



Lake Park Villager

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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Community Center and are open to the public.

- Feb 10** 7:00 pm Council Meeting
- Feb 16** Village Office Closed: Presidents Day
- Feb 17** 7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting
- Feb 19** 6:30 pm Economic Development Commission
- Feb 23** 6:30 pm Parks & Recreation Commission

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS
PAUL WOLFCALE RECREATION COMPLEX

CENTRAL ACADEMY AT LAKE PARK
FEB 16 - SCHOOL CLOSED – PRESIDENTS DAY

HOA BOARD MEETING LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
FEB DATE PENDING – 6:30 PM CONTACT: MICHAEL@PRISMPD.COM

SAGES EVENTS INFORMATION: 882-2005
FEB 2 – 1:00 PM CARD GAMES LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
FEB 13 – 12:00 NOON LUNCH MEETING SUN VALLEY CAFE
FEB 16 – 11:15 AM LUNCH MEET AT LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES **AGES 45+**
FEB 5 – 7:00 PM FOR LOCATION & OTHER INFO: 882-3107

ONCE-A-MONTH FURNITURE PICKUP **SECOND THURSDAY ONLY**
FEB 12 – 7:00 AM PLACE BULKY ITEMS AT CURB

Lake Park Villager **FEBRUARY ISSUE INSERTION DEADLINE**
FEB 13 – 5:00 PM CONTACT SANDY COUGHLIN

GARDEN CLUB MEETING
FEB 23 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Officer Richard Haywood

David Cleveland cited Officer Haywood's seven years of dedicated service to our Village before this Union County Sheriff Deputy takes the next advance in his career. Noting his accomplishment in protecting and encouraging responsible citizens, and coming to the aid of those in need, the Mayor presented a congratulatory plaque and thanked him for his dedication and innovations.

Officer Haywood will continue serving in Lake Park until his replacement is assigned from the Sheriff's office, thereby ensuring uninterrupted 2-officer security with remaining Officer Leslie Brett.

Video Surveillance

After months of study and researching quotes, Council voted January 8 to invest \$2779 in a set of security video cameras from Quantum Security to record outdoor activity in public areas where community assets are most developed. The active 24/7 system cameras are intended to discourage any repeat of the paint markings that appeared on public property last summer and to ensure continued enjoyment of Paul Wolfcale Recreation Center and the Community Center for everyone.

When vandal pranks cause any damage, prompt cleanup restores property integrity and sends a clear message to the delinquents that we take fearless pride in our hometown and cannot be overrun by those who do not share that respect. The cameras are one method of deterrence, but citizens are still encouraged to call our deputies if they see suspicious behavior anywhere in the village.

2015: HOA's 25th Year

1990 was the year that The Mathisen Company began the land development project that became Lake Park. Chris and Margie Mathisen and Lanny and Fay Skidmore simultaneously developed the Lake Park Homeowner Association with bylaws, covenant conditions and restrictions as part of the original plan to unite the original resident families together as a good neighbor community with an



Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Fabian Szarko - Council
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Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator
(704) 882-8657
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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer
(704) 882-8657
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Ken Swain, Village Attorney
(704) 882-8657
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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Richard Haywood
Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.
For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591
officer@lakeparknc.gov

Economic Development

EDC sponsored an advanced manager enrichment program with The Employer Association's certified presenter Byron Pruitt at the half-day workshop in the Community Center Jan 14. Participants included Prism Properties & Development, Total Tranquility Salon, Lucas Landscaping, Bellasera Bistro, Gray Insurance Agency, M&M Computers and Deb Inc.

Parks & Recreation

Street Drains: As residents mow lawns, edge sidewalks and remove winter debris it's time to check nearby storm drains to ensure they are kept clear. Never discard any items in the storm drains so stormwater won't flood the roadway or your property.

Parks & Recreation Vacancy: Terms for two of the volunteer commissioners expire in February. P&R oversees village public areas and facilities and sponsors Lake Park events such as celebration of July Fourth and the November Chili Cook-off. Contact David Cleveland, Fabian Szarko or Cheri Clerk if you are interested in participating.

Union Power has right of way authority to trim trees growing into power lines, or shrubs around power boxes.

Overdue Property Tax?

Unpaid taxes accrue interest monthly. Pay before the end of the month to avoid another interest charge.

early tradition of annual events and active village volunteers.

By 1994 the HOA board obtained North Carolina recognition of Lake Park village as an independent municipality with an elected Mayor and a 5-person Council.

The HOA continues to maintain the best interests of Lake Park as a friendly and involved community, sponsoring activities and events. The HOA Annual Kite Festival and October Fall Festival have become village traditions that continue to draw residents together for relaxation and entertainment. Summer Movies-in-the-Park, Spring and Fall Yard Sale Days and a December Christmas event are all due to the 9-member HOA board's dedicated members and countless village volunteers. NOTE: To participate in the 25th Anniversary year plans, contact the HOA at www.lakeparknc.com or Michael Calabrese, michael@prismpd.com.

Public Street Repairs

As the weather improves, Lincoln Court and the Mimosa Street cul de sac are now included in the early spring paving repairs. Council monitors street conditions throughout the village and prioritizes the maintenance work. Eagle Engineering assists with periodic review and the follow up inspections after paving contract work is completed. The project is anticipated to begin in February 2015, weather permitting.

2015 HOA Board Openings

Norris Jeffrey became the newest volunteer board member on the Lake Park Homeowner Association at the January 6 Annual Meeting. The HOA board will meet with additional prospects at their February meeting. Originally scheduled for February 3, the date will be moved to later that month. All residents are welcome to contact a HOA board member and to attend the 6:30 pm monthly meetings. Contact michael@prismpd.com for new February date.

Pet Safety

Cats and dogs are special companions. Please pick up after pets and be sure they are on a leash when off your property. Owners are urged to maintain regular veterinary checkups for their pets, and to keep shots up to date; also to identify each pet with a collar identification tag or an embedded microchip.

Website Development

Council expects the new www.lakeparknc.gov website will be launched by mid-March. Until then, the current website (same name) will remain active and up-to-date for community reference.