



# 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.

**Jan 23** 6:30p Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

**Feb 14** 7:00p Village Council Meeting

**Feb 16** 6:30p Economic Develop. Commission Meeting

**Feb 20** **Presidents' Day:** Village Office Closed

**Feb 21** 7:00p Board of Adjustments & Planning Board Mtg

**Feb 27** 6:30p Parks & Recreation 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

**2017 FISHING PERMITS** TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER  
MON 9A-5P, TUE-FRI 9AM -12NOON

**LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**  
FEB 2 7PM TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

**LAKE PARK SINGLES** AGES 45+ WELCOME  
FEB 2 7PM 704-882-3107 TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

**SAGES EVENTS** TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER  
FEB 6 1 PM CARD GAMES 704-882-6906  
FEB 10 11:30 LUNCH: HILLTOP 1602 E ROOSEVELT BLVD, MONROE  
FEB 12 11:15AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 704-882-2005

**BOOK CLUB** *A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN* (BETTY SMITH)  
FEB 9 7 PM CALL FOR MEETING LOCATION: 704-516-0445

**GARDEN CLUB** PRUNING TREES & SHRUBS 704-882-0461  
FEB 20 7PM (SEE PAGE 2) TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

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

### Locked Vehicles Success

Not one vehicle was broken into in December.  
Locking proves to be an effective deterrent.

*Happy New Year*

## James Record Appointed

James Record will take the oath of office February 14, having won Council approval January 10 for appointment to the ten remaining months of an unexpired term left vacant in September. The seat will begin a new term and be open again on the ballot in November 2017.

Mayor David Cleveland thanked Christian Bell, Kristen Bowman and Jonathan McDaniel for each offering their credentials and for also expressing sincere interest in the vacancy. Mayor Cleveland encouraged them to pursue activities that benefit the village by continuing or initiating their further involvement in Lake Park. Currently, Ms Bowman is active as an Economic Development Commissioner and Mr McDaniel chairs the Planning Board. Mr Bell is also interested in Economic Development.

Mr and Mrs Record moved to Lake Park in 2011. His background includes 23 years in the financial field, 18 years as a Lieutenant Fire Fighter, and a variety of volunteer initiatives.

## Verdin Clocktower Chimes

Council voted on January 10 to replace the digital carillon system for Lake Park's Venetian style clocktower with a new system manufactured by Verdin, maker of Lake Park's original system which has provided tunes and chimes for over 15 years. The new installation will be complete by February 1.

During a 30-day free trial from a competitive vendor that offered more tunes at about half the cost, resident reports confirmed Council's discovery that the trial system projected too little sound, lacked consistent quality and all the tunes were too abbreviated. The new Verdin system is known for reliability and sound quality, offers tunes similar in length to our original system and is expected to last another decade or more.

## Christmas Tree Collection

Live Christmas trees will still be picked up at the curb on Thursdays. All decorations and lights must be removed.

## Lake Park Village Government Call List

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

**David Cleveland - Mayor**  
(704) 621-6700  
[david.cleveland@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:david.cleveland@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Sandra Coughlin - Council**  
Mayor Pro Tem (704) 882-9692  
[sandy.coughlin@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:sandy.coughlin@lakeparkknc.gov)

**John Barnes - Council**  
(704) 882-9628  
[john.barnes@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:john.barnes@lakeparkknc.gov)

**James Record - Council**  
(effective Feb 14, 2016)

**Pam Jack - Council**  
(704) 882-0461  
[pam.jack@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:pam.jack@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Fabian Szarko - Council**  
(704) 628-6988  
[fabian.szarko@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:fabian.szarko@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator**  
(704) 882-8657  
[cheri.clark@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:cheri.clark@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Angie Figiel – Administrative Assistant**  
(704) 882-8657  
[angie.figiel@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:angie.figiel@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer**      **Ken Swain, Village Attorney**  
(704) 882-8657                              (704) 882-8657  
[cheryl.bennett@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:cheryl.bennett@lakeparkknc.gov)      [cheri.clark@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:cheri.clark@lakeparkknc.gov)

**Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Dana Rucker**  
Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.  
For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591      [officer@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:officer@lakeparkknc.gov)

## EDC: Economic Development

♦ **Faith United Methodist Church** is seeking volunteers to help bag food for needy students at 6:15 pm Tuesday evenings at Sardis Elementary. The activity is an hour or less. Contact <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44ada823a20-sardis1>

♦ **Gordo's Mexican Kitchen, Lake Park Family Practice, Faith United Methodist Church, and Total Tranquility Salon** are the village's most frequented professional organizations, per an EDC survey completed by visitors to Lake Park's 2016 Fall Festival. **Bellasera Bistro Catering, Carlinis CPA, Lake Park Nursing & Rehab Center, and Painting the Park** were also recognized, as were **Central Church, Children of Faith Preschool, Lucas Landscaping, Miss Dee Dee's After School and Prism Properties & Development**. Respondent preferences were equal between village email and the village newsletter for obtaining village news.

## P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ **2017 Fishing Permits** may be purchased at the Village Office Mon-Fri, 9am – 12 noon or by appointment; \$2 for residents, \$20 for non-residents. Lake Park permits are issued guidelines for all ponds; a few ponds are off limits or open only to youth. NC permits are also required for adults. All fishing is catch-and-release only.

♦ **Spring Maintenance:** Grass, mulch and shrubs that overhang the sidewalks need to be trimmed back to prevent slips and falls. Low limbs on trees that are less than 8 feet from the ground and shrubs growing over three feet obstruct view of motorists, especially at street and alley intersections. Residents are urged to maintain sufficient clearance for pedestrians and motorists for safety and landscaping quality.

♦ **Scooping Made Easy:** Conveniently located pet stations around the village, or just tucking a small clean plastic bag handy in your pocket, makes litter and pet waste pick-up a cinch. Don't walk away; please pick up after your beloved pet, knot the bag closed and drop the bagged pet waste in pet station receptacles.

## EDC Opportunity

The EDC has a 3-year seat becoming available in February. The Commissioner position is currently held by Kristen Bowman who was appointed to complete the unexpired term that became available when former commissioner Chris Yeager moved from Lake Park. Anyone interested in being also considered for the position may notify EDC Chairperson Sandy Coughlin or the Village Office by February 15. The EDC will review the candidates at the EDC meeting February 16 and recommend one for Council approval at the March 14 public meeting.

## Cover Recyclables

Winter winds send open recycle bin debris into the streets. To prevent littering the neighborhood, an impromptu cover (a tarp or board) may be used to cover open bins. NOTE: Residents may trade their open bin for a covered recycle cart if the resident has a place to store both a trash cart and a recycle cart out of street view. Contact the Village Office, 704-882-8657

## Pruning Trees & Shrubs

Debbie Dillion, Union County Extension Agent in Agriculture & Horticulture will be presenting to the Lake Park Garden Club at the Town Hall/Community Center, 7pm on February 20. The informative program is open to any Lake Park property owners seeking knowledge on managing the landscape around their homes.

## SAGES Events

Retired or planning to retire? Lake Park residents find camaraderie and relaxing entertainment right here at SAGES events. Turn off the TV! Come alone or bring a neighbor or spouse; you will be welcomed. Dates and times are on page 1. Info contact: Jo at 704-882-2005.

## False Alarms Update

Union County Sheriff's Office reported a slight drop in false alarms to 6 incidents in December. Prevention is in the hands of all who have alarm systems in their homes or businesses. False alarms interrupt routine patrols and may risk a delayed response to an urgent need for officer assistance.



**Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!**



**Thursday Pickup Dates: 1/26, 2/2, 2/9,  
2/16 and 2/23**  
NO DELAY in week of President's Day

**All carts, bins, and clear-bagged yard waste must be at the curb by 6:00 am on collection day.**

Report concerns to:

Village Administrator: 704-882-8657 (Cheri Clark)

Council Liaison: 704-882-0641 (Pam Jack)