



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 29** Village Office Closed Good Friday
- April 9** 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
- April 16** 7:00 PM Planning Board Meeting
- April 18** 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission
- April 22** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission
- April 23** 7:00 PM Village Council Annual Budget Meeting

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

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

KITE & CRAFTS FESTIVAL MARCH 23 – 10:00 TO 2:00 PM
SPONSORED BY HOA
FOUNDERS PARK

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

LAKE PARK SINGLES – AGES 55+ PRESIDENT JEAN FOSTER
APRIL 4 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

SAGES PIZZA EVENING RSVP 882-4527
APRIL 13 – 6:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

SPRING YARD SALES SPONSORED BY HOA
APRIL 20 – 7:00 AM TIL 1 PM YOU SET UP & SELL FROM YOUR YARD

LAKE PARK VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN-HOME BY APRIL 23
APRIL 12 DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

GIRLS ON THE RUN ANNUAL 5K RACE (3.1 MILES) 704-226-6613
APRIL 27 – 7:00 AM TIL 9 AM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

GARDEN CLUB MEETING HOME GARDENS WALKING TOUR
APRIL 15 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

MOVIES IN THE PARK : 'WRECK IT RALPH' SPONSORED BY HOA
MAY 10 – 8:00 PM TOWN CENTER PARK

Opening on Planning Board

Village Council invites residents to volunteer for an opening on the Lake Park Planning Board/Board of Adjustments. A 5-member board normally meets monthly on third Tuesdays. The Planning Board may make recommendations to the Village Council regarding the Unified Development Ordinance and Zoning Map amendments. It reviews and may approve site plans. The Board of Adjustments reviews and may approve variance requests and special land use permits. If any appeals arise to administrative actions or decisions, the Board of Adjustments may also consider and approve such appeals.

To express your interest in a 3-year term to start on July 1, 2013, contact Village Clerk Cheri Clark, Mark Philips or David Cleveland.

UDO Unanimously Passed

The Village Council approved a Unified Development Ordinance for zoning and land use in Lake Park March 12. The UDO regulates new residential and commercial construction, signs, building additions, fences, storage buildings, new homes, and other land use changes. The final UDO may be viewed in at www.lakeparknc.gov. With a local ordinance in place, the Village is now seeking Union County permission to release zoning authority to the village by July 1, 2013.

Vacation Safety

Planning to be away for a week, a season or even a long weekend? Our deputies would appreciate your sending an email to officer@lakeparknc.gov. Our deputies will check your property during their routine patrols, so be sure to tell them how to reach you if an emergency arises. Having a trusted neighbor keeping a watchful eye on your home is also wise.

2013 Fishing Permits

Annual Fishing Permits are only \$2 for residents, age 16 and older, and \$20 for non-residents. Lake Charles and the Garden District ponds are four of eight Lake Park waters designated for public fishing from the shoreline. All fishing is catch-and-release.

2013 fishing permits are available at the Village Clerk's Office in the Community Center between 9 AM

Safety Suggestions

-  Prevent accidental triggering of security alarms.
-  Street parking must have all tires on pavement.
-  Report any suspicious persons to 911.
-  Keep your 2013 permit with you when fishing

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector

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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer

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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

officer@lakeparknc.gov

and 12 Noon, Monday – Friday. Bring proof of residence to the office. Pond maps and guidelines will be provided.

No fishing is allowed in the Lake Park Entrance Pond, Connie's Pond or Versailles Pond. Only youth may fish in Russell Park and Bobbie Lane ponds.

Basketball Clinics at CALP

Coach Dale Similton leads shooting and ball handling clinics for all resident boys and girls grades 2 – 5, and man-to-man defense for grades 6–12, between March 16 and May 25 at the Central Academy gym. For information: 704-858-2531 or similtoncamps@aol.com

Budget Meeting April 23

Village Council will review Lake Park's municipal budget for July 2013 – June 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Lake Park Community Center April 23. This annual meeting is open to the public and normally results in a proposed budget that goes to a public hearing. Council approval is needed by for a budget to go into effect July 1, 2013.

Security Alarms Still High

15 alarm calls were reported to Council at the March meeting, involving 13 addresses. Two were at a Creft Circle residence and two were at the Community Center. The only way to stop wasting officer patrols with false alarms is for owners to ensure their users are very careful to not enter without an authorized code. Please review the code and help eliminate false alarms.

Pond Work to Effect Traffic

Lucas Landscaping will begin construction of a retaining wall to stabilize the southwest bank of Sages Pond in April to halt bank erosion along that part of the pond. During construction, driving on Sages Avenue between Thistle and Eisenhower Lanes will be restricted for worker safety. To avoid damage to resident vehicles, parking will not be allowed in the construction area until the project ends. Your patient cooperation (and the weatherman's) is greatly appreciated in the interim.

Heart Link Network

This women's business organization will hold an April 3 luncheon at 11:30 am and a dinner on April 4 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. For more information contact Babette Cauble, 704-451-2749.

Five Pet Stations

Pet owners now have three new stations for greater convenience in following Lake Park's 'clean up after pet' ordinance. The stations stock disposable pick-up bags and offer pet waste receptacles. The new stations are at Lake Charles, in Russell Park and in the area between Sages and Balsam Ponds near the Kite Girl Monument. Lucas Landscaping maintains the stations for the village while maintaining the public parks.

Economic Development

The new **Regenesis Skin Studio** is now open within **Total Tranquility Salon's** redesigned facility at 6136 Creft Circle. Certified Medical Aesthetician, Terri McConnell, provides treatments for many skin conditions in the spacious studio. Total Tranquility owner Sharon Williams invites residents to stop in and tour the setting of an upscale combination salon. An on-site play or study room is set up for children during parent appointments. For information: 704-882-3035.

Greyson Steele Photography's gallery studio is open at 6200-A Creft Circle this month. Offering award-winning lifestyle wedding and portrait photography, Darrell and Dawn may be reached at 704-975-8103.

Lake Park Family Practice and the Community Center have "Girls on the Run" race brochures for runners of all ages. Early sign up is \$20; \$25 on race day April 27. Participants receive a t-shirt and goody bag.

Parks & Recreation

Plans to replace the four worn 36" clock face crystals at the **Clocktower** and to equip each with LED backlighting will be announced to Council on April 9.

Five new park benches have been placed among Russell Park, Founders Park and Barnett Park. Three monthly algae control treatments will begin in the ponds in April.

July 4th Common Heart Run information will be available at www.thecommonplace.org in May. This fundraiser event will support needy persons and families.