



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.

- Mar 10** 7:00 pm Council Meeting
- Mar 17** 7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting
- Mar 19** 6:30 pm Economic Development Commission
- Mar 23** 6:30 pm Parks & Recreation Commission

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

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

CENTRAL ACADEMY AT LAKE PARK
MAR 12 - NOON DISMISSAL, NO SCHOOL MAR 13

HOA BOARD MEETING LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
MAR 3 - 6:30 PM CONTACT: MICHAEL@PRISMPD.COM

SAGES EVENTS INFORMATION: 882-2005
MAR 2 – 1:00 PM CARD GAMES LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
MAR 13 – 5:30 PM BAKED POTATO SUPPER FOR ST PATRICK’S DAY
MAR 16 – 11:15 AM LUNCH MEET AT LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES **AGES 45+**
MAR 5 – 7:00 PM FOR LOCATION & OTHER INFO: 882-3107

ONCE-A-MONTH FURNITURE PICKUP **SECOND THURSDAY ONLY**
MAR 12 – 7:00 AM PLACE BULKY ITEMS AT CURB

Lake Park Villager **MARCH ISSUE INSERTION DEADLINE**
MAR 13 – 5:00 PM CONTACT SANDY COUGHLIN

GARDEN CLUB MEETING LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
MAR 16 – 7:00 PM SPEAKER: MAE LIN, UNC BOTANICAL GARDENS

Roses and Fescue Sod

The Carole Avenue and Courtland Street cul de sac centers are being planted with knock-out roses.

Loropetalum and Abelia that had dies have been replaced at the base of the flagpoles near the Lake Park Road clocktower.

Fescue sod is being installed in the areas between the sidewalk and the street curb on Conifer Circle where Bradford pear trees had to be removed last year.

New Officer Dana Rucker

Union County Sheriff Deputy Leslie Brett introduced the new deputy, Officer Dana Rucker, at the February 10 Council meeting. Officer Rucker joins Officer Leslie Brett in providing professional police service throughout the Village. The Sheriff’s Department periodically rotates assignments as promotions and transfers occur within the department. Officer Rucker brings 10 years of experience to his new assignment and replaces Officer Richard Haywood who was promoted in January with 7 years of service in Lake Park.

Youth Service Project

Union Academy student and Lake Park resident, Brian Kirwan, made litter-pickup his community service project this month. He organized a team of fellow students, obtained tools, removed litter found in public parks and streets, and through the Village Clerk’s office, he arranged for proper disposal of the items.

2015 Pool Rates Unchanged

Village Council adopted the Parks & Recreation Commission recommendation to keep the pool admission fees and season pass fees the same as 2014 for the 2015 pool season. Five free daily passes are included when season passes are purchased on or before May 2. Pool application forms will come with the March *Lake Park Villager*.

Camera Installation

Six cameras will be installed around the Paul Wolfcale Recreation Complex and Town Hall before the end of February, providing a system of motion activated 24/7 security surveillance around those village assets. The recordings are archived and available to assist police investigation if damage or illegal behavior were to occur in these public areas.

Citizen reports of suspicious behavior anywhere in the village are still very important to home town security. Please phone our officers promptly. They track over 250 security calls and patrols every

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator
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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer **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

Economic Development

Faith United Methodist Church on Faith Church Road has a new Sunday schedule: 8:35 am worship service (softer music) followed by 9:35 am group programs for children, youth, and adults and at 10:35 am, a worship service with full band music.

PPD: Prism Properties & Development has moved upstairs at Lake Park Town Center. The renovated 2000 sq ft suite better accommodates PPD's growing business. Joint owners Michael Calabrese and Brian Simpson serve a variety of area real estate needs.

Parks & Recreation

Litter & Street Drains: March is typically a windy month when surprising items get blown into yards and streets: trash, toys, wrappers, etc. Please keep an eye on front yards, but especially sidewalks (to prevent tripping hazards). Raking and weed-whacking lower runoff areas and even removing items that can blow into or get rained into drains are effective methods to prevent clogging and flood backwash). Properly dispose of found items. Help the kids remember to bring in bikes, balls, and toys so they aren't damaged or lost.

Bicycle & Skateboard Tips

Helmets are required for young riders. Check the ordinance at www.lakeparknc.gov to ensure compliance, and be sure helmets fit correctly.

month. Most are on their own initiative, but many are in response to resident calls, and the summary is provided to Village Council. Even when the officers assigned to Lake Park may be off-duty, the County provides continuous back up service with nearby officers who respond promptly.

Eight January False Alarms

Home security alarms also summon our police officers automatically. It is very important to use these systems correctly so false alarms do not pull the officers away from the valid calls. The 8 calls came in from Conifer, Hoover, Logan, Creft, Olson, and Sages Streets as well as Central Academy and Faith United Methodist Church.

Waterfall Bids Invited

Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking proposals for a new waterfall feature for the Lake Park Road pond entrance to the Village. Behind the pond, a decorative wall and trees are currently featured with shrubbery and flowers. Proposals are expected to include illustrations, specifications and quotes for a waterfall feature.

2015 Furniture Pick Up Days

Second Thursdays continue to be the routine for Waste Pro to collect discarded furniture:

Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13, Oct 8, Nov 13 and Dec 10. In September, the bulk date is Fri, Sep 11.

See and save the attached Waste Collection Guidelines for details.

Unwanted Solicitors?

If unsolicited promoters ring your doorbell too often, a neatly lettered "No Soliciting" sign near your door can be effective. Reputable salespersons will take the hint.

www.lakeparknc.gov

Council now expects the new website will be launched by mid-April. Until then, the current website (same name) will remain active and up-to-date for community reference.

Pet Ordinance In Effect

Pets are required to always be on a leash when not confined to their owner's property. A proper collar and leash ensures better control of your pet when encountering other pedestrians, especially young children and other pets.

Always pick up after your pet. Simply carrying a plastic grocery sack is a handy method, and there are 5 pet stations with extra sacks and drop off containers around the village for your convenience.