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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

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

- Apr 24 6:30p** Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- Apr 25 6:30p** Village Council Budget Meeting
- May 9 7:00p** Village Council Monthly Meeting
- May 18 6:30p** Economic Development Commission
- May 16 7:00p** Planning Board & Board Adjustments
- May 22 6:30p** Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- May 29** Memorial Day: Village Office Closed

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK
LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS

VILLAGE OFFICE TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
MON 9A-5P, TUE-FRI 9A -12N OR BY APPOINTMENT

2017 FISHING PERMITS TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
MON 9A-5P, TUE-FRI 9A -12N RESIDENTS \$2, NON-RESIDENTS \$20

GIRLS ON THE RUN 5k CREFT, CONIFER, MOTHER TERESA & ALDEN
APR 29 7A-10:30A REGISTER: WWW.GIRLSONTHERUNUNION.ORG

SAGES EVENTS TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
MAY 1 1P CARD GAMES 704-882-6906
MAY 12 12N SALAD LUNCH 704-882-2005
MAY 15 11:15A LUNCH & CARD GAMES 704-882-6906

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION
MAY 4 7P BOARD MEETING TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES AGES 45+ WELCOME
MAY 4 7P 704-882-3107 TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER SPRING CLEANUP P&RC SPONSORED
MAY 6 9A-12N TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

BOOK CLUB JUST MERCY -BRYAN STEVENSON
MAY 11 7P CALL FOR MEETING LOCATION: 704-516-0445

GARDEN CLUB TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER 704-882-0461
MAY 15 7P PATIO GARDENING JOEY PELLEGRIN, PIKES NURSERY
MAY 20 10A GARDEN WALK TRACY BROWN, UNION COUNTY AG CENTER

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY MAY 23
MAY 12 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL SANDY.COUGHLIN@LAKEPARKNC.GOV

4TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY BRING LAWN CHAIR
MAY 29 11A-12N VETERANS PARK

9th Girls on the Run 5k Apr 29

Register at www.girlsontherununion.org to join the race. Come out to cheer runners and walkers of all ages. See Community Calendar for temporary road closings.

Spring Clean Up 9am May 6

Come to Community Center for gloves, bags, and snacks at this annual event. For a Community service certificate or a free tee: angie.figiel@lakeparknc.gov.

Pool Passes on Sale 9-Noon

Purchase 2017 passes 9am-Noon any weekday at the Town Hall - Community Center; also 9-Noon on one Saturday, May 6; that is the last chance to receive 5 free daily passes with a 2017 season pass.

Open Gym for Teens & Youth

Central Academy gym has opened for young people from grades 2-12 through July. Open play for grades 9-12 are on 1st & 3rd Mondays 5-6pm, and grades 6-8 on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 5-6pm. Basic skills and scrimmages for grades 2-5 are 1st Saturdays (5/6, 6/3 & 7/1) 9:30-10:30am. Open gym is co-sponsored by Coach Dale Similton and Central Church. For other shooting, ball handling or basketball skill clinics call 704-858-2531, or visit www.dalesimilton.com

Mathisen Memorial

In remembrance of Lake Park's founding father, Blair Cooper announced that the HOA has already allocated \$5000 toward mutual participation in support of the memorial. Council is reviewing a \$20k memorial project proposal for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Sandra Coughlin provided historical narrative and slides to Parks & Recreation, Village Council and HOA. Contact Sandy to share the program with any group interested in learning of Chris Mathisen's legacy.

Memorial Day Ceremony

That Ragged Old Flag, is the 2017 theme for the May 29 program of speakers and music in Veterans Park 11am – 12Noon in honor of those who serve our nation. Bring family and friends, a lawn chair or blanket. Parking is limited; walking is encouraged.

US Flags are traditionally hung at half-staff in the morning and raised at noon on Memorial Day.

LAKE PARK YOUTH CURFEW: 11 pm M-F, 12M Sa-Sun

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Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.
Non-emergency: (704) 289-1591 officer@lakeparknc.gov

EDC: Economic Development

- ♦ **Prism Properties & Development** announces that Ruth Bishop, professional real estate agent, has recently joined the PP&D team, bringing additional experience with buyers, sellers, and property management. PP&D's offices are at 6208 Creft Circle, Suite 230.
- ♦ **mylakeparknc.com** is our go-to site for local services and links to our businesses, churches, and schools.

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

- ♦ **Versailles Pond** is getting a second identification sign. It will clarify the 'no-fishing' rule for visitors approaching the Alden Street end of the pond.
- ♦ **Park features** to be painted include the gazebos in Mathisen Square and Founders Park, and the cupola at the Lake Charles pier. The gazebos, pier, community center front porch and all playgrounds equipment are being pressured washed by Byrum Pressure Cleaning.
- ♦ **Clocktower Fountain** basins will be restored with Permaglass lamination by Swim Specialties.
- ♦ **Union Power** removed 4 dead trees behind Normandy pond that were near power lines. Kiker Tree Service is removing the stumps and will also remove a dead tree behind Versailles pond.
- ♦ **Carry In – Carry Out!** Thank you for making a conscious effort to pick up and keep parks clean and safe. Litterers, or pet walkers who fail to pick up pet feces, can be cited and fined. Receptacles are in every park.

LAKE PARK SPEED LIMIT: 25 mph throughout the Village.
Our deputies stopped several motorists in Lake Park for speeding or running a stop sign in March and citations were issued. Be particularly attentive on Faith Church, Creft, Conifer and Carol as familiarity can lead to inattention.

Kristen Bowman Appointed

Council re-appointed Ms Bowman to a new three-year term on the Economic Development Commission on April 11. Kristen completed an appointment to an unexpired term and came highly recommended by the EDC Commissioners for her work in completing the mylakeparknc.com website and co-chairing the EDC Networking Dinner February 23.

Five Year Plan Committees

Mayor Cleveland appointed the following chairpersons to temporary strategic plan committees: Safety- John Barnes and James Record, Communications- Sandra Coughlin, Curb Appeal- Fabian Szarko, and Village Perception- Pam Jack. Mayor Cleveland will chair Animal Control and serve on Safety.

Committees are seeking volunteers to help assess the challenges identified by the 2017 survey, and to plan how Council may address these areas in 5 years.

Don't Feed Geese or Ducks

Corn, bread, and other grain-based foods are too high in carbs, interfering with our waterfowl's ability to process their more natural diet, and causes excess phosphorous in freshwater pond areas through their droppings; a leading cause of unsightly algae growth and fish kills recurring in our shallow ponds.

Thinking Ahead for Council

Two 4-year terms, one 2-year unexpired term and the Mayor's 2-year term expire this year. To be a candidate on the nonpartisan Lake Park ballot, visit the Board of Elections, 316-B East Windsor Street, Monroe between noon Fri July 7 and noon Fri July 21. Bring a photo id and \$5 filing fee. For more info, email kristin.jacumin@unioncountync.gov or call Kristin at 704-283-3710.

3 March False Alarms

Alarm violations went up, one more than in February: Etheredge, Trevor Simpson, and Lake Park Road appeared in the Union County March report.

How do you remember your code so emergency responders are not needlessly called to your house?



VILLAGE ORDINANCE REMINDERS: All ages
\$50 Fine for Climbing, Skateboarding or Skating on any monument or on brickwork.



Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!



Pickup Days: Thu 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25. FRI: 6/2
Clear bag yard debris. Branches: 4" x 3' max.

Questions or concerns:

Village Administrator: 704-882-8657 (Cheri Clark)
Council Liaison: 704-882-0641 (Pam Jack)