



# 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.

**Oct 23 6:30p** Parks & Recreation Commission

**Nov 7 Election Day** Polls Open 6:30a – 7:30p

**Nov 14 7:00p** Village Council

**Nov 16 6:30p** Economic Development Commission

**Nov 21 7:00p** Planning Board

**Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day:** Office Closed 11/23 & 11/24

**Nov 27 6:30p** Parks & Recreation Commission

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS** OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK  
**LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS** LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS  
**POND FISHING: 2017 PERMITS REQUIRED FROM VILLAGE OFFICE**

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

**KNIT ONE, CROCHET TWO** 704-840-9661  
EVERY THURSDAY 6:00P PANERA BREAD RESTAURANT

**4TH THURSDAYS BRIDGE CLUB** TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER  
OCT 26 & NOV 30 CALL FOR MEETING TIME: 704-301-0931

**SINGLES GROUP (65+)** 704-882-3107  
NOV 2 7P TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER

**LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION** 704-544-7779  
NOV 2 7P BOARD MEETING TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

**BOOK CLUB** ABOVE THE WATERFALL BY RON RASH  
NOV 9 7P CALL FOR MEETING LOCATION: 704-516-0445

**ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF** TASTE & VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE  
NOV 11 6-8P \$1 OR 1 UNWRAPPED TOY: TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CTR

**VILLAGER NEWSLETTER** IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY NOV 28  
NOV 17 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL [SANDY.COUGHLIN@LAKEPARKNC.GOV](mailto:SANDY.COUGHLIN@LAKEPARKNC.GOV)

**GARDEN CLUB** TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER  
NOV 20 7P WINTER CONTAINERS/CRAIG LEONARD OF KINGS NURSERY

**CHRISTMAS TEA** TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER  
DEC 2 11A, 2P, 4P CALL FOR \$20 TICKETS: 704-882-0461

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE CEREMONY** MATHISEN SQUARE  
DEC 3 5:30-6:30P MUSIC AT THE GAZEBO...AND MORE

## Oct 31 Halloween 6p-8p

The Village neighborhoods will be busy with costumed trick-or-treater kids on Halloween evening. If you are treating, leave a light on at your front door.

### Trunk or Treat Parking Lot Activities & Events at

Central Church Lake Park: Fri Oct 27 6:30p – 8:30p  
Faith United Methodist Church: Sun Oct 29 5p-7p

## Kite-Flying Oval Logo

The oval logo (above right) shows adults and children flying a kite, their reflection in a pond, with the clocktower and trees. It was the original 1990 image for Lake Park's identifying logo. Council voted to use the oval logo on one of two Memorial Plaques to be placed on the Mathisen Square Gazebo. The other plaque will picture Village founder, Chris Mathisen. Both plaques will also display historical information.

Council recognized that the oval logo conveys outdoor activity and community values, and has been in continual use on Village banners and flags, wayfinding and pond identification signs, and the 2017 EDC Welcome Tote bags for new residents. It also relates to the 'Kite Girl' monument at the Balsam/Conifer roundabout.

Our Village also uses another image (above left); a round seal showing a clocktower, gazebo, and horse-drawn surrey, for municipal documents, newsletters and stationery. Resident Anne Boney's art became the seal honoring Lake Park as a NC municipality in 1994.

## Clocks Fall Back Nov 5

Set clocks back one hour on Saturday night. On Sunday Nov 5 we return to Eastern Standard Time.

## Vote Nov 7 6:30a-7:30p

The Town Hall/Community Center is District 38B polling place for residents who are registered to vote in the national elections. Lake Park has 4 candidates running for two 4-year Council seats (Kristen Bowman, Jonathan McDaniel, James Record, and Jeremy Russell). Incumbents Pam Jack (2-year Council seat) and Mayor David Cleveland (2-year Mayoral seat) are running unopposed. For Early Voting info and election results go to [www.co.union.nc.us/Government](http://www.co.union.nc.us/Government).

## 12<sup>th</sup> Chili Cookoff Nov 11

Call 882-8657 or email [angie.figiell@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:angie.figiell@lakeparknc.gov) to enter the annual contest and reserve the spot for your chili recipe. Spaces are limited. Hungry tasters come, try them all and vote for your favorite. Top 3 chili recipes win a prize. Admission is only \$1, or bring a new unwrapped



**Keep Alert on Trick-or-Treat Night**  
Costumed children roaming the village at dusk may pose a driving hazard. Be extra careful.

## Lake Park Village Government Call List

Website: [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov)

### David Cleveland - Mayor

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### Sandra Coughlin - Council

Mayor Pro Tem (704) 882-9692

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### John Barnes - Council

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### James Record - Council

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[james.record@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:james.record@lakeparknc.gov)

### Pam Jack - Council

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[pam.jack@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:pam.jack@lakeparknc.gov)

### Fabian Szarko - Council

(704) 628-6988

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### Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator

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[cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov)

### Angie Figiel – Administrative Assistant/Events Coordinator

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[angie.figiel@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:angie.figiel@lakeparknc.gov)

### Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer

(704) 882-8657

[cheryl.bennett@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:cheryl.bennett@lakeparknc.gov)

### Ken Swain, Village Attorney

(704) 882-8657

[cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov)

### Full Time Deputies Dana Rucker & Taylor Hackney

Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591 [officer@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:officer@lakeparknc.gov)

## EDC: Economic Development

♦ **Sharon Williams Appointed.** Council voted to renew Sharon's fourth appointment for a 3-year term on the Economic Development Commission. Sharon has taken an active part in promoting local businesses and owns Total Tranquility Salon in the Matthews Festival Shopping Center. The Williams' family resides in Lake Park. Sharon also operated her salon in Town Center for 9 years and is familiar with Lake Park's economic benefits and challenges.

## P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ **The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** will be held at Mathisen Square and the Meeting Street roundabout Dec 3, 5:30-6:30p.

♦ **Trees & Shrubs** have been cleared at the Lake Park Road wooded entrance Crepe myrtles will be added along the roadside near the cleared area.

♦ **Vandalized Fence** was repaired to maintain the playground barrier on Mother Theresa Drive by Matthews Fence for \$1190.

♦ **Christmas Lighting** expense, \$13,500, was approved to cover the cost of the 2017 tree trimming around the village parks, and to purchase additional lights. As trees grow, more lights are required to decorate new growth. Installation varies from year-to-year to accommodate landscaping changes.



Thursday Pickups: 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30  
Friday Pickup: 11/24 (Thanksgiving Week)

ALL LEAVES AND GRASS IN CLEAR BAGS

Delivery questions? 704-882-8657 (Cheri)

toy donation for Toys for Tots and get in 'free'.

## Fall Festival Kudos

Thank you to all the volunteers, vendors, and visitors, for another great memory! All Homeowner Association effort make this event a highlight on Lake Park's calendar.

## 2017 Christmas Tea Dec 2

Lake Park Garden Club will host 'A Garden Angel' themed Christmas Tea at the Community Center. Call 704-882-0461 to reserve your \$20 ticket for either the Noon, 2pm or 4pm seating. The 2016 Tea was a popular success and ticket proceeds gave back to the community: funding 2 South Beach style swings, now in Village parks.

## Toys for Tots due Dec 3

Bring unwrapped new toys, or a monetary donation, to the Community Center M-F, 9a-12n or Sat Nov 18 10a-12n to help a needy child. at Christmas.

## Harrison Walser Appointed

Council appointed Mr Walser, who brings 9-years as a Lake Park resident and 15 years of public administration background to the unexpired term vacated by Heather Rodney on the Lake Park Planning Board (meets monthly) and Board of Adjustments (meets quarterly).

## Alzheimer's Awareness

On Sept 12, Mayor David Cleveland signed the Council Resolution to proclaim Sept 5 as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Day in Lake Park.

## 7 False Alarms Violations

Deputies urge all residents to lock their vehicles and use alarm systems carefully to ensure emergency responses go to true calls. September violations:

3300 block Faith Church Road (2, plus 1 in August)

3800 block Lake Park Road (1, plus 1 in August)

3600 block Iris Street

3900 block Lake Park Road

4100 block Logan Circle

2600 block Ruth Street

## 5-Year Plan Progress

Safety, Communication, Perception, Animal Control, and Curb Appeal Committees welcome the public to the meetings. Dates and times are set at convenience of the members but are also posted on the Town Hall doors and at [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov).

## Fire Marshall Visited Council

Johnny Blythe reported Oct 10 that a study is assessing needs for a substation on lots already owned by the Fire Department. An undeveloped lot on Faith Church Road is one of the sites under study. Average call response time (vehicle at the site of need) is 7 minutes. 60% of all 'fire' calls in Union County are for medical attention (EMS). Mr Blythe intends to provide updates on a quarterly basis.

## Village Taxes

Property taxes are deductible on 2017 federal returns if paid by December 31. If any payments are received after January 5, 2018, the owner incurs a late fee.