



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.

- Aug 13** 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
- Aug 15** 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission
- Aug 20** 7:00 PM Planning Board Meeting
- Aug 26** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK POOLS ADMISSION FEES OR PASSES REQUIRED
 OPEN MAY 25 THRU LABOR DAY 10-8 MON-SAT, NOON-8 SUN
 PAUL WOLFFCALE RECREATION COMPLEX

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

LAKE PARK SINGLES – AGES 55+ JEAN FOSTER: 882-3107
 AUG 1 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

FIRST FRIDAY FUN LUNCH MARGARET PHILLIPS: 882-9006
 AUG 2 – 12:00 NOON ALL WELCOME MAMA'S MEXICAN CAFE

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 AUG 5 – 1:00 PM CRAFTS & CARD GAMES
 AUG 9 – 6:00 PM PASTA DINNER MEETING: WEAR A UNIQUE HAT
 AUG 19 – 11:15 AM LUNCH LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ROYETTA.TRULL@LAKEPARKNC.GOV
 AUG 6 – 6:30 – 9:00 PM TOWN CENTER GAZEBO PARK

HEARTLINK BUSINESS WOMEN NETWORK
 AUG 7 – 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM LUNCH RSVP 704-451-2749
 AUG 9 – 6:30 TO 9:00 PM DINNER LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN-HOME BY AUG 27
 AUG 16 - DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

MOVIES IN THE PARK SPONSORED BY HOA TOWN CENTER PARK
 AUG 16 – 8:00 PM RAIN DATE: AUG 17

GARDEN CLUB OPEN INVITATION ~ NO GREEN THUMB NEEDED!
 AUG 19 – 7:00 PM AT COMMUNITY CENTER INFO? CALL 882-8259

LAKE PARK BUSINESS LUNCH MOTIVATION: JASON MINK
 AUG 20 – 12:00 NOON – 1:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Summer Safety

- Alert our officers when you will be on vacation
- School's out ~ motorists please watch for children

Sportsmanship Wins

Of all the medals won by Lake Park's 2013 Piranhas swimmers, receiving the 7-team league's Sportsmanship Award for a 4th consecutive year was a shining moment for team youngsters, coaches, boosters, and families. Residents Juliano Galioto, Katie Goss, Amberley Shaw, and Rachel Webb set a 2:01 minute record to win 11 and 12 year olds 200-yard Free Style Relay. Rachel Webb and Nick Figiel broke the individual 50 Backstroke records. Julianna Galioto set records in both 50 Butterfly and 100 IM. This was the Piranhas best performing year. All eight teams vote for the sportsmanship award. Team plaques are on view in the Community Center foyer.

National Night Out Aug 6

Adult and teen volunteers and event sponsors come together in many villages and cities around our nation for the annual event that brings together residents and public safety personnel, promotes friendship and neighborhood security on a relaxing summer evening.

Contact organizer Royetta Trull to be part of this popular annual celebration at Town Center Park. It's not too late to take part in the preparations and ensure the success of Lake Park's own National Night Out festivities.

July 4th Event Recap

Thank you to all volunteers who contributed to the success of Lake Park's celebration. In spite of a rainy start to Common Heart's morning races, over 100 runners competed for prizes in their age and distance categories.

After the children's parade, over 250 adults and children enjoyed music, games, and a picnic of hot dogs, chips, watermelon and cold drinks in Russell Park.

2013 Hometown Heroes

Lake Park's annual Hometown Hero awards were announced at the July 4th Celebration to Greg and Lisa Crosby. Greg currently chairs the Lake Park Planning Board, served on Village Council for two terms, edited the original *Lake Park Villager* and was the first webmaster for www.lakeparknc.gov. They have been active with Boy Scouts of America in Lake Park.

Lake Park Village Government Call List

Website: www.lakeparknc.gov

Year = term expires

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Deputy Richard Haywood

Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591

officer@lakeparknc.gov

Street Lights 'Out' or 'On'?

Is there a street light flickering in your neighborhood? What about a street lamp that no longer comes on after dark ~ or one that stays on throughout a sunny day?

Please contact Councilman John Barnes, our liaison with Union Power's street lighting maintenance team and provide the nearest street address to any malfunctioning light. John regularly tours the village and welcomes your email to follow up for a repair with Union Power.

Caution: 25 mph is the Law

Conifer and Creft residents continue to report the excessive vehicle speeds on these Lake Park streets. Traffic citations and fines aside, the real issue is street safety. Walkers, please use the sidewalks. Motorists, please obey the 25 mph limit throughout the village.

Stop Signs - Yield Signs

Village Council reconsidered a June decision to require a full stop at the pedestrian pathway crosswalk on Conifer near the Emma Court intersection because new crosswalk striping already may be improving motorist awareness and reducing speeds at the crosswalk. In July, Council revised the June decision to instead add yield-to-pedestrian signs at the crosswalk and a full stop to the Conifer intersection at Alden. Council, with feedback from our deputies and the public, will review the status again at the public meeting on August 13.

Zoning Permit Forms & Fees

Application forms and fee schedules for property change permits are available at www.lakeparknc.gov and at the Lake Park Community Center.. Benchmark trained both Council and the Board of Adjustments July 16. Council appointed Jonathan McDaniel to the Board through July 2016. HOA approval is required prior to any zoning application for fence, deck or shed changes.

False Alarm Calls Triple

June false alarms were three times the number in May. Emergency responders need us to be extra mindful to ensure that all authorized users use correct passwords the first time. How can you prevent a false alarm at your Lake Park home, church, school or business?

Nick Hawes Eagle Project

Village Council approved the Parks & Recreation recommendation to accept Nick Hawes' Eagle Scout project. Nick has proposed installing swallow birdhouses near some of the village ponds to encourage them to nest where they can be useful. Swallows are a natural enemy of mosquitoes, the pests that enjoy pond areas.

In past years other Scouts have advanced through scouting by designing plans, raising funds, and creating assets to enhance public areas in Lake Park

Economic Development

▶ **Prism Properties** sparked a patriotic surprise in Lake Park by planting complimentary U.S. flags along Lake Park roadways a few days before the 4th of July. ▶ **Mama's Mexican Café** contributed gift certificate awards to the 4th of July Children's Parade winners. The Café also offers 10% senior discounts on Tuesdays. ▶ August 20 **Business Network Lunch** will feature Jason Mink, a business trends analyst. He offers guidance to organizations so they can define timely goals and help strategize actions to capitalize on pending changes. President and founder of **4Cognition**, Jason will be at the Community Center from noon – 1:00 PM for all Lake Park business owners, managers and professional leaders. Call Sandy Coughlin or text John Box at 704-780-4204 to RSVP. Lunch will be provided.

Parks & Recreation

▶ Storm repairs: P&R estimate a dozen trees were blown down or damaged in the public grounds, countless others on private properties June 13. Lucas Landscaping cleared all the debris in three days. The Park and Pond Maintenance budget covered the \$4405 cost.

▶ "See something? Say something!" Phone our officers when you spot any suspicious activity. "Take a bite out of crime!"

▶ Aquatic Resources monthly pond treatments will continue through September to control vegetation and algae growth.

▶ Pool Pass purchases for 2013 are reported at \$46,190 on July 9, which nearly equals the management contract to maintain the pools at the Paul Wolfcale Recreational Complex.