



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

March 11 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

March 24 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

MARCH 18, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS – INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP – MEMBER NAIC

MARCH 13, 7:00 PM, 6900 CONIFER

LAKE PARK SAGES

MARCH 14, 6:00 PM, FAITH UMC ACTIVITIES BUILDING

KITES AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

MARCH 15, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, FOUNDER'S PARK

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

APRIL 3, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT CONNIE AT (704) 893-0055

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

APRIL 4, 1:00 PM, MEET AT COMMUNITY CENTER FOR A TRIP TO MEMORIAL GARDENS

COMMUNITY AWARENESS (LATCHKEY SAFETY TIPS)

APRIL 7, 6:00 PM – 7:30PM, COMMUNITY CENTER, (AGES 5 - 12)

COMMUNITY AWARENESS (DRINKING AND DRIVING AWARENESS)

APRIL 14, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, LPCA SIDE LOT, (AGES 15 - 17)

SPRING GARAGE SALE

APRIL 19, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM, THROUGHOUT LAKE PARK

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION MEETING

APRIL 21, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

WONDERGIRL 5K FAMILY EVENT (GIRLS ON THE RUN OF UNION Co)

APRIL 26, 8:00 AM, STARTING AT COMMUNITY CENTER, REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.ACTIVE.COM OR PICK UP A BROCHURE AT COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

MAY 1, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

NEW RESIDENT SOCIAL (SPONSORED BY THE LAKE PARK HOA)

MAY 29, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

New Council Member

Clint Newton appointed to fill vacant seat

After Kendall Spence took the Oath of Office for Mayor in December, Lake Park Village Council began the appointment process to fill the vacancy and restore the group to five members. Council requested letters of interest which were presented before the January meeting. Council invited the candidates who were present to speak and asked a few questions. When the January vote did not produce a majority of the quorum of seated members, Council completed the appointment process at the February meeting by appointing Clint Newton. Council thanked all the candidates for their letters, attendance, and how their desire to serve is a credit to the community. Nominations had included Ted Waselyk, Royetta Sieminski, and Mr. Newton.

Mayor Spence administered the Oath of Office for Mr. Newton as the newest member of the Lake Park Council. Clint, his wife of twenty years, Christi, and his five children have been residents of Lake Park since 2004. Clint has been on the staff of Charlotte South Fellowship since 2000 where he currently serves as the Facilities Pastor and Children's Pastor. He brings eight years of facilities management experience to the council via his time with Coca-Cola. He also spent 6 years serving in the 82nd Airborne as a soldier in the United States Army.

Council Responsibilities

Following the recent elections, the Lake Park Council adjusted the responsibilities for each member. Included in this adjustment are two new responsibilities associated with Community Watch and the National Night Out event to promote more of a partnership with the council and these items. The breakdown of responsibilities as approved by the council are:

Kendall Spence, Mayor - Security, Streets and Sidewalk, Powell Bill, NCDOT, Phase II Storm Water

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For Your Information

Growing in Lake Park

New Names Bring Lake Park Opportunities

Sheri Whitley, Vice President of **Brayden Capital**, announced the branch identification for Cornerstone Home Lending's new southeastern division. Brayden Capital identifies residential loan needs, providing custom service specific to our area. Mrs. Whitley has been serving the Lake Park area real estate needs since 1992. (see www.sheri.whitley.com)

Central Academy of Lake Park is the name soon coming to Lake Park Christian Academy, Administrator Carrie Neller has confirmed. New ownership is key to this change for the 12-year old academy, as Central Church of God adopts this base for their Union County ministry. LPCA's recently dedicated multi-purpose expansion not only makes this school a greater asset to Lake Park but provides a full-service facility to accommodate increased enrollment and growing ministry. (see www.lakeparkacademy.org and www.centralchurchofgod.org)

Elevation Church (www.elevationchurch.org) headquarters and **Faith United Methodist Church** (www.faithisalive.com) have also thrived since making their home in Lake Park.

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Sandy Coughlin, Mayor Pro Tem – Waste collection, Economic Development, FEMA Representative

Greg Crosby, Council – Communications (Newsletter and Website), Clock Tower, Finance

Jo Waybright, Council – Parks and Rec Co-chair with responsibility for: Waterfowl, Community Facilities, Holiday Decorations, Pool

Virginia Currence, Council – Parks and Rec Co-Chair with responsibility for: Landscaping, Ponds, Community Events, Recreation Programs (future), Electrical items

Clint Newton, Council – Public lighting, Community Watch Liaison, National Night Out

Community Awareness Programs

Latchkey/Safety Awareness Tips (for children 5 - 12 years)

April 7, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Community Center

The program is designed to ensure the children are aware of their surroundings and what to do if they encounter a potential unsafe situation.

Drinking and Driving Awareness (15 years to 17 years old)

April 14, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, LPC Academy (new side lot)

This program is designed to educate teenagers on the dangers of drinking and driving. The Sheriff's Dept will be setting up an obstacle course. Teenagers will drive a golf cart while wearing goggles that will give them the effect of driving while under the influence. This program will assist teenagers in understanding that they are not in control by drinking and driving.

Sign up for either program by sending a email to

RSIEMINSKI2@AOL.COM or calling 704-778-1850

January Security Report

From Lake Park Deputies Hannon and Tomberlin

Total Calls for January 2008: 58

Calls in December 2007: 54

Calls in January 2007: 49

Most Calls: General Disturbances – 8

Alarms – 8 (4 from the same residence)

Property Damage – 7 (all cleared by arrest)

Some houses within the village do not have house numbers visible from the street. In some cases, the numbers are visible only from an alley way behind the home. Emergency services, including fire and EMS, look for a specific address from the main road in front of the house. If the numbers are not visible there, the response time can be delayed. In some cases this could be the difference in life or death. Deputies Hannon and Tomberlin suggest that reflective numbers visible from the main road in front of the house are very helpful in the day and night.