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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

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

- Mar 8** 7:00p Public Hearings & Village Council Meeting
- Mar 15** 7:00p Planning Board Meeting
- Mar 17** 6:30p Economic Develop. Commission Meeting
- Mar 25** Village Office Closed – Good Friday
- Mar 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

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION

FEB 23	7 PM HOA ANNUAL MEETING	CENTRAL ACADEMY
MAR 3	6:30 PM HOA BOARD MEETING	COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES

MAR 3 7 PM AGES 45+ WELCOME
COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

CENTRAL ACADEMY EVENTS

MAR 4	8 AM PANCAKES FOR DADS	3624 LAKE PARK ROAD	704-882-6267
MAR 10	12 NOON DISMISSAL		
MAR 11	NO SCHOOL (TEACHER WORK DAY)		

SAGES EVENTS

		COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL
MAR 7	11 AM CARD GAMES	INFO: 704-882-6906
MAR 11	6 PM IRISH BAKED POTATO NIGHT	RSVP: 704-882-2005
MAR 21	1:15 PM LUNCH & CARD GAMES	INFO: 704-882-6906

BULK ITEMS MONTHLY PICKUP DAY

MAR 10 7 AM **ONE PICKUP DAY PER MONTH**
NEVER CURB BULK ITEMS ANY OTHER WEEK!

LAKE PARK BOOK CLUB

MAR 10 7 PM *ANIMAL DREAMS* (B.K.SOLVER) 516-0445
LAKEPARKREADERS@GMAIL.COM

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER

MAR 11 NEWS DEADLINE **IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY MAR 22**
E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

GARDEN CLUB

MAR 21 7:00 PM SOUTH CHARLOTTE WINTER GARDEN WALK
INFO: 882-8259 COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

Feb 23 HOA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 pm at Central Academy. Check-in will begin at 6:30 pm. The date change occurred after the *Lake Park Villager* January issue was printed. HOA postponed the meeting to February upon discovery that at least 150 homeowners had not received the mailed HOA notice packets. If you have not received your packet for the February meeting, contact 704-847-3507.

Feb 29: Civics 101 Begins

Evening class info and registration for the 7-class series sponsored by the League of Women Voters can be found at <http://unionclwv.com>, or call 704-882-8190.

Mar 8 Public Hearings

The public may attend and speak at a public hearing for the Uniform Development Ordinance (UDO) to begin at 7pm in the Town Hall/Community Center. A public hearing for the Personal Property Ordinance (PPO) will follow. The regularly scheduled monthly Council meeting will immediately follow the PPO public hearing.

The PPO revision restates violation status from criminal to civil. The UDO revision complies with recent State and Supreme Court changes in municipal regulation of signs and local architectural designs. Call 704-882-8657 for more information or for persons needing special accommodations. The proposed amendments are available at www.lakeparknc.gov.

Apr 15 SPC Volunteers

Council seeks to organize the Strategic Planning Committee to develop a five year strategic plan for Lake Park. Residents wishing to serve on the SPC email pam.jack@lakeparknc.gov with your name, address, years a resident, phone and why you feel you would be a good fit for the committee tasked with understanding the community's needs and desires. Emails due April 15.

Apr 16 Spring Yard Sale

HOA community yard sales are Sat April 16 and October 1, 7am - Noon. The HOA Fall Festival will be October 15, two weeks after the Fall Yard Sale.

Pool Passes Available Now

Pools open May 28. Season pass fees will increase by \$5. Daily pool pass fees are unchanged. View fee schedule and registration forms at www.lakeparknc.gov. Purchase pre-season at Village office M-F, 9a-12noon.



E-Notify: Go to www.lakeparknc.gov to enroll your email and ensure that you receive current town news and events including *Lake Park Villager* issues on your phone, tablet or computer.

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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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

2016 Fishing Permit: \$2

Permits expired Dec 31. New permits are required each year to legally fish in Lake Park ponds. \$2 resident fee (\$20 non-resident) is payable at the Lake Park Community Center/Town Hall Mon-Fri, 9am – 12 noon. All fishing is catch-and-release.

False Alarms Update

Thank you to all businesses and home owners who properly control their personal property alarm systems, and eliminate accidental calls. False alarms in January dropped to 50% fewer than prior months.

See Something, Make a Call

Respectful awareness of neighborhood activity contributes to maintaining a safe community. Getting to know your neighbors can build understanding and valuable friendships. To protect our community from drug abuse, vandalism, theft, etc, do not hesitate to call 911 if you notice any unknown persons, suspicious vehicles, or unusual activity.

Parking Safety

Vehicles parked on any street or alley must leave 12 feet of clear passage for other vehicles to drive by them. Any vehicles parked in private driveways must not extend into a public sidewalk. The revised Parking Ordinance is posted at www.lakeparknc.gov

Don't Clog with FOG

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) washed down household drains clog sewers. Though hot water and dishwashing liquids/pellets break up the residue, clogs reform as FOG cools in the sewer pipes underground. 30% of NC sewer backups and overflows are caused by FOG; and the majority originate in residential areas. Repairs are expensive to homeowners and to Union County.

Union County Department of Public Works urges us to scrape cooking utensils, or wipe with paper towel, before washing so FOG stays out of the water. Food scraps and FOG go with garbage, not down drains or disposals. Collect leftover cooking oil and grease in a can, refrigerate or freeze, and put hardened FOG in the trash. Never pour any motor oil or other FOG down storm drains.

Trash Cart Cleaning



Refresh:

Open lid on empty cart on sunny day to naturally kill odors and bacteria.

Sanitize:

Pour ½ cup chlorine bleach in empty cart, add 1 quart water. Let stand 10 minutes. Mop the cart. Rinse mop and cart with plain water, pour it out and let cart air dry.

Furniture:

Put at curb March 10 ONLY.

Bulk Pickup Day: Put at curb March 10 ONLY.

More details: www.lakeparknc.gov

EDC: Economic Development

♦ **PPD 6th Birthday Giveback:** Prism Properties & Development is celebrating this business milestone in Lake Park and Union County by hosting a fundraiser for local non-profit Common Heart to feed neighbors in Union County. To donate: <http://tiny.cc/ppdbirthday>. Visit prismprd.com for more information.

♦ **Brett Medlin** is Council's new appointment to the Economic Development Commission for a 3-year term. Brett is a 2-year Lake Park resident, earned his MBA at East Carolina University and brings professional business experience from a financial and marketing career background.

♦ **Central Academy's Varsity Boys Basketball Team** became 2015-2016 Co-Conference Champions in the CACAA league for the fifth time in seven years.

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ **Christmas Garlands** were purchased at after-holiday sale prices to enhance village decorations in 2016.

♦ **Normandy Castle** repairs were approved. The spire and shingles will be replaced. The cost is covered by P&RC budget.

♦ **Park Maintenance Contract** will expire March 1. Requests for proposals went out in January and responses are under review by the Commission this month. P&RC's recommendation will be presented at the March 8 public Council meeting. Lucas Landscaping is the current contractor.

♦ **Union Power** absorbed the cost of 3 Snow Goose Cherry trees and 5 Cryptomeria evergreens for the Lake Park Road entrance. These are in exchange for other trees that UP had to remove previously.

♦ **Kiker Tree Service** has removed trees and stumps in public areas to solve the encroachment on private property.

♦ **Veteran's Pond Flag Lighting** was upgraded to better illuminate our nation's flag near Veterans Pond.