



# Lake Park Villager

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Population 3,482

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## GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

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

- Sep 1** Labor Day Village Office Closed
- Sep 7** 7:00 pm Council Meeting
- Sep 16** 7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting
- Sep 18** 6:30 pm Economic Development Commission
- Sep 22** 6:30 pm Parks & Recreation Commission

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS** OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK

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

**LAKE PARK PUBLIC POOLS** HOURS CHANGE AUG 25  
DAILY - 4 PM – 8 PM PAUL WOLFCAL RECREATION COMPLEX  
SAT – 10 AM – 8 PM, SUN – NOON – 8PM LAST DAY: LABOR DAY

**LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**  
SEP 2 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

**LAKE PARK SINGLES** AGES 45+  
SEP 4 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**SAGES – NEWCOMERS WELCOME** LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
SEP 1 – 1:00 PM CARD GAMES 882-6906  
SEP 12 – 5:00 PM TOWN CENTER PARK PICNIC 882-2005  
SEP 15 – 11:15 AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 882-6906

**CENTRAL ACADEMY ACTIVITIES** 3624 LAKE PARK ROAD  
RETREATS: HIGH SCHOOL-AUG 27-29, MIDDLE SCHOOL-SEPT 5  
SPORTS: VOLLEYBALL, SOCCER CENTRALACADEMY@LAKEPARK.ORG

**VILLAGER NEWSLETTER** IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY SEP 23  
SEP 12 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

**ONCE-A-MONTH 'FURNITURE PICKUP' DAY**  
SEP 14 – 7:00 AM FURNITURE IS NOT COLLECTED ANY OTHER WEEKS

**GARDEN CLUB** GENERAL MEETING – GUESTS WELCOME TO ATTEND  
SEP 18 -- 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE** PHOTOS? STORIES? 882-6615  
SEPT 25 -- 7:00 LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**NEXT MOVIE IN THE PARK – OCTOBER** SPONSORED BY HOA  
OCT 18 – AT DUSK (RAIN DATE OCT 19) TOWN CENTER PARK

## Discarded Furniture Pickup

Reminder: **SECOND THURSDAY** every month.

## Thank You! Thank You!

Every day Lake Park residents build our village's reputation, caring for homes and families, extending friendly courtesies to neighbors and promoting safe activities for all ages. In this issue Council wants to recognize some of the many who have gone above and beyond this month to make this such a wonderful place to live.

### In Town Center Park...

Thank you, all August 5 National Night Out volunteers, sponsors, vendors, Union County Sheriff's Office, Hemby Bridge Fire Department and other professionals who brought entertainment, provided crime prevention and safety tips to all who came out. Thanks too to Little Caesar's for an abundance of pizza and to those who helped serve cold drinks and popcorn.

Thank you, Central Academy for presenting an entertaining mid-day celebration of music and art August 23 for all who wished to bring their blanket or lawn chair.

Thank you, HOA volunteers for entertaining families with another monthly movie, as they have since May; and thank you to Sun Valley Theatres for donating popcorn and Sonic for donating ice.

### All around the village...

Thank you to the Carolina Pool lifeguards, Mayor Cleveland and other volunteers who promptly rallied to remove offensive graffiti within hours of it first being discovered.

## See Something? Report It!

A rash of graffiti was discovered Sunday morning August 10. Paint was sprayed around the pool area, the front and back of the village storage building, the basketball courts, the Howard Circle obelisk monument and various traffic signs. Such cowardly defacing of public property affects us all; upsetting residents; sacrificing taxpayer time and expense. If you have any information regarding suspects in these acts of vandalism, contact our local deputies or the Village Clerk. And always report any suspicious activity to 911.

## Lake Park Village Government Call List

Website: [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov)

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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](mailto:officer@lakeparknc.gov)

## Schools Start: Drive Safely

As days grow shorter and children await pre-dawn school buses, let's drive with special attention to teens and young children at streets and intersections. Always stop for a stopped school bus at any time of day, both in your lane and in oncoming traffic lanes. It's the law.

## Holiday Delays "Trash Day"

Labor Day holiday means Thursday Sept 4 waste collection will occur on Friday, Sept 5. Curb items by 7 am Friday for same day pickup.

## Security Report

Our deputies continue to report all alarm systems calls for homes, businesses and town center to Council every month. They include their monthly list of all 911 calls, officer response visits and officer patrols throughout Lake Park, summarizing over 100 activities and updates to Council. Residents often comment how quickly responders answer their call, so never hesitate to notify our deputies at the moment you see any foul play, suspect trespassing, or feel something needs checking.

## Pets, Wildlife, Pretty Walks

No one enjoys running out to the mailbox and stepping in pet poo left by a walked dog. If a pet station isn't convenient to your route, please carry a baggie and always scoop after your domesticated companion. Deposit in your trash cart, but not in someone else's cart. Our animal control ordinance applies to all pets. Never let cats, dogs, etc. run loose in any unfenced area.

Wildlife fecal droppings are reduced when we follow environment conservation rules: never feed ducks, geese or feral cats. When their diets are supplemented by handouts, their colonies grow. Those markings foul the shrubs around our homes and parks. The more cats; the fewer songbirds will survive.

## Union County Master Plan

To seek county resident feedback for quality parks and recreation, Union County Division of Parks & Recreation expects to hold surveys and public meetings for a Comprehensive Master Plan. As residents of a community blessed with abundant parks and recreation, your participation could be very helpful to the County planners. It's easy: just google 'Union County Parks and Recreation NC' to participate in the survey. The link is on their home page.

## EDC: Economic Development

♦ **Southern Kitchen** opened August 8 and serves down home favorites for lunch and dinner, Sunday-Saturday. Jessica Warfield prepares both dine in and takeout. Drop in at 6120 Creft Circle to meet owners Gregory Petit and Jessica, or call ahead 773-759-1403.

♦ **Gray Insurance** announced their staff now includes new customer service representative Sherry Casey. Sherry has over 20 years of insurance experience and joined Andy and Jessica Gray in July at 3800 Meeting Street, 704-893-0005.

♦ Have you called or visited any of our **hometown businesses**? When you patronize our local services you help them thrive. Their stability increases the value of our hometown. And that's good for all our property values. Over 15 businesses, churches and schools are listed at [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov), and at the Creft-Meeting Street kiosk.

## Parks & Recreation

♦ **Union County Urban Forester:** The County's environmental expert has been a guiding partner and source of local tree wisdom to Lake Park's Parks and Recreation Commission. Consultation assistance is a budgeted item with an annual cost of \$1374.10.

♦ **Founders Park and Azalea Circle Playgrounds** will receive \$2300 of mulch replenishment from **Lucas Landscaping** to make sure that rains don't create slippery mud around the play equipment and children have safe areas to swing and climb. Park Maintenance budgets this.

♦ **Aquatic Resources** continues to treat the ponds for algae and vegetation with special attention this month to excessive growth in the Russell Park Pond.