



Lake Park Villager



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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.

- Oct 8 Municipal Offices Closed
- Oct 9 7pm – Council Meeting
- Oct 16 7pm – Planning Board & Board of Adjustments
- Oct 17 7pm – Communications Commission
- Oct 22 6:30pm – Parks & Recreation Commission
- Nov 3 6pm – Annual Chili Cook-off

VILLAGE OFFICE TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
MON 9AM-5PM; TUE-FRI 9AM -12NOON

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY OCT 28TH
NEWS DEADLINE OCT 14TH TO KRISTEN.BOWMAN@LAKEPARKNC.GOV

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK
LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK
POND FISHING PERMITS PURCHASE AT TOWN HALL

FALL YARD SALE
SEPT 29TH, RAIN DATE OCT 6TH MATHISEN SQUARE

FALL FESTIVAL
OCT 13TH, 10AM-4PM MATHISEN SQUARE

KNIT ONE, CROCHET TWO 704-840-9661
EVERY THURSDAY, 6PM PANERA BREAD RESTAURANT

4TH THURSDAYS BRIDGE CLUB TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
OCT 25TH CALL JOHN FOR TIME: 704-301-0931

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION 704-544-7779
OCT 4TH, 7PM BOARD MEETING TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
CUSICKCOMPANY.COM

SAGES 704-882-3107
OCT 12TH, 12PM GERMAN POTLUCK TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER
GAMES –MONDAYS @ 1PM 704-882-6906
LUNCH & CARD GAMES 3RD MONDAY OCT 15TH @ 11:15AM

SINGLES GROUP (55+) 704-882-3107
OCT 11TH, 7PM TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER

GARDEN CLUB TOWN ALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
OCT 15TH, 7PM BEEKEEPING PRESENTATION

What's NEW in the Village?

Did You See the Sign? Part II

The village installed stop signs on West Creft Cir and Balsam in September. The signs were initially difficult to see and so they have been raised by 18 inches and a "4-way" sign has been added to the poles. Striping will be added to the intersection to further call attention to the 4-way stop. Thank you for the community feedback. As always, please report all issues or questions to Cheri Clark at Town Hall, 704.882.8657 or cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov

Monroe Bypass Update

The Monroe Bypass will be opening soon! This toll road begins by running adjacent to US 74/Independence Blvd just after I-485 and ends in Marshville at US 74. Exits by Lake Park will be at Indian Trail-Fairview Rd and at Unionville-Indian Trail Rd. Visit ncquickpass.com for maps.

Tolls can be paid by mail or through NC Quick Pass, there are no toll booths. The benefit of using NC Quick Pass is a 35% discount on tolls in NC!

There are two ways to use NC Quick Pass. Option one, register for a free sticker that adheres to your windshield. This will work on toll roads in NC as well as the SunPass, in Florida, and Peach Pass, in Georgia. Option two, purchase a transponder for \$7.50 which will allow you to travel any EZPass toll road, located in the Midatlantic & Northeast, in addition to the SunPass and Peach Pass roads.

Using NC Quick Pass, you can skip the lights on Independence Blvd for only \$0.26 at Indian Trail-Fairview Rd or \$0.57 when exiting at Unionville-Indian Trail Rd.

Please visit ncquickpass.com for more information on the Monroe Bypass maps, toll rates by mail verses NC Quick Pass, and signing up for your free sticker or purchasing a transponder.

GAP Property Tax Billing

GAP Property Tax, or GAP Billing, occurs when there are one or more months (a gap) in vehicle registration between the expiration of a vehicle's registration and the renewal of that registration or issuance of a new registration. Motor vehicles are required to be taxed for every month. Taxes are paid to the NCDMV when a vehicle is registered with them and taxes for vehicles not registered with the NCDMV are paid to the county and municipality.

If there was a gap in time between when the registration expired and when it was renewed with the NCDMV a gap property tax notice will be sent for the taxes due during that time period. If your Real Estate Property taxes are escrowed with your mortgage, they will be paid directly to the Village of Lake Park. If Real Estate taxes are not escrowed then you will receive a tax bill in the mail from the Village and Union County. GAP taxes are never escrowed.

Updated Waste Collection Information is at lakeparknc.gov -> Waste Collection, a green button on right side of the page

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Full Time Deputies Dana Rucker & Kyle Randall

Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591 officer@lakeparkknc.gov

Recycling Tips & Tricks

Did you know everything isn't able to be recycled?

- Plastic jugs and tubs labeled #1-7 are able to be recycled
- But WAIT! Did you know that plastics with the code #7 PLA can't be recycled, but are compostable? Very cool!
- Cardboard, cans, paper, and glass bottles are all permitted to be recycled
- Pizza boxes? If there are food remnants or grease that cardboard can't be recycled. Sometimes, though, the lid of the pizza box can be clear of food contaminants. Rip that lid off and recycle!
- Plastic Bags are a no-go for curbside recycling. They can get caught in the truck and interfere with the mechanics. Take plastic bags to drop off centers at your local grocery store.

The number one reason a truck of recycling can't be accepted is because the load is contaminated by food particulates. Please rinse out your bottles and containers before putting them in the recycling bin. If you'd like a large blue recycling cart verses the small bin please contact Cheri Clark at 704.882.8657 or cheri.clark@lakeparkknc.gov.

HOA CC&Rs Update

Thank you for the wonderful turn-out to the last HOA Board Meeting to discuss CC&Rs with the residents. Look for letters with the new CC&R documents to be arriving in the mail soon. Special meetings will be held in the winter to review the documents. The HOA will also have a booth at the Fall Festival and information at their Cookies with Santa in December in addition to being available at the monthly HOA meetings.



Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!



Thursday Pickups: 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25
Bulk Pickup: EVERY WEEK

Parking in the Village

A quick review of the most misunderstood Dos and Don'ts of parking in Lake Park:

- There are no designated on-street parking spots or parking time limits. It is permitted for anyone to park in front of a residence, whether they live there or not.
- Parking is neither permitted in the circular portion of a cul-de-sac nor in front of a public or private driveway.
- No parking is allowed on the grass. This includes the first 6ft of grass on side of a road or in the space between the sidewalk and the street.
- At no time may 2 cars be parked across from each other unless 12ft of roadway is between them. Narrower streets allow for parking on one side only
- A vehicle may not be parked on a public street and be advertised "For Sale"
- Parking is permitted or in an alley only if 12ft of roadway is available for traffic to freely move.
- Parking of a tractor trailer, commercial vehicle, or recreational type vehicle, including motorhomes and boats, are permitted for no more than 1 hour.
- A vehicle must park 15ft away from a fire hydrant, 20ft from a crosswalk, and 30ft from an intersection.
- Do be courteous of your neighbors and allow space for them to back out of their driveway.

Further information, including exceptions to the rules like for moving vans, may be found on lakeparkknc.gov -> Ordinances -> Parking Ordinance.

Upcoming Events...

Fall Festival

The HOA's 28th Fall Festival is on **October 13th** and held in Mathisen Square from **10am-4pm**. Come to tour the vendors, try great food, and bring the kiddos for games, rides, and paint to a pumpkin in the Pumpkin Patch. Enjoy dance shows and Lake Park resident and DJ Ken Conrad. While you're there, check out the Village's Park & Recreation booth to learn more about what they do for the village.

This event is so successful each year because the community participates in its execution. These volunteer positions are needed this year:

- 6-10 people to assist with tent and booth set-up
- 4 people to assist with parking in the morning, starting at 7am
- 10 people, taking 2-hour shifts, in the Pumpkin Patch distributing paints and brushes to the children. Teens are welcome to volunteer!

If you're not sure you can commit to volunteer now, just show up day of! Set-up begins at 7am and the HOA appreciates any assistance you can give. For more information, and to volunteer, email Alicia Parente at LakeParkHOAevents@yahoo.com.

Chili Cook-off

Time to pull out those aprons and dust off your recipes! The annual Chili Cook-off is coming up fast and our taste buds can't wait! Held at the **Community Center on November 3rd from 6-7:30pm**, you're invited to taste and vote for your favorites by giving \$1 or an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots collection. All cash collected will be donated to the Union County Christmas Bureau. Participants in the contest need to bring at least 1 gallon of chili in a crockpot. To enter, email angie.figiel@lakeparkknc.gov and give her the name of your chili.

E-notify: Enroll your email at lakeparkknc.gov to receive current village news and events, including the *Lake Park Villager*.