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Happy 25th Birthday Lake Park!

As our nation celebrates its 243rd anniversary this July 4th, the Village of Lake Park will also celebrate a milestone. The Village was incorporated 25 years ago on July 1, 1994. To commemorate this event the Village will hold a "Birthday Party" in conjunction with our annual 4th of July celebration in Russell Park. The event will include cupcakes, games, and recognition of the original residents of Lake Park. Please join us as we celebrate this special event.

Elections

The Village Council and the Mayor are responsible for overseeing the Village budget, parks and common areas, events, communications, facilities, streets & sidewalks, waste collection, security, and street lighting. Do you have an interest or a talent for any of these areas? If so, this fall there will be four Council seats and the Mayor's office up for election. The filing period starts at noon on Friday, July 5th and ends at noon on Friday, July 19th at the Union County Board of Elections 316-B East Windsor Street in Monroe. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 5th.

Council Resignation

Councilwoman Kristen Bowman resigned from the Village Council effective May 31, 2019. Kristen's husband accepted a job which will require them to relocate to another city. Kristen has been a wonderful asset for the Village giving so selflessly of her time and talents. She has broken new ground with the Communication Commission, the Villager, and our social media policies and platform. These innovations will have an impact for years to come. We thank Kristen for her service and wish her and Andy all the best. Council has decided to leave Kristen's seat on the Council vacant until the November elections. Councilwoman Pam Jack will be editing The Villager for the rest of the year.

2019-2020 LP Budget Passed

The 2019-2020 Lake Park Budget was passed by the town council at the June meeting. The budget for next year is \$1,324,025. There is a levied one cent increase in taxes per one hundred dollars valuation of property. The majority of the budget is spent for safety and public service and maintaining the Village parks and common areas.

July 4th Events

- 10:45 Parade line-up
 - 11:00 Parade and Lunch
 - 11:30 Awards for parade
 - 11:45 Hometown Hero and "First Families" of LP recognized.
 - 10:30-2 Music and Games
 - 1:30 Car Show Awards
- Hotdogs, Chips, and Drinks are \$1.00 each. Watermelon is free.

Parade: Decorate your bicycles, tricycles, strollers and wagons in patriotic colors. Parade starts at the corner of Creft Circle and LP Road.

Council Recap

From the June meeting:

- Collected 99% taxes for this year
- Pool membership over 200
- Painting clocktower roof
- Refreshed playgrounds with mulch
- Concrete pads for some swings
- New sand in the Volleyball Court
- Over 150 at Memorial Day ceremony
- Walkway finished at Connie's Pond
- Sidewalks and curb apron work being completed
- New fountains to be installed in some ponds
- Pressure washing of playground equipment and other areas being completed.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Parks and Recreation

Did you know that July is National Park Month? Our very own Union County and its Municipalities have teamed up to create a "Selfie Scavenger Hunt."

Starting on July 1st, the more selfies you take with the "Selfie Star" located all over Union Country Park locations, the more chances to win prizes! Bring all your Star Selfies to the "Park Month Fest" in Indian Trail and you can win prizes on July 27th! Please visit the Lake Park Community Center for more information on this event.

Lake Park's Annual National Night Out is scheduled for August 6th. Mark your calendars and come visit our local law enforcement, there will be free pizza

HOA Corner

The HOA has moved their monthly meeting to July 10th at 6:30 pm due to the Fourth of July.

Movies in the Park will be June 21st with a raindate of June 22. Goonies will be the movie and popcorn, lemonade, and water will be available.

The HOA is still accepting applications for their open board position. If interested, contact Nichole Furrow at Cusick management: nfurrow@cusick-company.com

The July 4th Car Show will begin with registration in Russell Park starting at 8:00am with the award ceremony at 1:30pm.

Basketball Clinic

Lake Park resident Dale Similton is leading ongoing basketball clinics Sunday afternoons at 1:00PM at Central Church Lake Park. The clinics are for rising 1st through 6th grade students, both boys and girls. The training is for beginning and experienced players. Each session includes 30 minutes of shooting followed by 30 minutes of ball handling. The cost for each clinic a student attends is ten dollars. Coach Similton has 26 years of school coaching and physical education experience. In addition he has been an athletic director for eleven years. For more information contact Coach Similton at similtoncamps@aol.com or at (704) 858-2531. Spaces are limited. The church is located at 3624 Lake Park Road In Lake Park.

VILLAGE & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VILLAGE

Independence Day Celebration...July 4, 11am-2pm
Firecracker Run.....July 4, 7:30-9am
Municipal Office Closed.....July 4-5
Council Meeting.....July 9, 7pm
Planning Board.....July 16, 7pm
Communications Commission.....July 17, 7pm
Parks & Recreation.....July 22, 6:30pm
THE VILLAGER.....News Deadline July 9 to cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov

- **2019 Fishing Permits for are \$2 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.**
- **Pool Hrs: M-Sa 10am-8pm, Su 12-8pm**

COMMUNITY

HOA Car Show.....July 4, 8am-2pm, Russell Park
Lake Park HOA.....July 10, 6:30pm, Community Center
Garden Club.....Meetings Resume in Fall
Knit One Crochet Two...Every Thu, 6p, Panera Bread
SAGES.....July 12, 12pm, 704.882.3107
.....Barbeque at Community Center

WASTE COLLECTION

Thursday Pick-up: 7/11, 7/18, 7/25
Friday Pick-up: 7/5

Garden Club Swing

The Lake Park Garden Club has donated another swing to the community. The swing is located at the end of the Mack Currence Memorial Garden outside the Community Center. It is given in loving memory of Fleta Thomas, former Councilwoman, HOA President, and one of the founders of the Lake Park Garden Club.

Trash Talk

Many of the trash collection questions can be answered by checking the Village website: www.lakeparknc.gov and clicking on Quick Links, Waste Collection.

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