



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.

- Aug 11** 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
- Aug 18** 7:00 PM Planning Board Meeting
- Aug 20** 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission
- Aug 24** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission
- Sept 7** Village Office Closed for Holiday

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK

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

ALL POOLS POOL ADMISSION FEES OR PASSES REQUIRED
POOLS OPEN THRU LABOR DAY 10-8 MON-SAT, NOON-8 SUN

SAGES LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

- AUG 3 – 1:00 PM CARD GAMES 882-6906
- AUG 14 – 7:00 PM BACK TO SCHOOL GAMES 882-2005
- AUG 17 – 11:15 AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 882-6906

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AUG 4 - 6:30 – 9:00 PM TOWN CENTER PARK
MEETING STREET CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AND PARKING

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
AUG 5 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

LAKE PARK SINGLES AGES 45+
AUG 6 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

BULK ITEMS MONTHLY PICKUP DAY ONE PICKUP DAY PER MONTH
AUG 13 – 7:00 AM NEVER CURB BULK ITEMS ANY OTHER WEEK!

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY AUG 25
AUG 14 NEWS DEADLINE EMAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

GARDEN CLUB LISA TOMPKINS: BIRDS, BEES & BUTTERFLIES PLANTS
AUG 17 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

HOA MOVIE IN THE PARK: "BOX TROLLS"
AUG 21 – AT DUSK (RAIN DATE AUG 22) TOWN CENTER PARK

Summer Reminders

- 🔔 Alarm System? Avoid setting off false alarms.
- 🔔 Pick up after pets. Never feed waterfowl.
- 🔔 Follow Union County Stage 1 Drought limits.
- 🔔 Curfew Ordinance: 11:00 pm (Midnight: Fri & Sat)

National Night Out Aug 4

Parks & Recreation hosts this annual 6:30-9pm event in partnership with police and emergency responders. Village residents of all ages are welcome to gather in Town Center Park that summer evening to celebrate neighborhood community spirit and brush up on safety.

Union County Sheriff's office will feature a youth Explorer program, offer Child ID kits and demonstrate a K-9 drug dog. The Fire Safety House will be here as well as the Hemby Bridge Fire Department and the Union County Fire Marshall's office with fire safety demonstrations. Union County SWAT's emergency response vehicle will be here to display sniper response gear.

Food will be available. Meeting Street will be closed within Creft Circle to both traffic and parking. To volunteer for the event, email ashleydance@carolina.rr.com or fabian.szarko@lakeparknc.gov

November Ballot for Council

Four candidates are running for three 4-year seats this fall: Ashley Dance and Sean Lowther have thrown their hat in the ring, as have incumbents John Barnes and Fabian Szarko. Pam Jack and Mark Phillips are running for one 2-year seat, an unexpired term. Mark and Pam are both currently serving on Council. David Cleveland and Alicia Parente are running for the 2-year office of Mayor.

Temporary Signs

Lake Park's Unified Development Ordinance regulates sign size and placement. Real estate and contractor signs must be located on the home side of the sidewalk or 6 feet from the curb if there is no sidewalk. Temporary signs are limited to 3 feet tall from ground to the top of the sign. Violations are subject to fines. See details in UDO Section 11 at www.lakeparknc.gov or view a copy at the Village Administration office in the Town Hall/Community Center, 3801 Lake Park Road, between 9 am and 12 noon, Monday – Friday.

Let's Go Greener

Reduce, reuse and recycle are hallmarks of a green community, of people who conscientiously separate recyclables from garbage, who bag yard debris in clear bags, who never put out bulk items except 2nd Thursday,

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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David Cleveland - Mayor

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Sandra Coughlin - Council, Mayor Pro Tem

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John Barnes - Council

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john.barnes@lakeparknc.gov

Pam Jack - Council

(704) 882-0461

pam.jack@lakeparknc.gov

Mark Phillips - Council

(704) 882-9006

mark.phillips@lakeparknc.gov

Fabian Szarko - Council

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fabian.szarko@lakeparknc.gov

Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator/

(704) 882-8657

cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov

Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer

(704) 882-8657

cheryl.bennett@lakeparknc.gov

Ken Swain, Village Attorney

(704) 882-8657

cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov

Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Dana Rucker

Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591

officer@lakeparknc.gov

and Waste Pro hotline 980-255-3800 for questionable items. Did you know that Indian Trail only picks up bulk furniture items 4 times a year? Or that Lake Park residents generate more trash and fewer recyclables than Indian Trail residents ~ even though Indian Trail only picks up recyclables every other week?

Moving in or out? Call the hotline for guidance before moving cartons or discarding extra items.

Need a recycle cart? All it takes is 1) an email to sandy.coughlin@lakeparknc.gov or a call to 704-882-8657 and 2) storing it out of street view between pick-up days.

Apply: Planning Board/BOA

Any interested resident may apply for a 3-year term on the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments. For more information, contact Cheri Clark or Mark Phillips by August 7. The boards meet at 7pm on 3rd Tuesdays.

Survey Results

Council voted 3-2 to put a referendum on the November ballot to decide whether wine and/or beer permits should be available to a business located in Lake Park. Of 1249 households, 212 responded to the on-line survey in June and July with their opinion. Of those that responded, 89% were in favor of putting the question on the November ballot.

The question arose from an outside restaurant inquiry to the Mayor asking if the village allowed wine or beer. No businesses that are currently open to the public in Lake Park have asked to serve wine or beer.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in public recreation areas or the Community Center which are governed by the Parks Ordinance. The proposed referendum would not change the ordinance.

Garden Club

Men and women members meet on third Mondays to share ideas, enjoy professional speakers, or visit nearby gardens. Projects have included donating park benches, and members have planted and maintain the Community Center garden. Both new and inexperienced gardeners are welcome. Dues are \$10/year. Contact Darlene LeClair 882-8259 or Betty Hart 882-0442.

No Discarded Bulk Items

Items that do not fit in the rolling garbage cart, or in a recycle bin or recycle cart may qualify as "bulk". Bulk items must not be put out for pickup until the Waste Pro bulk pick up day: ONLY on the SECOND THURSDAY of the month. Too many homes have violated the village service contract by discarding bulk items other Thursdays.

Bulk items pickups are Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 13 and Dec 10 only. Please plan accordingly. More information: www.lakeparknc.gov.

Commercial dumpsters are placed exclusively for the use of business and condo owners and are not a receptacle for discarded bulk items. Questions: Call WastePro 980-255-3800.

EDC: Economic Development

◆ The EDC met twice in June to inventory and assess conditions of 15 decorative directional signs. A Music & Food event is planned October 3 to increase visitor awareness of local businesses, churches and schools. Mylakepark.com site will be restored to accurately reflect the current professional community

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

◆ **July 4th Kudos:** Brian & Kris Kirwan were named Lake Park 2015 Hometown Heroes. Brian organized his student peers on Village clean-up teams and Kris served on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped, to all who attended the annual parade and picnic, and those who raced for Common Heart

◆ **Entrance Waterfall:** Though the waterfall installation has been completed and operating, the entrance feature will be completely landscaped with new plants and shrubs when the milder weather returns in a few months.

Swim Team Success

For the sixth consecutive year, the Lake Park Piranhas brought home the annual Sportsmanship award from their 9-team division competition. With 81 swimmers, Lake Park won every meet and tied for 1st place as Division Champs with Candlewyck. The Piranhas placed 2nd over-all for the All Star Meet.

The season began with May 18th Boot Camp. Young swimmers qualify for the team by being able to swim a pool length.

Kaylyn Secrest joined the Piranhas when the team was formed in 2009. She graduated from high school and swam with the team for the last time this year.