



# 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.

- Jan 25** 6:30p Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- Feb 9** 7:00p Public Hearing & Village Council Meeting
- Feb 15** Village Office Closed – Presidents’ Day
- Feb 16** 7:00p Planning Board Meeting
- Feb 18** 6:30p Economic Develop. Commission Meeting
- Feb 22** 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

- JAN 26 7:00PM HOA ANNUAL MEETING CENTRAL ACADEMY
- FEB 4 6:30 PM HOA BOARD MEETING COMMUNITY CENTER

### CENTRAL ACADEMY EVENTS

3624 LAKE PARK ROAD

- FEB 12 6-8 PM DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE 704-882-6267

### SAGES EVENTS

COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

- FEB 1 11:00 AM CARD GAMES INFO: 704-882-6906
- FEB 12 12 NOON SOUP LUNCH RSVP: 704-882-2005
- FEB 15 1:15 AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES INFO: 704-882-6906

### LAKE PARK SINGLES

AGES 45+ WELCOME

- FEB 4 7:00 PM COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

### BULK ITEMS MONTHLY PICKUP DAY ONE PICKUP DAY PER MONTH

- FEB 11 7:00 AM NEVER CURB BULK ITEMS ANY OTHER WEEK!

### LAKE PARK BOOK CLUB

LOVING FRANK, J.WALLS 516-0445

- FEB11 7:00 PM LAKEPARKREADERS@GMAIL.COM

### VILLAGER NEWSLETTER

IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY FEB 23

- FEB 12 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

### GARDEN CLUB

PIKE’S NURSERY: HERB GARDENING SECRETS

- FEB 15 7:00 PM INFO: 882-8259 COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

### TASTE OF THE TOWN

HEALTHY FOOD & RECIPE SWAP

- FEB 20 11AM-1PM INFO: 497-6416 LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

## HOA Annual Meeting

All property owners are encouraged to attend the January 26 Annual Meeting at Central Academy. The meeting will begin at 7pm, with check in beginning at 6:30 pm. The board will offer their 2015 reports, and the 2016 budget and activities. If you have not received your voting packet by mail before the meeting: 704-847-3507.

## Public Hearing Feb 9

All citizens interested in the proposed changes to Lake Park’s Parking Ordinance are encouraged to attend the 7pm public hearing. The regular monthly Council meeting will begin at the end of the hearing.

Some ordinance updates were required to comply with State and County changes. In addition, alley parking is proposed to require 12 feet of driving clearance, instead of 10 feet. Civil citations and fines are provided for under the revised ordinance. Preview the proposed updates at [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov) or stop by the village administration office, 3801 Lake Park Road, Mon-Fri, 9 am – 12 noon to pick up a copy.

## Strategic Plan for Village

Council approved formation of a committee to write a five year strategic plan for Lake Park. Mayor Cleveland appointed Pam Jack to chair a 5-member committee. Pam announced that committee volunteer application forms will be available soon.

## Water Restrictions Eased

As of Dec 1, 2015 the only water restriction in effect is to limit spray irrigation to 3 days per week as assigned by billing cycle. Responsible water conservation continues to be encouraged to temperate use. Visit the [co.union.nc.us/LivingHere/PublicWorks](http://co.union.nc.us/LivingHere/PublicWorks) web site; select ‘Water Shortage Response Plan, sec 7’ for details, irrigation days and exceptions. Customer Service: 704-296-4210.

## False Alarms Rise

All businesses and home owners are urged to take whatever precautions are necessary to eliminate unwarranted calls caused by improper control of their property alarm systems. From only 6 false alarms in June, the number has doubled: 12 calls in both October and November and 13 in December; all of which were nuisance (false) alarms that called out emergency responders and took them away from legitimate

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## Lake Park Village Government Call List

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

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### John Barnes - Council

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### Ashley Dance - Council

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### Pam Jack - Council

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### Fabian Szarko - Council

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

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### Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer

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

### Ken Swain, Village Attorney

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[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)

responses and investigative duties. Thank you to all who ensure that their alarms are not accidentally tripped.

## Feral Cats: Do Not Feed

Lake Park is another community becoming home to more feral cats. 'Feral' describes animals that are not pets, but may have descended from pets, and now roam freely through our neighborhoods. Roaming animals settle and increase their numbers more abundantly where they receive handouts from humans.

View wildlife and feral animals from a distance. Even without visible symptoms of illness or aggression, they can put one at risk, including children and domestic pets playing outdoors.

Do not feed feral cats, and do not take them in. Feral cats defecate in home gardens and attack birds. Mice and rats can grow in number when feral cats eat handouts instead of these natural prey.

Wildlife control has a waiting list for cage traps, but will remove caged cats and find homes for adoptable kittens. Council is seeking methods to deter wildlife from inhabiting public storm drains.

## Lake Park Safety

1200 homes, 3500 residents and over 2000 privately-owned vehicles creates the need for particular motorist caution for carefully entering intersections and safely maneuvering neighborhood streets and alleys.

Parking in front of a driveway or too close to any street or alley intersection is risky. Failure to prune overgrowing shrubs and trees on private property risks blocking motorist's clear view around corners.

Thank you for extending extra awareness and courtesy in driving, parking, and plant maintenance.

## EDC Opportunities

Council seeks 2 local residents or professionals, 1 for a 3-yr term, 1 for a term expiring Jan 2017. Email name and interest to [cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov) by Feb 5.

## Dale Simulton Honored

Central Academy's athletic director of 8 years was named to Mars Hill University Hall of Fame Nov 17. Since his record-breaking college football days, Coach Simulton has led athletic programs at Covenant Day School and Charlotte Latin and founded summer sports camps to inspire, guide and develop boys and girls.

## EDC: Economic Development

◆ **Taste of the Town**, sponsored by **Total Tranquility Salon**, invites all to come sample an array of healthy foods available from 11am – 1pm at Community Center/Town Hall Saturday Feb 20. Come hungry! And bring a copy of your favorite healthy recipe to swap with others. Email [sharon.t.williams@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.t.williams@gmail.com) or call 704-497-6416 in advance to get the recipe format to use.

◆ **Gordo's Mexican Kitchen**: now open Sun 11a-4pm for dine in or take out, closed Mon. 6120 Creft Circle, 704-882-0386.

◆ **Central Church of God** announced the pending closure of the K-12 Academy after the end of the 2015-16 school year, affecting 130 students and 30 staff. Church services and events will continue at the Lake Park Road school campus, one of the Church's three NC satellite sites. In spite of dual accreditation, service outreach, academic excellence and college bound graduates, the school was not financially self-sustainable. Started in 1997 in the Community Center, the school moved to its current site in 2002 and was purchased by Central Church in 2008. Eight seniors compose the graduating class of 2016.

## P&RC: Parks & Recreation

◆ **Meeting Street Plantings** were delayed by heavy rains in December, as was the intended brush removal from Frost Island. Both projects are pending soon, weather permitting.

◆ **Connie's Pond Fountain** has been temporarily removed for warranty-covered repair.

◆ **Paul Wolfcale Recreation Center Pools** renovations (repairs and re-plastering) is complete. Swim Specialties will apply gel coating to the mushroom fountain in the children's feature pool this spring.

◆ **Community Center HVAC** installation was completed early in January.

◆ **Thank you** to everyone who enhanced our charming village with your outdoor decorations throughout the holidays.



## Trash Tips

**Shredded Paper:** Enclose in clear bags; set bags in recycle cart or recycle box.

**Garbage:** Bag and put in green rolling cart.

**Plastics, Metal:** Put in blue recycle cart or box.

**Yard Debris:** Bag in clear sacks. Bundle twigs. Set yard debris bags next to cart.

**Furniture:** Put at curb February 11 ONLY.

**Bulk Pickup Day:** Put at curb February 11 ONLY.

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