



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.
- February 12** 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
 - February 18** Village Office Closed – President’s Day
 - February 19** 7:00 PM Planning Board Meeting
 - February 21** 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission
 - February 25** 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 WOLFCALE RECREATION COMPLEX
- LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**
JANUARY 21 – 6:30 SIGN IN CENTRAL ACADEMY AT LAKE PARK
7:00 MEETING
- GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS** BERRY’S HONEY BEES
JANUARY 29 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
- LAKE PARK SINGLES** AGES 45+
FEBRUARY 7 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
- SAGES CRAFTS & CARD GAMES**
FEBRUARY 4 – 1:00 PM
FEBRUARY 18 – 11:15 AM LUNCH LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
- SAGES** RSVP 882-4527 LUNCHEON: SOUPS ON!
FEBRUARY 8 – 12 NOON LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
- VILLAGER NEWSLETTER** IN-HOME BY FEBRUARY 25
FEBRUARY 15 DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN
- GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS** PROPAGATION WITH CUTTINGS
FEBRUARY 18 -- 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
- BUSINESS LEADERS LUNCH** NETWORKING TO GROWTH
FEBRUARY 26 – 1:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Loitering Ordinance Working

Deputy Richard Haywood reported that loitering problems are becoming fewer since he and Officer Leslie Brett have been communicating the new Loitering Ordinance guidelines to youth and young adults visiting Lake Park. The Ordinance recognizes lawful use of public parks, sidewalks and streets and only regulates “loitering, remaining or occupying certain places for illegal purposes.” Complaints of vandalism, harassment, and car break-ins dropped between the December meeting when the Ordinance was passed, and January 8, when the Union County officers presented preliminary results to the Village Council. The ordinance can be found at www.lakeparknc.gov and at the Village Clerk’s Office in the Community Center.

Lake Park Lights Donation

David and Lisa Brown attended the January 8 Council meeting to publicly thank their patient and supportive Lake Charles Way neighbors and all the residents and guests who visited the animated Christmas light display between Thanksgiving weekend and New Years Eve. They also shared the appreciation of the Union County Christmas Bureau which benefited from over \$4000 contributed by visitors to the “Lake Park Lights.” The Browns are thinking about new ideas for synchronizing holiday tunes to the 8th annual shows for Christmas 2013.

Prevent False Alarms

Union County deputies specifically assigned to Lake Park are reporting a growing number of false alarms in both residential and commercial properties in our village. Home owners, as well as leaders in our churches and schools and businesses, are urged to make sure that all authorized persons know how to properly enter and exit their properties. Every false alarm has to be treated as a true emergency and takes the deputies away from their appointed rounds and investigations. Currently the Village does not assess fines for false alarms. Let’s be attentive to alarm system use and take steps to prevent false alarms now so fines will not become an issue.

2013 Swim Team Plans

Swimming one lap of the pool, any stroke without assistance, is the only skill requirement for swim team

Safety Suggestions

- 🔒 Close garage door; never leave open at night.
- 🔒 Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- 🔒 Never leave vehicle engine running unattended.
- 🔒 Report any suspicious persons to 911.

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Royetta Trull - Council

(704) 778-1850 (cell)

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Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector

(704) 882-8657

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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer

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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Richard Haywood

Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591

officer@lakeparknc.gov

beginners. The Lake Park Swim Team Booster Club is planning ahead for the 2013 season and suggests that beginner, intermediate and advanced swimming classes are available at Little Otter Swim School (846-7946), Monroe Aquatic Center (282-4680) and the Siskey Y (716-4200) if youngsters want to start preparing. Email for team information: lakeparkswimteam@gmail.com.

When the season begins, all team swimmers need a season pass to the Lake Park public pools. Pool pass details will be announced in an upcoming *Villager* issue.

UDO Public Hearing – Jan 15

About 75 residents, as well as Council members, Mayor Spence, the Planning Board, and Benchmark's zoning consultant reviewed and discussed the proposed UDO. Implementation cost, overlap with HOA CCRs, new development and ordinance approval were raised and will be discussed at Council February 12.

Chair Exercises Anyone?

Anyone interested in attending chair exercise sessions at the Lake Park Community Center on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, please contact Jo Waybright (704) 882-2005. The Union County Council of Aging will send a fitness coach to lead brief morning sessions as soon as 15 or more Lake Park residents and guests express interest. The sessions would start in February.

Good Neighbors

We love sharing 'good neighbor' stories. Resident Roger Griffin's neighbors are thankful for his timely response to late night cries for help. Discovering a resident had fallen in a nearby garage and had a bleeding head wound, Roger provided a prompt ride to the nearby ER for treatment and release. Neighborhood stories like this are good reminders to all of us to be alert and make good friends of our neighbors.

2013 Kite Festival

Circle Saturday March 23 on your 2013 calendar for the annual Kite Festival at Founders Park. The Festival follows the first day of spring and the HOA is making plans now. Want to help? Or have a booth? Contact Edna Bryan at 704-882-5813 for more information.

Emergency Preparedness

Village Attorney, Kenneth Swain, presented Council with a proposed State of Emergency Ordinance to consider before the February 12 meeting. The ordinance may authorize the Mayor to coordinate local response to a village emergency; a violent storm where professional responders might be delayed. The ordinance may allow public funds to be used to provide timely aid or services that would otherwise be delayed until county, state or federal aid could be received, yet without losing the right to reimbursement from those agencies.

Girls on the Run

The annual race will come to Lake Park again on Saturday April 27. Registration information will be available in future issues of the *Lake Park Villager*

Economic Development

Business Luncheons for local business, school, and church leaders are on fourth Tuesday, Community Center.

Faith United Methodist Church welcomes the community to attend 10:15 AM Sunday worship services led by Pastor Lonnie Pittman. Small groups also meet on Sundays at 9:00 AM. Office Manager, Vicki Helms emails newsletters to members. To be placed on the email distribution list, or for more information on **Children of Faith** Preschool, call 704 882-6623.

Parks & Recreation

Swim Specialties has been awarded a \$19,600 contract for deck and coping repairs to the three larger pools in our Paul Wolfcale Recreation Complex.

New sidewalks are being installed at Veterans and Alden Ponds this month, weather permitting.

Sages Pond is in need of a retaining wall where the bank is steep and where geese have been fed in violation of the Parks Ordinance. Geese find plenty of good natural food when left on their own. When people offer food, the congregating destroys the pond banks and erosion damage results. Retaining wall bids are sought this month.