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FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Village of Lake Park initiated a Five Year Development Plan in 2017. The foundation of the plan was laid by the residents through feedback and surveys and formulated with the assistance of residents in committees. The Action Plans the committees created are extremely helpful in guiding budgeting concerns for the upcoming 2019-2020 fiscal year.

In 2018 progress has began in implementing steps of the Action Plans. The Safety Committee purchased a Lidar gun and Radar Speed Sign to address concerns of speeding in the village. The Curb Appeal Committee contracted with the landscaper to remove the grass between the curb and the asphalt on our roads and volunteers planted daffodils by the population sign on Lake Park Road. Perceptions Committee, in conjunction with Parks & Rec, updated the interior of the Community Center with new flooring and paint. The Communications Committee paved the way for the Communications Commission to be created which created a new newsletter format, created an official Village Facebook page, continued the Welcome Tote program, and began holding Resident Mixers in 2019.

The Action Plans for the Five Year Development program are continually updated and will guide the Village of Lake Park to become an even better place to work, play, and live.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

Captain Luke of the Union County Sherriff's Office attended the March Lake Park Council Meeting and provided an overview of the county. The goal of the Sheriff's Office is to be proactive rather than reactive and preventative patrols reduce crime. Lake Park, with two contract deputies, is staffed appropriately based upon call volume within the municipality.

In addition, violent crimes in Union County are far below national and state levels. The Sheriff's Office clears 77% of the violent crimes in the county whereas the state level clears 54% and national level 45%. There were 992 Property crimes in Union County in 2017, a substantial number of which could have been prevented if car doors had been locked. There is a Community Crime Map that anyone can sign up for and view daily at unioncountysheriffsoffice.com/crime-mapping

CARING FOR WATERFOWL

It's a great time to get outside and enjoy watching the waterfowl at the Village's many ponds. There is a temptation to feed the ducks and geese but please refrain as this can lead to dietary and nutritional problems and may contribute to starvation. It can lead to disease and aggression toward humans, especially in geese. This is also nesting season and geese can be more aggressive when they feel threatened. Please enjoy the waterfowl but view them from a distance and respect their wildness.

UDO Updated

Village Council approved the proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), which serves as a comprehensive zoning plan. The amendments provide compliance with changes in law and needed legislative guidelines. Significant changes to the UDO include: adding development regulations and standards associated with telecommunication facilities; modification of prohibitions and allowances to the Use Tables; and clarification of the requirement for a survey with any application for development. The full UDO is available at lakeparknc.gov

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

KITE FESTIVAL

The **Annual HOA Kite Festival** will be held on **April 6th from 10am-2pm at Founders Park**. (Rain date April 13th.) This is a kid-oriented event and the HOA invites residents who sell children's bows, toys, clothes, and books to set up a booth or table. Limited spots are available. If interested in participating, please contact Dan Iversen at diversenlphoa@gmail.com.

UNION CO & VILLAGE'S MOVIE NIGHT

Union County's Park & Rec and the Village of Lake Park's Park & Rec Departments are teaming up to present a **Movie Night in Mathisen Park on April 12th**. Come early for **Family Fun**, games and entertainment, from **6:30-8pm**. **Incredibles 2 will be screened at 8pm** with complementary popcorn and water provided. Bring your blankets and chairs and stretch out for a movie night.

CLEAN SWEEP

Lake Park's Annual Clean Sweep Event is back! Meet at the **Community Center on Saturday, April 13th from 9-11am**. Anyone can be a volunteer, including individuals, families, Scout Groups, Youth Groups. Volunteer under 12yo will need to have an adult with them. Letters for Community Service Hours will be given upon request. All supplies will be provided and if you're lucky, perhaps you'll get to update the paint job on select fire hydrants in Lake Park. Your help is appreciated!

Sign up by calling Angie Figiel at 704.882.8657 or angie.figiel@lakeparknc.gov

EASTER EGG HUNT

Central Church Lake Park will sponsor the 3rd Annual Lake Park **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, April 20th from 10am-12pm at the church**, located at 3624 Lake Park Road. This fun family event is free and will be held rain or shine. The egg hunt itself is for children through the 5th grade and anyone is welcome. Come join the fun!

For more information, contact 704.804.2203.

VILLAGE & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VILLAGE

Union Co Informational Meeting.....Mar 26, 5-7pm
Parks & Recreation.....Apr 1, 6:30pm
Council Meeting.....Apr 9, 7pm
Union Co & Village Movie Night.....Mathisen Square
.....Family Fun & Games, Apr 12 6:30-8pm
.....*Incredibles 2*, Apr 12, 8pm
Clean Sweep....Apr 13, 9-11am, Community Center
Planning Board..... Apr16, 7pm
Communications Commission.....Apr 17, 7pm
Municipal Office Closed.....Apr 19
Parks & Recreation.....Apr 22, 6:30pm
Budget Meeting.....Apr 23, 7pm
THE VILLAGER.....News Deadline Apr 14 to
kristen.bowman@lakeparknc.gov
2019 Fishing Permits for are \$2 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Purchase at Town Hall

COMMUNITY

Kite Festival.....Apr 6, 10am-2pm, Founders Park
Easter Egg Hunt.....Apr 20, 10am-12pm
.....Central Church Lake Park
Lake Park HOA.....Apr 4, 7pm, Community Center
Garden Club.....Apr 15, 7pm, Community Center
....Todd Beasley, Ed.D., Director of Horticulture
Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens
Knit One Crochet Two...Every Thu, 6p, Panera Bread
SAGES.....Apr 12, 12pm, 704.882.3107
.....Jonathon's, Matthews
Singles Group (55+).....Apr 11, 7pm

INPUT REQUESTED BY UNION CO

The Union County Planning Department will hold two public meetings, to solicit review and comments on the development of a critical intersections list to address safety and congestion concerns throughout the county. The first meeting is at the Lake Park Community Center on March 26th from 5-7pm. An online survey and map can be found at co.union.nc.us under Latest News.

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