



# Lake Park Villager

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## GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

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

- Nov 7** 7:00p Village Council Meeting (Monday)
- Nov 11** **Veterans Day:** Village Office Closed
- Nov 15** 7:00p Planning Board Meeting
- Nov 17** 6:30p Economic Develop. Commission Meeting
- Nov 25-26** **Thanksgiving:** Village Office Closed
- Nov 28** 6:30p Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS** OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK  
**LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS** LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS

### HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT

OCT 31 PARTICIPATING HOMES LEAVE ENTRANCE LIGHT ON

### CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

NOW THRU DEC 6 SEE ATTACHED FLYER  
DROP BOX AT TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER

### LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION

NOV 3 7PM HOA BOARD MTG COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

### LAKE PARK SINGLES

NOV 4 7PM AGES 45+ WELCOME  
COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

### SAGES EVENTS

NOV 7 1PM CARD GAMES COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL 704-882-6906  
NOV 11 7PM 'ELDER SECURITY' & PIE NITE 704-882-2005  
NOV 21 11:15AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 704-882-6906

### 11TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

NOV 12 5:30-8:00 PM SEE ATTACHED FLYER  
COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

### BOOK CLUB THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL SOCIETY

NOV 10 7 PM 3906 ETHEREDGE STREET 704-516-0445

### VILLAGER NEWSLETTER

NOV 11 NEWS DEADLINE IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY NOV 22  
E-MAIL [SANDY.COUGHLIN@LAKEPARKNC.GOV](mailto:SANDY.COUGHLIN@LAKEPARKNC.GOV)

### SECRET SHORTCUT ROAD CLOSED

NOV 19 FROM FOOD LION TO BEVERLY DRIVE FOR PARADE AND FESTIVAL  
'HEMBY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS'

### GARDEN CLUB

NOV 21 7 PM NATURAL MATERIAL DÉCOR' BY DIANA GORMAN  
COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

## Mathison Memorial

Council is considering several ideas arising from the community to commemorate Lake Park's founder. If you have any suggestions, please contact Cheri.

## Nov 8 Elections

Polls are open 6:30am to 7:30pm, at the Lake Park Community Center Town Hall, 3601 Lake Park Road. High turnout is expected so residents may choose Early Voting now and avoid long lines on Election Day. Our nearest Early Voting site is Hemby Bridge Volunteer Fire Department, 6628 Mill Grove Road. Hemby Bridge.

There are 29 offices on the ballot and 3 bond referenda to be decided. See [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov) for a sample ballot, or [www.co.union.nc.us/elections](http://www.co.union.nc.us/elections) for early voting schedules and requirements.

Early voting began Oct 20. When voting outside Lake Park, you may wish to bring a government document, bank statement or utility bill, just in case, to verify your address. Photo I.D.'s are not required.

The Village Council Meeting will be held on Monday, Nov 7 instead of Tuesday Nov 8 due to the polls being at the Town Hall Community Center Nov 8.

## Village Council Opening

Would you like to serve on Council for a year? Council is seeking a candidate to appoint to the unexpired term vacated by Ashley Dance who resigned Oct 11 to relocate to Wilmington. Indicate your interest by writing to the Village Office before Nov 3.

Although there are 3 years remaining in the unexpired term, the appointment will be for 1 year. According to election regulations, the 2 remaining years in the unexpired term will be offered in the Nov 2017 election.

## Thank you, Ashley Dance

Council recognized Ms Dance and her husband Shannon for their dedicated participation in Village projects at the October 11 Council meeting. Ms. Dance successfully petitioned Council for an illuminated flag in Veterans Park in 2014. The Dance family received the 2014 Hometown Hero award for their initiative in establishing the Village's first Memorial Day Celebration. Ms. Dance was elected to Council in 2015 and chaired Village events as liaison to the Parks & Recreation.

## Be Safe: Lock Vehicles

Our deputies Leslie Brett and Dana Rucker urge all residents and visitors to lock vehicles and store all inside items completely out of sight (in the trunk). Valuables were stolen from 3 unlocked cars from Oct 1-11.

## Halloween Safety Oct 31

Children's costumes need to be modified for safety

## Lake Park Village Government Call List

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

**David Cleveland - Mayor**  
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[david.cleveland@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:david.cleveland@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Sandra Coughlin - Council**  
Mayor Pro Tem (704) 882-9692  
[sandy.coughlin@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:sandy.coughlin@lakeparkknc.gov)

**John Barnes - Council**  
(704) 882-9628  
[john.barnes@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:john.barnes@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Vacant Seat - Council**

**Pam Jack - Council**  
(704) 882-0461  
[pam.jack@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:pam.jack@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Fabian Szarko - Council**  
(704) 628-6988  
[fabian.szarko@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:fabian.szarko@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator**  
(704) 882-8657  
[cheri.clark@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:cheri.clark@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Angie Figiel – Administrative Assistant**  
(704) 882-8657  
[angie.figiel@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:angie.figiel@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer**      **Ken Swain, Village Attorney**  
(704) 882-8657                              (704) 882-8657  
[cheryl.bennett@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:cheryl.bennett@lakeparkknc.gov)      [cheri.clark@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:cheri.clark@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Dana Rucker**  
Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.  
For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591      [officer@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:officer@lakeparkknc.gov)

## EDC: Economic Development

- ♦ **The Sales Office** welcomes their 7<sup>th</sup> sales team member, Lisa Horstkamp. Amber Sloan, Group & Meetings Sales Coordinator, celebrated her 1-year Anniversary at The Sales Office Inc on September 30.
- ♦ **The Tournament Office, Inc.** has added a new partnership with NTH Soccer Academy in Atlanta Ga.
- ♦ **The Offices** has affordable board room space available for hourly rent at 6132 Creft Circle. 704-882-1211
- ♦ **Gordo's Mexican Kitchen** is open for lunch and dinner, 5 days a week, Tuesday through Saturday.

## P&RC: Parks & Recreation

- ♦ **Christmas Tree Lighting** will be Sunday Dec 4, 5:30-6:30pm. Council approved \$12,000 for lighting and accepted Henry Antonsanti's bid to install this year's Village Christmas decorations.
- ♦ **Tennis & Basketball Courts** renovations were completed this month by Quality Seal Coating & Sport Surfaces.
- ♦ **Fall Flowers** were installed and Lucas Landscaping helped assess needs in all 38 Village cul-de-sacs. Council approved \$2,334 to add shrubs, mulch, knock out roses and to limb up trees as needed in 23 of the cul-de-sacs.
- ♦ **Pool Bathroom Renovations** were completed by JT's Drain Service & Plumbing Repairs this month.
- ♦ **Council** approved \$6445 for work to maintain the pool filtration system, and replace feature pool cover and anchors.

## Prevention is Key

- Close garage doors to prevent unauthorized entry into the house.
- Password protect your WiFi connection.

before they run from door to door. Reflective clothing, masks that allow good vision and adult supervision are recommended. Motorist vigilance is also critical as hundreds of youngsters move across streets and around parked cars. Pedestrians must not jaywalk, but use corner street crossings. Be safe to enjoy the evening.

## November 12 Chili Chefs

Calling all cooks! Do you have a favorite chili recipe? Or try out a new one! Our annual Village cook-off needs more chefs to bring a crock pot of chili by 6pm to the Community Center/Town Hall Nov 12. Contact Fabian Szarko to reserve your serving station at the Cook-off: 704-628-6988. See attached flyer.

## Sun & Fun: 26<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival

Thank you to everyone for making it a great day to remember. Lake Park's Homeowners Association Board Members thank the hundreds of volunteers, vendors and participants who made this year's festival so successful. Alicia Parente's coordination and the support of all the board members deserve special thanks.

## Garden Club Events

A limited number of \$15 Christmas Tea tickets are available for the 1pm and the 4pm seatings Dec 3. Call Pam Jack for tickets: 704-882-0461.

Attending the Nov 11 Garden Club meeting? Bring a small container to make a holiday arrangement.

## 5-Year Plan Survey Attached

What are your ideas for Lake Park's future? Your chance to share with Lake Park 5-Year Plan Committee is attached to this issue. Please take time to fill out the survey, then mail or deliver it to the Town Hall Community Center.

## Community Watching

See something? Don't wait! Phone 911 the moment you see suspicious behavior. Community Watch means that our residents are alert and serious about protecting lives and property.

When you call 911, dispatchers respect your privacy. Just ask that the responding officer not pull up at your door (unless you want them to). They understand the value of discretion and get to the site within minutes.

## Fewer False Alarms

We were down to 6 last month. Thank you for your diligence toward our goal of eliminating false alarms; it is greatly appreciated by our emergency responders.



**Only Clear Bags for Yard Debris:** Required by Union County transfer station to make into mulch.

**Pickup Days:** Thu 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17  
Thanksgiving Delay to Fri 11/25

**Furniture & Bulk Items:** ANY pickup day.