lynne and Raj Natarajah were there with their son and granddaughter, Jeff and Kesvri Folmsbee. The Randalls, William, Crystal and Frank were there as were Elizabeth Ferguson and her friends.

Markland is centrally located on International Golf Parkway just east of I-95 with model homes open daily. Our six outstanding homebuilders offer a diverse mix of house plans with pricing that ranges from \$280,000 to over \$700,000.

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