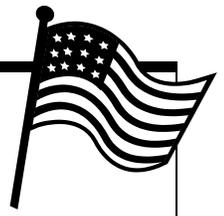




Lake Park Villager



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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

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

- July 4 Holiday:** Village Office Closed
- July 9** 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
- July 16** 7:00 PM Planning Board Meeting/Council Training
- July 18** 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission
- July 22** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK POOLS ADMISSION FEES OR PASSES REQUIRED
OPEN MAY 25 THRU LABOR DAY 10-8 MON-SAT, NOON-8 SUN
PAUL WOLFCALE RECREATION COMPLEX

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

LAKE PARK BUSINESS LUNCH BUSINESS COACH HARVEY SMITH
JUN 25 – 12:00 NOON – 1:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

FINAL PIRANHAS SWIM MEET SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!
JUN 27 – 6:00 PM PAUL WOLFCALE RECREATION COMPLEX

WOLK FINANCIAL SEMINAR ANTICIPATING LIFE EVENTS
JUN 28 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

PIRANHAS BOOSTER CLUB FUNDRAISER \$5 BREAKFASTS
JUN 29 – 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM APPLEBEE'S IN MONROE

LAKE PARK SINGLES – AGES 55+ JEAN FOSTER: 882-3107
JUL 4 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

FIRST FRIDAY FUN LUNCH MARGARET PHILLIPS: 882-9006
JUL 5 – 12:00 NOON MAMA'S MEXICAN CAFE

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JUL 1 – 1:00 PM CRAFTS & CARD GAMES
JUL 12 – 7:00 PM MEETING: IT'S EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY
JUL 15 – 11:15 AM LUNCH LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

HEARTLINK BUSINESS WOMEN NETWORK
JUL 10 – 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM LUNCH RSVP 704-451-2749
JUL 12 – 6:30 TO 9:00 PM DINNER LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN-HOME BY JUL 23
JUL 12 - DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

GIRLS NIGHT OUT SPONSORED BY TOTAL TRANQUILITY SALON
JUL 13 – 6:00 – 9:00 PM BRING A FRIEND FOR RAFFLES & MORE

MOVIES IN THE PARK SPONSORED BY HOA TOWN CENTER PARK
JUL 19 – 8:00 PM RAIN DATE: JUL20

July 4 Celebration

From the earliest race, a 10k at 7:30 am, through the last slice of free watermelon at the Independence Day picnic, there will be activities for all ages in Russell Park until 2:00 pm. The 5K race starts at 9:15 am, the 1K at 9:20 am and a Kids' Firecracker Dash at 10:00 am. Prizes will be awarded at 10:15 am. Driver alert: the race route may limit morning traffic on Creft, Conifer, Mother Teresa and Meeting Street.

The annual Children's Parade invites all youths to line up their decorated bikes, tricycles, and wagons at the Community Center by 10:45 AM. The parade begins at 11:00. Spectators may bring lawn chairs or blankets for the races, parade, the picnic, music and games.

Parks & Recreation Commission will announce our 2013 Hometown Hero and the parade prizes at 11:20. Picnic lunch will be served at 11:30. \$2 buys a hotdog, chips and a drink, or purchase separately for \$.75 each.

To volunteer for set up, tear down or other fun tasks email the coordinators: royetta.trull@lakeparknc.gov or call Cathy MacArthur at 856-979-5649 now. Runners register at www.commonheartfirecrackerrun.com

Property Tax Unchanged

Village Council adopted Lake Park's July 2013-June 2014 municipal budget following the public hearing June 11 without increasing the village tax rate of \$0.23 per \$100 valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 2, 2013. Lake Park citizens are applauded for a village history of over 99% rate of collection. Budget copies are available at www.lakeparknc.gov or from the Clerk's office (9am – noon, Monday-Friday).

New Expenses Planned

Russell Park is earmarked for a dredging and re-landscaping project in the new budget: Reserves are also planned for future re-plastering of the in-ground pools at Paul Wolfcale Recreation Complex.

The 2013-2014 budget is Lake Park's first to include the Lake Park planning and zoning services, resolving permit questions that were formerly decided by Union County administrators. Council voted to assign zoning administration to the Village Clerk, Cheri Clark. Council also is reviewing an opportunity to hire a part time

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Sandra Coughlin – Council

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Mark Phillips - Council

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mark.phillips@lakeparknc.gov

Royetta Trull - Council

(704) 778-1850 (cell)

royetta.trull@lakeparknc.gov

Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector

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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer

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Deputy Richard Haywood

Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591

officer@lakeparknc.gov

assistant to record Planning Board minutes and to assist in the Village Clerk's office. Mrs. Clark currently serves as village administrator and tax collector in addition to the duties of village clerk. Mark Phillips and David Cleveland are also available to assist the transition of planning and zoning permit administration to the village office. Land management and zoning applications are available at the Clerk's office and at www.lakeparknc.gov.

Keep That Speed at 25mph

All Lake Park streets and alleys, including the Creft and Conifer loops and state-owned Faith Church Road are regulated 25 mph speed limit zones. Our sheriff deputies confirm that it's not just young drivers, but, visitors, service deliveries, postal carriers, bus drivers and anyone familiar with Lake Park's roads may inadvertently exceed the 25 mph limit. In Lake Park's densely populated neighborhoods, speeding imperils walkers, joggers and youth at play. 25 mph ~ it's the law.

More Stop Signs Approved

Village Council OK'd two 1-way stop signs at Conifer Circle for the pedestrian pathway crosswalk near the Emma Court intersection. The pedestrian pathway begins at Russell Park, crosses over Creft, Mimosa, Conifer and ends at the court on Etheredge. The new stop signs create a vehicle traffic stop to protect residents and prevent motorist momentum in excess of the Village 25 mph limit on the Conifer loop.

National Night Out Aug 6

Tuesday August 6 opportunities abound for everyone, individuals, local groups, sheriff deputies and businesses to make this summer evening a celebration of safe and neighborly fun for us all. Festivities are from 6pm to 9pm

Adults and teens contact Royetta Trull to learn how you may apply some of your time and talent to planning, setup, staffing, tear down, clean up ~ something for everyone. Here's an easy way to reach out in your community, spend time with family and old friends and especially meet new ones on a summer evening.

Clean Up Kudos

Thank you to all who promptly remove twigs, fallen trees, blown trash and other debris that result from summer storms ~ or even windy gusts when trash is curbed for Thursday waste collections. Your cooperation and initiative shows your pride in our beautiful village. Thank you for never tossing any trash in the ponds and for scooping after pets. Lake Park's Waste Collection Guidelines offers more disposal tips. See the *Villager* (March 2013) or find at www.lakeparknc.gov.

False Alarm Calls Down

Thank you for being so careful as to not to set off false alarms. Only four occurred in the whole village in May. Emergency responders really appreciate your help.

Economic Development

▶ June 25 **Business Network Lunch** will feature pro bono speaker, Harvey Smith, a Certified Business Coach, at the Community Center from noon – 1:00 PM for all Lake Park business owners, managers and professional leaders. Call Sandy Coughlin or text John Box at 704-780-4204 to RSVP. Lunch will be catered by Mama's Mexican Café.

Parks & Recreation

▶ Vandals have marked several village monuments and signs so clean up is underway once again. Prevention is the key to preventing costly repairs. Call 911 if and when you spot any suspicious behavior that could be damaging private or public property.

▶ See something? Say something! Phone it in!

▶ The Venetian Clocktower on Lake Park Road has a new face, in fact four of them. Months of work have developed a fresh new look to the clocktower and the boulevard green space.

Summer Safety

-  Use sun block and drink enough water
-  Bike and Skateboard helmets are brain savers
-  Close garage doors – protect toys and tools
-  Scoop pet debris - prevent smelly slips and falls
-  School's out ~ motorists please watch for children