



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.

- March 12** 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
- March 19** 7:00 PM Planning Board Meeting
- March 21** 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission
- March 25** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission
- March 29** Village Office Closed – Good Friday

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS
PAUL WOLFCALE RECREATION COMPLEX

FATHER-DAUGHTER/MOTHER-SON DANCE SPONSORED BY HOA
FEBRUARY 23 – 6:00 TO 8:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK GARDEN DISTRICT HOMEOWNER'S MEETING
FEBRUARY 28 – 7:00 TO 9:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

SAGES CRAFTS & CARD GAMES
MARCH 4 – 1:00 PM MARCH
18 – 11:15 AM LUNCH LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES AGES 45+
MARCH 7 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

SAGES MEETING & CARD BINGO RSVP 882-4527
MARCH 8 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

VILLAGE HOMES OF LAKE PARK I GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 9 – 10:00 AM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN-HOME BY MARCH 25
MARCH 15 DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

GARDEN CLUB MEETING MONARCH BUTTERFLIES
MARCH 18 -- 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Safety Suggestions

- 🔔 Prevent accidental triggering of security alarms
- 🔔 Street parking must have all tires on pavement
- 🔔 Report any suspicious persons to 911.
- 🔔 Be mindful of the Village Youth Curfew Ordinance
- 🔔 Keep garage doors closed

Daniels & Kirwin Appointed

Village Council appointed resident volunteers Kris Kirwan and Wayne Daniels as the new Parks & Recreation Commissioners on February 12. A retail management retiree and pond fisherman, Mr Daniels and his wife have lived in the village for 10 years. Mr Kirwin moved to Lake Park in 2004, applies his business degree as an inspector for the Department of Veterans Affairs and enjoys park events with his family.

Security System Alarming

False alarm calls from Lake Park homes, churches and preschools have doubled since November. Our deputies track the alarm calls and regularly report those addresses to Village Council. 14 cases were reported in February. Six were at the same residence on Creft Circle, two on Olson Lane, and two were at the Children's Lighthouse preschool. Residents and directors are urged to take steps to prevent security system mishandling ~ and to ensure that everyone who is authorized to enter and exit is equally disciplined so our deputies focus on true emergencies, investigations and appointed rounds. Frequent alarms also upset peaceful neighborhoods. Let's improve!

Waste Collection Update

Lake Park's Annual Waste Collection Guidelines is updated and attached for 2013. Detach and save as a handy reference. It is also at www.lakeparknc.gov.

UDO: A Few Weeks Remain

Lake Park homeowners and businesses have a few last weeks to review the proposed Unified Development Ordinance before it goes to Council vote March 12. After two years of study and preparation, active consultation and guidance involving a professional zoning firm, after considering architectural requirements of the local home owner associations, holding two Council hearing sessions and the January 15 public hearing (over 100 residents attended) and after further consideration of recent questions and concerns raised at the February 12 Council meeting, the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments anticipates that Council will pass the proposed ordinance on March 12. The main purpose of the UDO is to move authority of zoning and

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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Richard Haywood

Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591

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land use from the Union County Planning Board (with no Lake Park representation), to a Lake Park Planning Board made up of village members. The latest draft may be viewed at www.lakeparknc.gov. If passed, the Ordinance would go into effect July 1, 2013.

2013 Kite Festival

The Annual HOA Kite Festival at Founders Park on Conifer Circle will be Saturday March 23. The HOA is making plans now. Want to help? Or have a booth? Contact Michael Calabrese: mcalabrese@cbunited.com.

Unlawful to Post ‘Lost Pet’

Report lost pets to both Cheri Clark, Village Clerk and to the HOA at lakeparkpark@brasael.com. HOA sends email blasts to get the word out for you. Never post any notices on public street signs or light poles; it's against the law and cleanup costs many hundred dollars a year.

Swim Team Forms Plans

Registration will occur in the evenings, April 11 and 23 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Community Center. For more information: pfigiel@windstream.net. See the January *Lake Park Villager* or lakeparkswimteam@gmail.com for earlier swimming lesson opportunities. All participants will need a Lake Park swim pass to participate on the team.

Emergency Ordinance

Council reviewed a proposed State of Emergency Ordinance and suggested changes to Village Attorney Kenneth Swain on February 12. Mr. Swain will integrate the suggestions and propose a revised ordinance at the March 12 Council meeting. The ordinance authorizes the Mayor to coordinate prompt local response to a village emergency and allows Lake Park to use public funds without losing the right to reimbursement from county, state or federal response funds such as FEMA.

Girls on the Run

This annual race will run in Lake Park Saturday April 27. See attached GOTR of Union County flyer for more details.

Scouts Honor Councilman

Tyler Cook presented Councilman Mark Phillips with a framed certificate of appreciation on February 12 for Mark's assistance in meeting with Boy Scout Troop 151 and helping them earn their public service merit badge, a step toward achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

New Pet Waste Stations

In addition to collection stations in Founders Park and Balsam Pond, new stations are being installed at Lake Charles, Russell Park and Sages Pond, near the Kite Girl Monument.

Economic Development

Faith United Methodist Church is continuing a 'Famous Last Words' series begun Sunday February 17 at the 10:15 AM Sunday worship services. **Children of Faith Preschool** Director Kim Rowe recommends their new website COF news: www.childrenoffaithpreschool.org

Lake Park is home to three preschools including COF at 3708 Faith Church Road, the **Children's Lighthouse & Learning Center** at 3099 Faith Church Road and **My First School at Miss Dee Dee's After School**, 6810 Creft Circle.

Parks & Recreation

Swim Pool repairs to Lake Park's Junior Olympic Pool, wading pool, and original adult pool will be complete before pool season begins. Swim pass fees are held to 2012 levels; no increase this year, even with the \$19,600 repairs to the decks and coping. Pool pass details will be published in a future issue of *Lake Park Villager*.

July 4th Common Heart Run will kick off Lake Park's annual festivities in an early morning event with this non-profit organization's first 5k/10k Run. Common Heart raises funds and coordinates volunteers to support food pantries and to provide various services to provide a helping hand to needy persons and families in our area.

Clocktower Landscape upgrades to enhance all six flagpole installations will include replacing juniper overgrowth with perennial shrubs and flowerbeds. Local business **Lucas Landscaping** will supervise the upgrade.