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SUNSET ON ROBESON CREEK BEAVER LODGE

The filtered rays of the setting sun illuminate the home of a family of beavers residing in a pond they created on Robeson Creek. Constructed of branches, brush and mud, a lodge will typically provide shelter for 4–8 of these busy semi-aquatic engineers. After they build the big mound, they then go underwater to chew away a couple of entrance/exit tunnels. Most lodges contain two main rooms — one near the entrance that is used for eating and drying off and another used for sleeping and raising the young. On a cold winter day, a keen observer may see warm air rising from a hole in the center of the cozy abode.

PHOTO BY GARY SIMPSON

A Model Community of the Future

Home Innovation and Environmental Sustainability in Chatham Park

Chatham Park is not just an up-an-coming community, it's a model community of the future. Few developments of this magnitude aim to balance the latest in home innovations with environmental sustainability and stewardship. PSNC Energy has long maintained this same mission will provide smart, affordable and environmentally-friendly energy solutions for the thousands of residents that will call Chatham Park home. Chatham Park will be natural gas-ready with a state-of-the-art natural gas system in place from day one for residents to consider as they make plans for their future energy needs.

Greater control over energy use

PSNC Energy customers in Chatham Park will have the ability to exercise more control of their day-to-day energy use than ever before. PSNC Energy is introducing SMART metering exclusively to the Chatham Park community, allowing residents to track their consumption and make more informed energy choices.

Energy efficient appliances

PSNC Energy customers at Chatham Park will enjoy the most energy efficient appliances and the lowest cost for cooking and heating. Natural gas is the preferred fuel for cooking, as it's faster and more precise. Natural gas-fueled tankless water heaters allow for instant and continuous hot water. Natural gas furnaces are able to produce heat that is significantly warmer than other fuel sources. Homes that use natural gas for heating, cooking and clothes drying save almost 900 dollars a year compared to homes using electricity for those applications. Additionally, natural gas achieves 92 percent efficiency, in comparison to electric-only use which maintains 32 percent usable energy.

"We are excited for Chatham Park residents to experience why natural gas is the fuel of choice for the comfort and convenience it provides," says Steve Bowen, PSNC Energy's General Sales Manager.

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