



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.

- Dec 23-25** Village Office Closed – Christmas
- Jan 1** Village Office Closed – New Year's Day
- Jan 12** 7:00p Village Council Meeting
- Jan 18** Village Office Closed – Martin L King Day
- Jan 19** 7:00p Planning Board Meeting*
- Jan 21** 6:30p Economic Develop. Commission Meeting*
- Jan 25** 6:30p Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting*

*No December meeting

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION

- DEC 18 HOME HOLIDAY LIGHTS DEADLINE RESIDENT DISCRETION
- DEC 19-20 HOLIDAY LIGHTS JUDGING AWARD SIGNS GIVEN BY DEC 21
- JAN 6 7PM HOA ANNUAL MEETING CENTRAL ACADEMY
- FEB 4 6:30 PM HOA BOARD MEETING COMMUNITY CENTER

CENTRAL ACADEMY EVENTS

- JAN 4 CLASSES RESUME 3624 LAKE PARK ROAD
- JAN 29 9-11AM OPEN HOUSE 704-882-6267

SAGES EVENTS

LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

- JAN 5 11:00AM CARD GAMES INFO: 704-882-6906
- JAN 8 12 NOON PIZZA LUNCH RSVP: 704-882-2005
- JAN 19 1:15 AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES INFO: 704-882-6906

LAKE PARK SINGLES

AGES 45+ WELCOME

- JAN 7 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

BULK ITEMS MONTHLY PICKUP DAY ONE PICKUP DAY PER MONTH

- JAN 14 7:00 AM NEVER CURB BULK ITEMS ANY OTHER WEEK!

LAKE PARK BOOK CLUB THE GLASS CASTLE, J. WALLS 516-0445

- JAN 14 7:00 PM LAKEPARKREADERS@GMAIL.COM

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY JAN 26

- JAN 15 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

GARDEN CLUB TOPIC: BUCHART GARDENS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

- JAN 18 7:00 PM INFO: 882-8259 LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Recognition & Office Oaths

Mark Phillips was honored with congratulations and a recognition award plaque December 8 for his contribution to the Unified Development Ordinance, and to the Planning and Zoning Boards while serving 4 years on Council. He also received a certificate in recognition for over a year of service as an EDC Commissioner.

Ashley Dance took the oath of office as a newly elected Councilperson. Re-elected to Council, Pam Jack and Fabian Szarko renewed their oaths of office, as did David Cleveland, re-elected as Mayor. Sandy Coughlin renewed the oath of office as Council's choice for Mayor Pro Tem. Also re-elected to Council, John Barnes renewed his oath December 11.

Christmas Celebration

The Union Academy Octet and Union Academy Choir performed at the Lake Park's holiday evening celebration December 6. Pastor Lonnie Pittman read the Scripture and Hometown Heroes Brian and Kris Kirwan had the honor of turning on the Christmas Tree lights for a cheering crowd in Town Center Park.

HOA volunteers served hot cocoa, cider and cookies and arranged horse drawn carriage rides. Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa welcomed the children. Thank you to all volunteers who worked together on the event.

EDC Seat Available

Any residents who are interested in the success of Lake Park's professional community are invited to submit their names by January 10 to the village office, 704-882-8657, for the new vacancy on the Economic Development Commission. This opening occurred when Mark Phillips' term expired this month. The EDC meets on 3rd Thursday evenings at the Community Center.

The EDC is Lake Park's active liaison for Village Council and the local businesses, churches and schools.

Porter Ridge Band of Pirates

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9qI0bPRRuk>

Follow that link to hear and view our public school students in the 74th Pearl Harbor Memorial parade in Hawaii December 7. This was the only NC band chosen to participate. Thank you to all who supported the trip.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Real and completely undecorated trees put to the curb on any Thursday will be collected by Waste Pro.

E-Notify: Go to www.lakeparknc.gov to list your email for village messages. This allows you to receive urgent news and a link to each new electronic copy of the *Villager*.

Lake Park Village Government Call List

Website: www.lakeparknc.gov

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John Barnes - Council

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Ashley Dance - Council

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Pam Jack - Council

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Fabian Szarko - Council

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Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator/

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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer

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Ken Swain, Village Attorney

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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

Trees do not need to be bagged. Waste collection days during Christmas and New Year weeks will occur on Thursdays. This includes garbage, recyclables (plastic, metal and clean paper cartons), bagged yard debris, electronics and appliances. Exception: Bulk furnishings pickup is ONLY on 2nd Thursdays: Jan 14, Feb 11, etc.

2016 Village Responsibilities

Clocktower & Public Lighting.....John Barnes
Economic Development.....Sandy Coughlin
Lake Park Villager.....Sandy Coughlin
Park Events.....Ashley Dance
Park Facilities.....Fabian Szarko
Park Landscaping & Ponds.....David Cleveland
Sheriff Liaison.....David Cleveland
Strategic Planning.....Pam Jack
Streets & Sidewalks.....David Cleveland
Waste Collection.....Pam Jack
Contact information, for your convenience, in box at left.

Resolve for 2016: Re-use!

In 2016, let's rethink how to dispose of unwanted clothing, books, tools and furnishings that others could use. Compared to other towns, Lake Park is notorious for disregarding the 2nd Thursday Bulk Pickup rule and for discarding reusable bulk items at the curb every week. This violates our contract with Waste Pro, endangers the favorable rate they have given us,

WastePro takes pride in not leaving any items at the curb, but those few who curb furniture or move-out items on any week other than 2nd Thursday each month are taking unfair advantage of this service and have disregarded Lake Park's environmental need to reduce and re-use unwanted items as well as recycling.

We have spring and fall village yard sales, consignment stores nearby, Amvets (704-393-2359), Habitat for Humanity (704-845-2760), Common Heart (704-218-9060), With Love from Jesus (704-532-8703); charities that are in need and convenient to Lake Park. Responsible alternatives abound to just throwing stuff away. As a community that takes pride in our green theme, let's make a charitable effort to contact such organizations, especially when residents are moving or downsizing.

HOA Annual Meeting Jan 26

All village homeowners are encouraged to attend the Lake Park Homeowners Association Annual Meeting, 7pm at Central Academy. The agenda will include the annual committee reports, a 2016 events schedule, and election of volunteers wishing to serve on the board. Braesael Management will mail annual notices, board nomination forms, and proxy forms to homeowners as required by the Master Homeowners Association Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions that guide Association activity.

Holiday Safety Awareness

Keep valuables out of sight, lock all doors and windows at home, at work and in all vehicles. Track shipments and alert a trusted neighbor or our deputies if you will be away. Close garage doors, and report suspicious activity.

EDC: Economic Development

♦ **Bellaseria Bistro, Prism Properties & Development and The Sales Office** have all renewed their leases in Town Center. Bellaseria Bistro, 6208 Creft Circle, provides food service for Dollar Stores, and occasional catering by appointment, 704-792-1945. Prism Properties & Development provides realtor and property management services, 6208 Creft Circle, Suite 230, 704-604-2101. The Sales Office offers business incubator spaces for entrepreneurs 704-400-9106 and The Tournament Office coordinates accommodations for tournament group travel, 704-882-1211. Both are located at 6132 Creft Circle.

♦ **Sperry Van Ness/Percival Partners** manages Town Center. Prospective tenants may contact Jamey.Cox@svn.com for leasing details.

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ **Meeting Street Plantings** will be added in the right of way along the new sidewalk extension. A combination of Steed Hollies and Knockout Roses will enhance this area, between the Town Center and Miss Dee Dee's Afterschool.

♦ **Veterans Playground (off Creft Circle) and Azalea Park Playground (off Sages Avenue)** playground mulch has been restored.

♦ **60 Trees, Shrubs & Grasses** have been planted in common areas and cul-de-sacs this month.

♦ **Community Center HVAC** is due for replacement. Council accepted the P&RC recommendation to accept Lovin's Heating and Air bid to install energy efficient Amana equipment. Of 3 contractor bids, Lovin's middle bid won support due to their proven track record on prior village projects and their lower service rates. Installation funds are budgeted as a capital improvement for 2015 – 2016 fiscal year.

♦ **Never Burn Leaves:** Bag fallen leaves for any Thursday curb pickup. Remove debris; keep storm drains unobstructed.