



# Lake Park Villager

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## CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

**April 10** – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

**April 25** – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

**April 26** – 7:00 PM 2007-2008 Budget Workshop

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LAKE PARK SAGES

APRIL 13, 6:00 PM, FAITH UMC, "BETTER SELF-HEALTH CARE"

### LAKE PARK SPRING YARD SALE

APRIL 14, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

APRIL 16, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

APRIL 28, 9:45 AM, COMMUNITY CENTER, TRIP TO ROSE GARDEN

### GROWING IN LAKE PARK QUARTERLY WORKSHOP

APRIL 24, 7:00 – 9:00 AM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### LAKE PARK PLUS INVESTMENT CLUB (MEMBER, NAIC)

APRIL 25, 7:00 PM, 5708 HOOVER AVENUE

### LAKE PARK SINGLES GROUP (FOR SINGLES OVER 45)

MAY 3, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

## Village Ordinances Online

There were some technical difficulties that prevented the village ordinances from being available on the Village Council's website, [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov). Unfortunately, these problems prevented the scanned documents from being available as indicated in the March edition of the *Villager*. The webmaster was able to remedy these problems and all of the ordinances were available by the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. To access the ordinances, click on the "Reference Desk" link on the left side. Then select the link for the "Village Ordinances". You will need the free PDF reader from Adobe to view the documents.

## Getting to Know Lake Park

*Highlighting the Personal Property Ordinance*

Towards the end of 2003, the Lake Park Village Council considered ways to keep the common areas within the village beautiful and free from clutter. Several incidents had occurred prior to this time where individuals had abandoned items in the village parks. The council wanted to prevent this behavior from being considered acceptable. After several discussions and drafts, in March 2004 the Council approved the Personal Property Ordinance to address this need.

The intent of this legislation is simply to prohibit citizens from leaving personal property in the common areas within the Village. In this case, personal property is defined as: (but is not limited to) motor vehicles, motor propelled conveyances, portable basketball goals, athletic equipment and furniture of any type. The ordinance prohibits anyone from abandoning these items in the following areas: on sidewalks, on crosswalks, in any park, and in any designated common area of the village. For further clarification, the document states that "abandoning" an item means that it is placed in the same location for a period of 24 hours or for any time period without the supervision of its owner. The ordinance has a special provision for motor propelled vehicles and boats or trailers. These will be considered "abandoned" if they are left in a common area for any period of time without supervision by the owner.

This ordinance will be enforced by local law enforcement. The document instructs that the first offense will be accompanied by a warning (either verbal or written). Subsequent violations will result in

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## For Your Information...

### Council Approves Memorial

During the March Village Council Meeting, the Council agreed to proceed with naming the council chamber room in memory of former council member Mack Currence. Mr. Currence served the village in many different capacities including as a Council member from 2003 until his death in 2006. The date for the dedication has yet to be determined.

### *Growing in Lake Park*

#### *Economic Development News*

The Economic Development Commission meets with professional leaders within the village to promote economic development in Lake Park. The commission will host its next quarterly workshop for Lake Park businesses in April. The details are:

April 24, 2007, 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM at the Community Center.

The subject of the workshop will be: The Growth Coach –  
Balancing Commitments and Retaining Employees.

In other economic development news: **Lucas Landscaping's** plans for opening the Garden Center are delayed until June; **Elevation Church** offices will soon expand into more of the vacant Town Center storefront space.

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a citation. The citation will carry a maximum fine of \$100.00.

## 2007 Pool Rates

During the March 2007 Village Council meeting, the Parks and Recreation commission presented a recommendation to leave the rates for the season pool passes unchanged from the 2006 rates. The proposal included modifying the definition of a "Family" membership category to include grandparents and their grandchildren. The single-parent/child category now states that it will apply to one parent and one child. In addition, the guest pass that can be purchased by a member can be used on any seven days throughout the season rather than during a one-week period. See the attached flier for details.

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## February Security Report

*From Lake Park Deputies Miles and Tomberlin*

During February, the Union County Sheriff's office responded to a total of 53 calls within the Village of Lake Park. Of these, 23 were for traffic enforcement stops and eight were for general disturbances. The deputies were notified for eight different false alarms within the month as well. In addition, there were three incidents of breaking and entering during the month. Deputy Miles reported that for each of these, the crime occurred in vehicles that were left unlocked. All three of these breaking and entering calls were cleared by a recent arrest of two individuals. Deputy Miles and Tomberlin would like to remind all citizens to keep doors locked and garage doors closed at all times.

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## Reminder of Villager Guidelines

Here are the guidelines that are currently in place to govern what can or cannot be added to the newsletter:

- The purpose of the Villager is to serve as a communications tool between the Lake Park government and the citizens of the village.
- The *Villager* is the official municipal newsletter of the Village of Lake Park. As such, it can contain no advertising of private establishments. (Note: articles such as the one in the "For Your Information..." section will be allowed since it refers to the businesses in general in Lake Park.)
- The council will accept non-municipal entries for Lake Park activities in the "Calendar of Events" on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once the space allocated is filled, no others will be allowed. Non-municipal entries can be submitted to Greg Crosby to include on the "Local Announcements" page on [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov).