



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.

- Feb 27 6:30p** Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- Mar 14 7:00p** Village Council Meeting
- Mar 16 6:30p** Economic Develop. Commission Meeting
- Mar 21 7:00p** Planning Board Meeting
- Mar 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 RESIDENTS \$2, NON-RESIDENTS \$20

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION
MAR 2 7PM BOARD MEETING TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
MAR 7 6PM ANNUAL MEETING SIGN IN BEGINS CENTRAL ACADEMY
MAR 7 7PM ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING CENTRAL ACADEMY

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

SAGES EVENTS TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
MAR 6 1 PM CARD GAMES 704-882-6906
MAR 10 6 PM ST PATRICK BAKED POTATO SUPPER 704-882-2005
MAR 20 11:15AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 704-882-6906

BOOK CLUB 1000 WHITE WOMEN: JOURNALS OF MAY DODD -JAMES FERGUS
MAR 9 7 PM CALL FOR MEETING LOCATION: 704-516-0445

GARDEN CLUB POISONOUS PLANTS -DR MARSHA FORD 704-882-0461
MAR 20 7 PM TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY MAR 28
MAR 17 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL SANDY.COUGHLIN@LAKEPARKNC.GOV

POOL PASS SIGNUP
MAY 6 (SAVE THE DATE) TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

SPRING CLEAN UP
MAY 6 (SAVE THE DATE) TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

Annual Events Coordinator

Council expanded Village Admin Assistant Angie Figiel's duties to coordinate Council-sponsored Spring Clean Up, Memorial Day Ceremony, July 4th Celebration, National Night Out, Chili Cookoff and Christmas Tree Lighting. The Events Coordinator will attend the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings as an advisor and will also organize volunteer teams for the larger events.

Appointments to P&RC

Council appointed Julian Mercer for 1 year and Kevin Pimentel for 2 years to complete unexpired terms on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Kevin works for the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department at Latta Park. Both gentlemen brought their families to Lake Park in 2006 and expressed their desire to fulfill their volunteer appointments on behalf of Lake Park.

Annual Master HOA Meeting

All Lake Park property owners are urged to attend our 2017 Annual Meeting at Central Academy Tuesday March 7. Registration begins at 6pm. The Meeting will start promptly at 7pm. Owners should now have received written notices of the meeting and proxy forms. Renters may attend but may not vote. 10% of all property owners must be present or have provided valid proxies to make the quorum necessary for the meeting to conduct business and elect two board members. Owners may nominate a candidate for the board.

Heritage Festival & Run

Master Gardeners of Union County are calling for vendors and exhibitors for the April 22 Festival at Union County Agricultural Center, Monroe NC. Search www.mastergardenersunioncountync.org and select 'Heritage Festival' for details.

Vendors of plants, natural products, lawn and garden businesses, local artisans of handmade traditional crafts, historical, cultural, nature, science, health, fitness, recycling, and conservation are invited to reserve either an indoor or outdoor booth.

Shop in Union County

Union County sales tax is shared with Lake Park.
Mecklenburg sales tax is not.

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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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

♦ **Total Tranquility Salon** owner and EDC Commissioner Sharon Williams and Commissioner Kristen Bowman co-chaired the February 23rd Networking Dinner at **Gordo's Mexican Kitchen**. Council members, local business, church, and school leaders gathered to report accomplishments and suggest new ideas. The EDC updated mylakeparknc.com, a site exclusive to village resources, and has installed 17 new wayfinding signs on our main village roads, promoting local sites and services.

♦ **Painting the Park** owner Trina Tarlton wants to meet more Lake Park neighbors to celebrate this paint-and-sip business's six-month anniversary in Lake Park. Come March 3, 7-9pm, 6128 Creft Circle in Town Center, for a discounted class fee, door prizes, games, and raffles. Bring another neighbor to receive more raffle tickets.

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ **Flat Screen Monitors** are installed in both the Community Room and the Chamber Room at Town Hall for events and meetings when internet access for audio visual presentations will be useful. To utilize the equipment, request access when arranging a room reservation. Security deposit details and instructions will be provided.

♦ **Russell Park Swing:** Garden Club donated a Southport Porch-style swing to be installed at the west end of Russell Park with a view of the Russell Park pond and fountains.

♦ **Landscaping Enhancements** included supplementing mulch at the playgrounds in Russell Park and Founders Park, planting four purple and three white crepe myrtle trees at Lake Charles, planting a screen of ligustrum shrubs and adding mulch at Barnett Park, and renovating 23 of our 38 village cul de sacs with mulch, shrubs and liriop.

Register at <http://wildturkey5k.racesonline> for the Wild Turkey 5K Trail Run/Walk, to benefit Carolina Waterfowl Rescue. The 8:00 am start is from the Union County Agricultural Center April 22, the same day as the Heritage Festival.

Please Don't Feed Wildlife

Ecologist Gavin Ferris urges against feeding foods to wildlife that they are not adapted to eat. Corn, bread, and other grain-based foods are too high in carbohydrates, interfering with their ability to process their more natural diet, and causing excess phosphorous in freshwater pond areas through their droppings. Excess phosphorus is a leading cause of unsightly algae blooms in our ponds as well as fish kills. Backyard seed feeders are a preferred way to support nature's creatures without risk to their digestion nor the peril to ponds.

Flowfree Advice

Grease, disposable wipes, oils, fats and debris cause problem buildup in household pipes and public drains. Salad dressings, sauces, milk products, and even hair contribute to clogging. To prevent expensive repairs, try to buy necessary items only in right-size quantities that you are certain to use up or may clean and re-use.

Marinating in a plastic bag reduces the quantity of liquid needed to prepare a successful recipe.

Before changing out motor lubricants, alert an approved discard station. Never leave oil for curb pickup nor dump it in a pond or street drain.

Jump in False Alarms

Union County reported that 10 of 11 January false alarms were residential: Alden, Creft (2), Iris, Kloss, Lake Park Road, Logan, Mother Teresa, Sages, and Trevor Simpson. False alarms can delay immediate response to those in real danger.

Union County Sheriff Deputy Seeks Support

To donate to Deputy Chad Barbee's 262-mile March 11 marathon to benefit Hometown Heroes, a local charity for sick or injured youth:
Call 704-290-6812 or donate at www.htheroes.org

Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!

Thursday Pickup Dates: 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23
and 3/30

NO Construction or Renovation Debris!

Questions or concerns:

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

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