



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.

- Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving:** Village Office Closed
- Dec 13 7:00p** Public Hearings & Village Council Meeting
- Dec 20 7:00p** Planning Board Meeting
- Dec 22-26 Christmas:** Village Office Closed
- Dec 27 6:30p** Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- Jan 19 6:30p** Economic Develop. Commission Meeting

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK
LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS

VILLAGE OFFICE TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
MON 9A-5P, TUE-FRI 9AM -12NOON OR BY APPOINTMENT

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
DEC 1 7PM TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES AGES 45+ WELCOME
DEC 1 7PM 704-882-3107 TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS TEAS ADMISSION BY PRESOLD TICKETS
DEC 3 1PM + 4PM TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING PROGRAM
DEC 4 5:30-6:30PM MATHISEN SQUARE (TOWN CENTER PARK)

SAGES EVENTS TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
DEC 5 1 PM CARD GAMES 704-882-6906
DEC 7 5 PM CHRISTMAS DINNER, LOGAN'S RESTAURANT, MONROE NC
DEC 19 11:15AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 704-882-6906

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE DEADLINE
DEC 6 FINAL DAY DROP BOX AT TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER

BOOK CLUB THE NECKLACE (JARVIS) PLUS COOKIE EXCHANGE!
DEC 8 7 PM 704-516-0445

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY DEC 26
DEC 16 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL SANDY.COUGHLIN@LAKEPARKNC.GOV

BEST OF HOMES OUTDOOR HOLIDAY DECOR
DEC 18 HOA COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND POST AWARD SIGNS

Mathisen Square

Council voted Nov 7 to officially rename Town Center Park, sometimes called Gazebo Park, to "Mathisen Square" in honor of founder Chris Mathisen. A formal dedication is expected in 2017.

Survey Deadline Nov 30

With only 97 surveys returned as of Nov 15, the 5-Year Strategy Committee urges more residents to do the 1-page survey and deliver them to the Village Office.

Annual Tree Lighting Dec 4

2016 Hometown Hero Willie Caldwell will light the Meeting Street tree. Faith United Methodist Church Pastor Paige Miller and Union Academy students are on the 5:30pm musical program at Mathisen Square gazebo. At 6:00pm HOA will provide refreshments, carriage rides and Santa's visit at the Community Center/Town Hall.

Donated Toys Due Dec 6

In support of Christmas toy collections for both the US Marine Corps Reserve's "Toys for Tots" and the Union County Christmas Bureau, Lake Park residents may drop new unwrapped toys, gift cards and checks payable to 'Union County Christmas Bureau' at the Village Office. The drop box will also be at the Mathisen Square gazebo for donations during the Christmas Lighting Dec 4.

Village Council Opening

Kristen Bowman and Jonathan McDaniel presented their intentions in person to Village Council November 7 for appointment to the one 1-year vacancy on Council. Christian Bell and James Record have also expressed interest and are expected to present to Council December 13. Council plans to appoint one of the four candidates to an unexpired term vacated at the departure of former Councilwoman Ashley Dance. Per election regulations, the two remaining years in the 4-year seat will be offered in the Nov 2017 election.

Public Hearings Dec 13 7pm

Per a Planning Board recommendation, Council has reviewed a proposed sidewalk text amendment to the Village Zoning Ordinance and invites public input Dec 13. The proposal states that any new lot development be required to install connecting sidewalks. It does not demand new residential walks if adjacent developed lots lack road-side sidewalks on that side of the street.

A second hearing, to propose a zoning change to the Village Map, will directly follow the 'sidewalk hearing'. A Planning Board recommendation is expected regarding the Map and a land use request for Lucas Landscaping.

Copies of each proposal are available at the Village Office or previewed online at www.lakeparknc.gov.

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Vacant Seat - Council

Pam Jack - Council
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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Dana Rucker
Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.
For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591 officer@lakeparknc.gov

EDC: Economic Development

- ♦ **Painting the Park and Faith United Methodist Church** combined efforts for a Sardis Mission Fundraiser Nov 9 to provide a Thanksgiving meal for a local elementary student's family. Trina Tarlton, artist and Painting the Park owner, donated paint, canvases and \$15 per participant to the Sardis ministry. Painting participants brought food donations.
- ♦ **it Computer Solutions** owner and Lake Park resident Sissy Smith made the store a drop site for Hurricane Matthews donations for delivery to devastated areas of Pembroke and Lumberton NC. Store hours are M-F 10-6 and Saturdays 10-3. 704-882-5188
- ♦ **Lake Park Nursing & Rehabilitation Center** has completed their Phase III renovations.
- ♦ **Gordo's Mexican Kitchen** is open for lunch 11a-2p and dinner 5p-8p Tuesday through Saturday. 704-882-0366

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

- ♦ **Barnett Park Pine Tree Removal** was completed this month. Pine bark beetle infestations caused the trees to fail, despite prior control efforts. P&R is considering alternative planting solutions to enhance the park and replace the former tree buffer.
- ♦ **Respecting Wildlife** in their natural habitat is also a safety issue. Parents are encouraged to teach their children not to provoke geese, and to keep a safe distance from all wildlife. Pets can also get in trouble with wildlife natural to Lake Park so please follow park rules and walk dogs on a leash in public.

Prevention is Key

- Lock vehicles to prevent theft and entry.
- Avoid false alarms! 7 in October. Goal: 0
- Phone suspicious behavior to 911 as it occurs.

Prize-winning Chili Chefs

Brad Swanson won the \$25 first prize gift certificate to Gordo's Mexican Kitchen with his "Bad Brad's NW Chili" at the Annual Cook-off Saturday Nov 12. Jeff Gorton won \$15 second prize certificate with "Jeff's Inferno Chili" and Vicki Cleveland took \$10 third prize certificate with her "Sneaky Chili". Six chefs competed for the votes of more than 65 tasters of all ages who attended.

P & R Commission Vacancy

Would you like an appointment to Lake Park's Parks & Recreation Commission? By Dec 9, email a message to cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov. Include name, phone, and your reason to serve for the remaining 1 year of a 3-year term. P&R meets monthly to make decisions for public parks, ponds and Village sponsored events.

New Management Eff. Dec 1

Cusick Community Management LLC was selected by the Lake Park Master Homeowners Association Board of Directors to replace Braesael Management Company. CCM has 20 years of reputable experience to guide HOA in maintaining the standards of our HOA Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions. The Board thanks Braesael personnel for their professional service since 2008, when BMC took over from Henderson Properties.

Cusick mailed welcome letters to all property owners. Info packets will follow next month. Each owner is encouraged to review their packet and register at www.cusickcompany.com to get a personal account.

Lucas Landscape Awarded

Smith Turf & Irrigation, major southeast U.S. supplier of irrigation, lighting and water features named local Lucas Lawn & Landscaping as 2016 Contractor of the Year. Family-owned, Lucas has partnered with P&R to develop and maintain our village parks for nearly 20 years, growing their staff and expanding their NC client base. Doug Lucas is 4th term EDC commissioner.

Identity Fundraiser

Garden Club is selling \$20 hats, \$15 visors and \$5 car tags that bear "Lake Park" decoration. To purchase any of these products and promote your home town identity contact Pam Jack.



Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!



**Pickup Days: Thanksgiving Delay to Fri 11/25
Thu 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22 & 12/29**

All items to curb by 7am on Pickup Days.
Use Clear Bags for Yard Debris.
Furniture & Bulk Items: ANY pickup day.

Report concerns to:
Village Administrator: 704-882-8657 (Cheri Clark)
Council Liaison: 704-882-0641 (Pam Jack)
OR
Email! Use addresses on this page (top left corner)