



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.

- Aug 28** 6:30p Parks & Recreation Commission
- Sep 4** Labor Day: Village Office Closed
- Sep 12** 7:00p Village Council
- Sep 19** 7:00p Planning Board
- Sep 21** 6:30p Economic Development Commission
- Sep 25** 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

BRIDGE CLUB TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
 AUG 24 7P 704-882-0461

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION 704-544-7779
 AUG 26 6:30-9:30P LIVE BAND & FOOD TRUCK MATHISEN SQUARE
 SEP 7 7P BOARD MEETING TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
 SEP 15 MOVIE AT DUSK: "TROLLS" MATHISEN SQUARE
 OCT 7 7A-1P FALL YARD SALES SET UP IN OWN YARD OR MEETING ST

HONDURAS MISSION SPAGHETTI DINNER FELLOWSHIP HALL
 AUG 27 6P FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WHITE BUILDING

LAKE PARK POOLS THRU 8/27 M-SA 10-8, SU 12-8
FINAL WEEK HOURS: 8/28-9/3 M-F 4-8, SA 10-8, SU 12-8
LAST POOL DAY: 9/4 LABOR DAY MON 10-8
 POOLS CLOSED SEP 5 PAUL WOLFCAL RECREATION COMPLEX

SAGES EVENTS TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER
 SEP 4 1P CARD GAMES 704-882-6906
 SEP 8 12N ANNUAL INDOOR BBQ PICNIC 704-882-2005
 SEP 18 11:15A LUNCH & CARD GAMES 704-882-6906

BOOK CLUB THE TEAGIRL OF HUMMINGBIRD LANE BY LISA SEE
 SEP 14 7P CALL FOR MEETING LOCATION: 704-516-0445

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY SEP 26
 SEP 15 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL SANDY.COUGHLIN@LAKEPARKNC.GOV

GARDEN CLUB TOUR: THE MACK CURRENCE MEMORIAL GARDEN
 SEP 18 7P GUIDE: JUDY TAUL TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

NETWORKING BREAKFAST "SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING" (S FRASER)
 SEP 19 8-10A EDC SPONSORED TOWN HALL/ COMMUNITY CENTER

National Night Out 2017

Lake Park held Union County's best NNO turnout. Several Union County EMS first responders, Hemby Bridge firefighters and Union County sheriff deputies were among the 250-300 adults and children in Mathisen Square for Smoke House tours ('what to do in a fire'), line dancing at the gazebo, giant tricycle racing, and demonstrations of car seat safety checks and hands-free CPR.

Kids jumped around in McGruff-the-Crime-Dog's bounce house, played lawn games, met Union County Sheriff Eddie Cathey and took home educational souvenirs. Papa Murphy's pizza, salad and drinks were free. Thanks to all volunteers! With so many helping hands, they also could enjoy the evening. Special thanks to Officers Dana Rucker, new Officer Hackney and Events Coordinator, Angie Figiel.

Planning Board Opportunity

Contact Cheri Clark to fill this one available seat. The Board meets monthly on third Thursdays at 7p.

Welcome Officer Hackney

Union County Deputy Taylor Hackney began his Lake Park assignment August 1 and presented the monthly security report at the August 8 Council Meeting.

Mobile radar speed signs, were set up on Creft Circle, Conifer, and Faith Church Road to remind motorists of the correct **25mph limit** and to show them their actual speed. Traffic time and volume are also recorded.

Four thefts occurred from properties/vehicles which were unlocked, none from locked locations.

Schools Start Aug 28

Poplin Elementary and Porter Ridge Middle and High Schools serve Lake Park students.

Safety at bus stops, and alertness at crossings to get in or off a bus, are important reminders for our children. Motorists in either direction must stop for a flashing school bus and are advised to allow extra drive time on school days.

15 False Alarms Violations

This was the worst jump in years so Council urges anyone with alarm systems to be very attentive.

Lake Park Village Government Call List

Website: www.lakeparknc.gov

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Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator
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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer **Ken Swain, Village Attorney**
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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

Please manage all systems carefully. The following areas had July violations:

3600 block Alden,
6400 block Conifer (2),
6800 block Creft (2),
3700 block Faith Church (2) and the 3800 block,
4100 block Logan (2),
3800 block Lake Park Road (2),
3600 block Esther,
4000 block Sages, and 1 on Vine Court

Occasionally the same addresses have recurring violations. Community awareness and concern encourages everyone to focus attention and prevent errors. Let's ensure that our police, EMS and firefighters are available to families, to those living alone, or to anyone in danger with a real emergency.

Street & Walk Maintenance

- Council approved \$5000 for painting lines to mark crosswalks, parking lanes, 1-way road arrows, and speed bumps on Village streets this summer.
- Trip hazards will be planed this summer where sidewalk panels are uneven. New panels were added to existing sidewalk in Russell Park and on Lake Park Road. The latter section extends the walk from the wooded area on Lake Park Road, follows along the Entrance Pond and now ends at Unionville Indian Trail Road.

Union Power is gradually replacing street lamp lightbulbs to LED lighting as existing lamps need service. A few already installed are on Alden, Bobbie Lane, Creft, and Mayhurst.

5-Year Plan Committees

All five committees are staffed and have been making progress in assessing, reviewing and planning for areas of Safety, Communication, Perception, Animal Control and Curb Appeal. Reporting monthly to Council, the committee chairs tentatively plan to present forward looking plans to Council this fall.

November Ballot Candidates

Six candidates are registered for Lake Park in the 2017 local elections.

Voters may choose two of four available candidates for the 4-year terms. The candidates are Kristen Bowman, Jonathan McDaniels, James Record (incumbent) and Jeremy Russell.

Mayor David Cleveland is unopposed for a 3rd 2-year term. Council member Pam Jack is unopposed for 2 years remaining of a 4-year (unexpired) term.



Trim shrubs and lower tree limbs by sidewalks for safe steps and clear view for walkers and motorists.



UNION COUNTY SCHOOLS STARTS AUG 28
Motorists in both directions must stop for stopped school buses. Watch for children waiting along Lake Park streets.

EDC: Economic Development

♦ **Bellsera Bistro "It's Just Great Food"** has begun a breakfast service. Anyone may call in their order from home 6:30a-9a M-F, then stop in front of the shop at 6208 Creft Circle and the food will be brought to your car.

♦ **Lake Park**, as a Union County Chamber of Commerce member, has a new page at www.unioncountycoc.com. The Village is featured in the Chamber's Annual Welcome Guide. The Chamber distributes the EDC 2017 pamphlet.

♦ **Networking Breakfast** for Lake Park business, church and school leaders is planned for 8am September 19. Shane Fraser of SNA will address professional social media skills.

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ A **Community Center** waste cart screening, sidewalk, and pad project will begin in August. Upon completion, the carts will be stored in a gated enclosure, accessible to Town Hall, Community Center and Paul Wolfcale Recreation Complex visitors and to waste collection service providers, yet also be shielded from public view.

♦ **Chamber Room Seating** has recently been enhanced by the addition of fabric upholstered audience chairs, replacing hard folding chairs. The new seating is intended to be more comfortable as well as providing arms for ease of use.



Thursday Pickups: 8/24, 8/31, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28

Labor Day week pickup only: Friday 9/8

YARD DEBRIS: Cut all limbs and branches to 4 ft lengths or less, and 4" or less in circumference.

Village Administrator: 704-882-8657 (Cheri)
Council Liaison: 704-882-0641 (Pam)