



# 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.

- Sep 7** Village Office Closed for Holiday
- Sep 8** 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
- Sep 15** 7:00 PM Planning Board Meeting
- Sep 18** 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission
- Sep 28** 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 WOLFCALF RECREATION COMPLEX

**ALL POOLS** POOL ADMISSION FEES OR PASSES REQUIRED  
POOLS OPEN THRU AUG 23 10-8 MON-SAT, NOON-8 SUN  
WEEKDAY HOURS CHANGE AUG 24 FROM 4PM – 8PM

**SAGES** LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

- SEP 7 – 1:00 PM CARD GAMES 882-6906
- SEP 11 – 5:00 PM TOWN CENTER PARK PICNIC 882-2005
- SEP 21 – 11:15 AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 882-6906

**LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION EVENTS**

- SEP 1 – 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
- OCT 3 – 7 AM – 1 PM FALL YARD SALES RESIDENTS FRONT YARDS
- OCT 17—10 AM – 6 PM FALL FESTIVAL TOWN CENTER PARK

**LAKE PARK SINGLES** AGES 45+  
SEP 3 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**BULK ITEMS MONTHLY PICKUP DAY** ONE PICKUP DAY PER MONTH  
SEP 10 – 7:00 AM NEVER CURB BULK ITEMS ANY OTHER WEEK!

**GARDEN CLUB** CHEF SCOTT BROOKS: PREPARING FALL FLAVORS  
SEP 21 – 7:00 PM INFO: 882-8259 LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**NEW: LAKE PARK BOOK CLUB** FIRST FALL MEETING  
SEP 17 – 7:00 PM LAKEPARKREADERS@GMAIL.COM

**HOA MOVIE IN THE PARK:** "CASPER"  
OCT 16 – AT DUSK (RAIN DATE OCT 17) TOWN CENTER PARK

**VILLAGER NEWSLETTER** IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY OCT 27  
OCT 16 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

## Summer Reminders

- Children, please remain on sidewalk at bus stops
- Security system owners: prevent false alarms.
- Motorists must stop for stopped school buses

## National Night Out Success

Special thanks to the Union County Sheriff's office, the Fire Marshall's office and to the Hemby Bridge Fire Department for supporting the August 4 event with demonstrations and for featured appearances by Charlotte Panthers' mascot, 'Sir Purr' and 'McGruff', the Bite Out of Crime mascot.

About 350 residents attended. Special thanks to volunteers Blair Cooper, Shannon Dance, Wayne Daniels, Josh Denton, Brittany LaFontaine, Laurie and Terry McBroom, Alisha and Joseph Parente, Anne Shaw, Susana Szarko, Ameer Warren, Mayor Dave Cleveland, Council members John Barnes and Pam Jack, and our business partners: Hungry Howies and Sports Fanatics of Indian Trail and Texas Roadhouse of Matthews. Council member Fabian Szarko coordinated the event with Ashley Dance and the P&R Commission.

## Sidewalk Repairs

Precision Safe Sidewalks, Inc. will repair severely uneven sidewalk panels in August on Balsam Street, Conifer Circle, Faith Church and Lake Park Roads, Alden, Mimosa and Meeting Streets and Mother Teresa Drive.

## New Voter Registration

New residents and older teens aged 18 need to register in order to vote in November. Registration can be done on line now or at the Union County Board of Elections in Monroe NC. Forms are also available at public libraries and the village office. Registration ends Oct 9. Early voting period runs Oct 22 - 31. Lake Park polls are at the Community Center/Town Hall Nov 3.

## Stage 1 Drought in Effect

Union County Department of Public Works announced Stage 1 limits effective since July 20: residents may use drip irrigation 2 days per week and use spring-activated nozzles for hand watering. UCPW also asks that any new landscaping plantings be delayed until the water shortage is ended. 704-296-4210 for details.

## Planning Board Openings

Any interested residents may volunteer for either one of two 3-year term vacancies on the Planning Board

## Lake Park Village Government Call List

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

### David Cleveland - Mayor

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### Fabian Szarko - Council

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### Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator/

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### Ken Swain, Village Attorney

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### Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Dana Rucker

Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591

[officer@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:officer@lakeparknc.gov)

and Board of Adjustments. Advise Cheri Clark or Mark Phillips by September 7. The boards meet at 7pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays. Planning Board Vice Chairman Jonathan McDaniel is currently serving as interim chair of both boards. The meetings are usually brief and held the same evening; the Board of Adjustments meeting immediately follows the Planning Board agenda.

## New Book Club

Kimberly Cooper is inviting readers to gather at her home for the first book club meeting of the 2015-16 year. First book is "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline. Contact Kimberly at [lakeparkreaders@gmail.com](mailto:lakeparkreaders@gmail.com) or 704-516-0445 for more information.

## Clocktower Repair

A severe rainstorm caused lightning damage at 1:02 am July 31 resulting in burns to the protective cage and the mechanism that operates the hands on all four clock faces. Although the chimes continue to operate on the quarter hour, Council anticipates scheduling repair as soon as cost quotes are established to restore the clock to full function.

## Normandy Castle Cleanup

Parks & Recreation Commission is scheduling repair and painting to restore the castle feature on Faith Church Road at Creft Circle. Graffiti resistant coating will be applied as well. The coating has been successfully used at the Lake Charles pier to enable easier removal of prankster's markings.

## Waste Pro Manual Service

Jennifer Herring, Account Representative and Charles 'Red' Osborne, Route Supervisor, have taken steps to improve the collection service due to complaints about carts and bins damage. In spite of higher cost of manual handling and the risk to crew working in the streets, Waste Pro is determined to meet community expectations. **Labor Day causes Sept 10 pickup to change to Friday Sept 11 for trash and bulk pickup.**

As a community, our residents' responsibilities include sorting recyclables, bagging yard debris in clear bags, placing carts and bins at the curb by 7am and making sure that bulk items are never put to the curb until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month. Sept 11, Oct 8, Nov 13 and Dec 10 are the last four pick up dates this year. Please plan accordingly. More information: [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov) or 980-255-3800.

## Schools & Day Care

Lake Park's schools and day care facilities are convenient to many resident families and can sometimes accommodate new enrollments even after the new terms begin. Contact information:

Central Academy at Lake Park	882-6267
Children's Lighthouse	882-1100
Children of Faith Preschool	882-5583
Miss Dee Dee's After School	882-9386
My First School	882-9386

## EDC: Economic Development

◆ Since established in 2006, the EDC has observed Town Center's turnover and exists to promote and involve the professional community in events and projects for their mutual success. The EDC notes that consistent quality and appropriate pricing results in positive promotion by word of mouth, and continuing marketing efforts are essential for business owners. The EDC planned to meet with Town Center property managers, Sperry Van Ness/Percival Partners August 20. The EDC also will sponsor the Music & Food event October 3 to attract visitors to become acquainted with Lake Park's businesses, churches and schools.

New small business owners typically face extraordinary challenges. The EDC has noted that obstacles to longevity in the past have included under-capitalization, inconsistent operating hours, inadequate market strategy or lack of a strong client base. Some have struggled to maintain consistent quality or superior customer service. Restaurants are high-risk ventures in any location as competition in surrounding areas is consistently high, customers are accustomed to high food service standards, and advertising is a significant ongoing cost.

The Town Center offers limited parking, which is well-suited to businesses providing services by appointment or reservation. For details, contact Leasing Agent: [Jamey.Cox@svn.com](mailto:Jamey.Cox@svn.com).

## P&RC: Parks & Recreation

◆ **Park Benches:** Two additional composite playground benches were installed at Russell Park. One was donated by the Lake Park Garden Club.

◆ **Entrance Waterfall:** The layout for new plants and shrubs has been on hold due to the summer heat and current drought conditions. Fall conditions are usually ideal for establishing new landscaping.