



# 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.

- Nov 26-27** Village Office Closed – Thanksgiving
- Dec 8** 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
- Dec 28** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission
- Dec 23-25** Village Office Closed – Christmas  
No December EDC Meeting  
No December Planning Board Meeting

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS** LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS

### LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION

- DEC 1 – 7PM BOARD MEETING LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
- DEC 6 – 5-7PM CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION TOWN CENTER PARK
- DEC 18 HOME HOLIDAY LIGHTING DEADLINE HOMEOWNER OPTION
- DEC 19-20 HOLIDAY LIGHTS JUDGING AWARD SIGNS GIVEN BY DEC 21

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

**SAGES EVENTS** LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
DEC 3 – 5:00 PM CHRISTMAS DINNER LOGAN STEAKHOUSE, MONROE  
DEC 7 & 21 – 1:15 AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 882-6906

**CENTRAL ACADEMY EVENTS**  
DEC 4 – 9-11AM OPEN HOUSE CENTRAL ACADEMY  
DEC 14 – 6-8 PM OPEN HOUSE KATE'S SKATE SPIRIT NIGHT

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

**LAKE PARK BOOK CLUB** "A QUILT FOR CHRISTMAS" 516-0445  
DEC 10 – 7:00 PM LAKEPARKREADERS@GMAIL.COM

**ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT @ LAKE PARK NURSING & REHAB**  
DEC 12 HOLIDAY DONATIONS DEADLINE MARY FREEMAN: 806-4906

**VILLAGER NEWSLETTER** IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY DEC 22  
DEC 13 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

**GARDEN CLUB** HOLIDAY DINNER, GIFT EXCHANGE, MUSIC  
DEC 21 – 6:00 PM INFO: 882-8259 LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**E-Notify:** Go to [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov) to list your email for village messages. Select the E-Notify icon, and follow the easy step to enroll. This gives the Village the opportunity to alert the community at once of urgent news. You may also receive a link to the electronic copy of the *Villager*.

## Lake Park Election Results

Candidates elected include: Mayor David Cleveland, 4-year Council terms: John Barnes, Ashley Dance and Fabian Szarko and 2-year Council term: Pam Jack. Voters also passed the referendums to allow the NC ABC Board to permit a Lake Park restaurant to add 'on-premises' sale of malt beverages and wine.

This year's election was a citizenship achievement. The League of Women Voters reports that the Lake Park candidates' forum was the best attended of any forums they moderated in Union County. Over 500 Lake Park citizens voted; that's over 25% of our registered voters. Union County had an 11% turnout. The League confirms this is a remarkably high turnout for any municipality in any 3 years between U.S. President Elections.

Every Lake Park neighbor who became educated about the candidates, and all candidates who took various steps to become known, exercised the best of the democratic process. Those who also ran (Sean Lowther, Alicia Parente and Mark Phillips) enlivened the campaign through their perseverance, candor and valued commitment.

There are many opportunities to contribute time and talent to our community, to seize the challenges and the enjoyment in continued volunteering in events, activities and organizations as well as public service. Our unique Lake Park character is indebted to all volunteers.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Chili Cook-Off Winners

The prizewinning chili cooks in the November 14 event, sponsored by Village Council and chosen by ballots gathered to taste and compare the 7 entries were: 1<sup>st</sup>: Mike & Cheri Clark's 'Chillin' Chili', 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jo & Doyle Waybright's 'VA Gentleman Chili' and 3<sup>rd</sup>: Michael Bila's 'Fire in the Hole'. Thanks to everyone who came and made this a success, and to **Gordo's Mexican Kitchen** for donating the prizes.

## Waste Pickup Friday Nov 27

Though collection is delayed to Friday for Thanksgiving week, there is no delay for Christmas and New Year weeks. All December pickup days are Thursday, including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Bulk (furnishings) pick up days are Dec 10 and Jan 14.

## Fall Pruning Reminder

Grass, mulch and shrubs that overhang public sidewalk edges need to be trimmed back to prevent slip/falls, to provide physical clearance for children and

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

### 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](mailto:john.barnes@lakeparknc.gov)

### Pam Jack - Council

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[pam.jack@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:pam.jack@lakeparknc.gov)

### Mark Phillips - Council

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[mark.phillips@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:mark.phillips@lakeparknc.gov)

### Fabian Szarko - Council

(704) 628-6988

[fabian.szarko@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:fabian.szarko@lakeparknc.gov)

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

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[cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov)

### Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer

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[cheryl.bennett@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:cheryl.bennett@lakeparknc.gov)

### Ken Swain, Village Attorney

(704) 882-8657

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

adults on the walks, and to ensure that motorists have a clear view around street corners. Trimming is resident/owner responsibility. Tree limbs that overhang the public sidewalks must be maintained by the residents so limbs are no lower than 7 feet above the walks. **Yard debris is collected every week**; place in clear plastic bags and cut limbs to 4 foot lengths for crew safety.

## Hoover Area Channel Repair

Lucas has removed the bulk of over growth so the inspection crew can walk the channel and assess next steps in restoration. Homeowners with adjacent properties will be notified before work begins because it may be necessary for private fences to be moved before the Lucas crew can remove remaining material, regrade and restore the surface.

## Swim Pool Restoration

Swim Specialties is completing the re-plastering and coping repairs to the Jr. Olympic and Youth pools. A 4<sup>th</sup> step and a handrail has been added to the adult pool.

## Guest Parking

Help holiday visitors avoid a citation: Remind them of Lake Park's parking ordinance prohibiting tires on public property including the grass between public walks and roads. Citations may also be issued to parked vehicles that obstruct the 10' minimum passage on any alley or road. Lock all vehicles and be sure valuables are hidden from view.

## House Numbers & Safety

If your house front does not already bear the numbers of your street address, make it easier for your holiday guests, and especially fire and safety personnel, to get to you in an emergency. Please add numbers, available at all hardware stores. While you are there, and if your mailbox lacks a newspaper tube, you might pick up a tube to install at your mailbox so your *Lake Park Villager* can be delivered to you. Only houses, apartments and townhomes with news tubes receive home delivery.

## Normandy Castle

In addition to new graffiti deterrent painting, an LED light has been installed for added safety to the pedestrian rest stop in the castle monument at Faith Church Road and Creft Circle.

## VOLP and HOA

Both the municipal government (Village Council) and the homeowners associations (HOA, LPTA, etc.) contribute in different capacities to quality of life in Lake Park. Village Council and Mayor are elected by all registered voters to uphold laws/ordinances, manage public streets, ponds, pools and parks, support economic development and provide security and waste collection. The HOA's uphold CCRs, address private residence and personal property concerns. Home owners elect their boards at their respective annual meetings.

## EDC: Economic Development

♦ **Gordo's Mexican Kitchen** is open 11am–9pm Mon–Thu, 11am-10pm Fri, 4pm-10pm Sat, serving a wide variety of appetizers, soups, salads, entrees, grill specialties and authentic Mexican combo samplers, eat-in or take-out. 882-0386, 6120 Creft Circle.

♦ **The EDC is setting up a schedule to replace the Decorative Directional Signs** in two phases. The 15 original signs around the village which point out the neighborhoods are now faded, cracked and peeling. In addition to replacing the signs, the EDC will also list businesses, schools and churches that have become vital village features. Banner Signs has been awarded the bid. Work will begin as weather permits and is expected to be completed next summer. The EDC budget can fund the first phase now and expects to add the final phase next summer, in the 2016-17 budget year.

♦ **Sperry Van Ness/Percival Partners** manages Town Center. Prospective tenants may contact [Jamey.Cox@svn.com](mailto:Jamey.Cox@svn.com) for leasing details.

## P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ **Christmas Lights & Decorations:** Michael Wienecke began installation and light testing this month so the various public area decorations will be ready December 6.

♦ **Veterans and Azalea Park Playgrounds** will benefit from 35 cubic yards of playground mulch in November. Lucas Landscaping will restore these areas and remove tree root tripping hazards. They have already spread 200 cubic yards of hardwood mulch and planted fall flowers around the village and completed restoration of the park at Queens and Hoover.

♦ **Damaged or Missing Trees, Shrubs & Grasses** in public areas and cul-de-sacs will be replaced this month. Damaged curbs encircling the plants in the Fennell and Ginger Lane cul-de-sacs will be repaired in December, weather permitting.