



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 10** Columbus Day: Village Office Closed
- Oct 11** 7:00p Village Council Meeting
- Oct 18** 7:00p Planning Board Meeting
- Oct 20** 7:00p 5-Year Plan Committee Meeting
- Oct 24** 6:30p Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- Oct 27** 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

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

NOW THRU DEC 6 DROP BOX AT TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION MEETING STREET CLOSED

- OCT 1 7 AM – 1PM FALL YARD SALES & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TRUCK
- OCT 1 7 AM – 1PM MEETING STREET CLOSED
- OCT 6 7 PM HOA BOARD MTG COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL
- OCT 15 7AM-5PM STREETS CLOSED ADJACENT TO TOWNCENTER PARK
- OCT 15 10 AM - 5PM **FALL FESTIVAL 2016** TOWNCENTER PARK

SAGES EVENTS

COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

- OCT 3 1 PM CARD GAMES 704-882-6906
- OCT 14 11:30 AM GERMAN RESTAURANT, PINEVILLE 704-882-2005
- OCT 17 11:15 PM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 704-882-6906

LAKE PARK SINGLES

AGES 45+ WELCOME

OCT 6 7 PM COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

BOOK CLUB SERENA BY RON RASH LAKEPARKREADERS@GMAIL.COM

OCT 13 7 PM 3911 FAITH CHURCH ROAD

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER

IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY OCT 25

OCT 14 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL SANDY.COUGHLIN@LAKEPARKNC.GOV

GARDEN CLUB

'AUTUMN GARDENING' BY MARY MITCHELL

OCT 17 7 PM COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

SECRET SHORTCUT ROAD CLOSED 'HEMBY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS'

NOV 19 FROM FOOD LION TO BEVERLY DRIVE FOR PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Vision Statement

"The Village of Lake Park...A safe, clean and friendly community to live, work and raise a family."

Mission Statement

"To enhance the quality of living by continuing to create a harmonious environment among neighborhoods, businesses, HOAs and Village government."
Proposed by Lake Park 5-Year Plan Committee

Chris Mathisen Tribute

Norman (Chris) Alfred Mathisen, 78, founder of Lake Park and husband of 56 years to Margie Thompson Mathisen, died August 27, 2016. Services were held at Shiloh Baptist Church, Indian Trail and Lakeland Memorial Park, Monroe, August 31.

Chris graduated from the Citadel in Charleston SC in 1960, served in the Marine Corps Reserve 1959-1961 and owned The Mathisen Company, developer of many neighborhoods in Union and Mecklenburg County since 1971. He served on several county boards and councils.

Ideas for a town like Lake Park developed during a well-traveled life to 70 countries, noting landmarks, parks and architecture. In 1990 that dream grew feet, and the work began; plans and sourcing, labor and collaboration with county, state, and local departments, engineers, earth movers, builders and contractors, respectfully negotiating with trust and tenacity, as Lake Park developed and is today a reality worth celebrating.

None of us could have called Lake Park home, if it weren't for Chris and Margie. Our town, our clocktower, our parks, our Christmas tree, our kite girl monument, our HOAs, our village government, our good neighbors ~ never existed here before Chris. He walked that incredible balance of roles as visionary, catalyst, leader, sponsor, businessman and mentor; a man of faith who knew how to step forward with spirit, and when to step back to let the community grow its own legs, voice, integrity and character. And he cared; he delighted in the growth, education and life achievements of others.

Those who knew him remember the man who led the way, whose perseverance, faith, humility, leadership and respect encouraged and challenged us. They say the acorn does not fall from the tree, so may we all, as citizens of Lake Park, perpetuate the virtues that built this town by living them honorably and teaching our faith and values to those who come after us.

Village Council is pondering a suitable memorial for Lake Park and welcomes ideas from all residents who share in the desire to suitably commemorate our founder; a sign of our deep appreciation of his legacy and to share it with future residents and visitors to Lake Park.

Contact any Council Member to share your thoughts and memories of Chris, and your ideas for a memorial.

Surveys Are Coming

The Lake Park 5-Year Plan Committee will insert a survey for residents in the October *Villager*. Please take time to fill out the survey. The committee welcomes your

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Pam Jack - Council
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Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator
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Angie Figiel – Administrative Assistant
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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer **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

EDC: Economic Development

♦ **Painting the Park**, Lake Park's new 'paint and sip' studio, offering "fun and interactive painting for parties and classes" is hosting artist Jen Jovan Wall October 1, 7-9 pm. Ms Wall will teach how to produce a 'Queen Margaret' using mixed media to all who attend that evening. Ms Wall has exhibited in national and international galleries, has taught at Ciel gallery in Charlotte and just returned from a gallery exhibit in Ireland. Child care fun room is available while parents paint. Sign up at www.paintingthepark.com. Bring own beverage.

♦ **EDC Is Interviewing Church, School and Business Leaders** to gather up-to-the-minute information on the programs and services currently offered and to continually improve the EDC's support of Lake Park's professional community. The one-on-one meetings will ensure accurate and complete information is available on the new website: www.mylakeparknc.com. Appreciation certificates are being awarded to each leader to encourage networking among our professional community.

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ **Chili Cook-Off Nov 12** is an annual event to enjoy the treats of generous Lake Park cooks. To reserve a space to share your favorite recipe: ashley.dance@lakeparknc.gov.

♦ **Tennis & Basketball Courts** renovations are expected to be completed in early October by Quality Seal Coating & Sport Surfaces.

♦ **Fall Flowers** will be installed in the village when the heat wave subsides near the end of September.

♦ **Pool Bathroom Renovations** in the brick building were recommended to Council and approved September 13. Work will include 3 new toilets, new door vents, non-skid floor tile, exhaust fans, mirrors and, if necessary, sink faucets. JT's Drain Service & Plumbing Repairs is doing the work for \$5100.

input to design a 5-year plan for the future of Lake Park. Survey sample will also be displayed at the Fall Festival.

Union County Schools Bond

Melissa Merrill, Union County Commissioner and Dr. David Clarke, Union County Schools Deputy Superintendent, presented the urgent practical needs to Village Council for 6 schools, including Porter Ridge Middle School, Sun Valley High and Piedmont High, which a \$54 million bond issue will meet if Union County voters approve the referendum on the November 8 ballot. See www.ucpsbond2016.com

26th Fall Festival Volunteers

October 15 is the big day! Lake Park's Homeowners Association has arranged for game booths, carnival activities, food trucks and plenty of craft and service vendors to entertain residents and guests of all ages at the 26th Annual Fall Festival. Success depends on dozens of local volunteers and it's not too late to take part; no experience necessary! For questions or to get an assignment that is convenient to your plans that day, email lakeparkhoaevents@yahoo.com.

Garden Club Christmas Tea

\$15 tickets will be available at the club's Fall Festival booth for the 1pm or the 4pm seating at the Dec 3 Tea.

Village Population Growth

NC Office of State Budget & Management certified municipal population estimate for Lake Park NC is 3626. This is an increase of 46 persons over the last annual figure (3580). The estimate is used to apportion state funds to municipalities. See www.osbm.nc.gov, Facts & Figures, Demographics.

See Something? Don't Wait!

Phone 911 at the moment when you see suspicious behavior. Community Watch means that our residents are alert and serious about protecting lives and property. When you call 911, your privacy is respected. You can ask that an officer not pull up at your door when they respond (unless you want them to). They understand the value of discretion and usually get to the site within minutes.

False Alarms Rise Again

Please prevent false alarm calls! Our emergency responders really appreciate your successful efforts.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Clear bags for yard debris. This is necessary for recycling yard debris.

Need a Recycle Cart? Within the next 2 weeks, we are taking email requests to change out recycle bins for a recycle cart: cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov

Pickup Days: Thu 9/30, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27

Furniture & Bulk Items: ANY pickup day.