



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

- March 9** – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
- March 18** – 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission at 3316 Faith Church Rd
- March 22** – 6:30 PM Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- March 23** – 7:00 PM Zoning Task Force Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

MARCH 4, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK S.A.G.E.S.

MARCH 12, 6:00 PM, FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, POTATO SUPPER

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

MARCH 15, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK KITES AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

MARCH 20, 10 AM – 2 PM, FOUNDER'S PARK

LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)

MARCH 25, 7:00 PM, 4601 ROCKY FALLS DRIVE

EASTER EGG HUNT (PETTING ZOO, LIVE MUSIC, BALLOON ARTIST, AND MORE)

MARCH 27, 10 – 12, TOWN CENTER GAZEBO. FREE EVENT BY CENTRAL CHURCH AT LAKE PARK. HOT DOGS & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

LAKE PARK SWIM TEAM SIGN-UP (LAKEPARKSWIMTEAM.COM)

MARCH 28 (5-8 PM) & 30 (6-8 PM), COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

APRIL 6, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

GIRLS ON THE RUN – LAKE PARK 5K

APRIL 24, 8:00 AM – 12, TOWN CENTER

Village Fishing Permits

To fish in any of the ponds within Lake Park, anglers must obtain a Village of Lake Park 2010 fishing permit. Annual individual Lake Park permits are \$2 for residents over 15 years of age. Non-resident permits are \$20 per individual. If you would like a permit, contact the Village office at (704) 882-VOLP or stop by the Community Center between 9 and 12.

Pond Maintenance Contract

Contract approved during February Meeting

The 14 ponds throughout the Village are a source of beauty, recreation and serenity for all of Lake Park's residents. However, the ponds' conditions have become a source of concern. During the February Village Council meeting, the Parks & Recreation Commission presented a proposal to Council from Aquatic Research Group to clean, repair inlet and outlet structures and to maintain a high quality of water in the ponds. The Village Council approved the proposal, and work is expected to begin in the next month or so. Routine maintenance will be implemented on a month-by-month basis starting this summer to maintain the health of the ponds.

The initial work to be done at each pond includes trash removal within pond, algae and undesirable plant removal, removal of debris, inlet cleaning and repair, and concrete repairs where needed. Algae and undesirable plants will be removed by hand and chemicals will not be used. The Village landscaper will be involved in discussions regarding erosion of the shorelines and more erosion control methods will be introduced.

Residents are reminded that safety for workmen and the public is extremely important. You are encouraged to allow work to progress without engaging the workers in conversation or interfering with them. Questions may be forwarded to any council member.

In order to use the Village's funds in the best possible manner, the landscaping previously planned for the Lake Charles shoreline will be postponed until early Fall. The plans for landscaping at this pond have been completed and will include trees, beds of plantings and ornamental grasses. Efforts to use plantings that will impede erosion of the shoreline

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For Your Information

Waste Collection Guidelines

The February Villager typically includes Lake Park's Waste Collection Guidelines. Because our current collection service contract is expiring March 31, the 2010 Guidelines will be issued in April to coincide with the first month of the new contract.

Economic Development News

The Economic Development Commission is considering ways and means for professional organizations to initiate a website presence if they have none now. They are also looking to offer a link for those organizations that have already established one. By combining marketing efforts, the EDC is encouraging sustainable and successful operations in the village and working to attract new ones to available spaces in Town Center.

Errata

Correction: Angela Williams was misquoted in our January issue in the article about her free tax seminar for Lake Park sponsored by the Economic Development Commission. It should have read "The Required Minimum Distribution of IRA or 401(K) plans has NOT been suspended for 2010".

have been utilized in the planning. The exact timing for this project will be published in the Villager.

The Village Council and Parks & Recreation Commission feel that these necessary improvements will be pleasing to all residents as well as to visitors to our town.

Village Infrastructure Survey

In order to more proactively address issues with Lake Park's infrastructure, the Council approved a contract with Eagle Engineering to perform three surveys:

- Pavement Condition Survey – an assessment of the 14.53 miles of streets to evaluate pavement, curb and gutter, and sidewalks within the public rights of way.
- Storm Drainage Network Assessment – visual inspection and inventory of the storm drainage network located within the public rights of way and common areas.
- Sidewalk Condition Assessment – visual inspection of the public sidewalk system located within the common areas.

These studies will give the Council a prioritized list of repairs along with probable costs. With this information, the Council can better plan for work to be done in the most cost-effective manner.

Faith Church Road Changes

The State DOT recently let the Village know that they will be repainting the lines on the road during the week of March 16. Homeowners in this area should be receiving notice during this week stating when they should refrain from parking on Faith Church Road.

The DOT is also planning on reducing the speed limit on Faith Church Road from the south Creft Road intersection to the northern village boundary. In this area, the speed limit will drop from 35 to 25 MPH. When this occurs, the new speed limit signs will be clearly marked.

Update on Vacant Houses

Council has been exploring many different options concerning what can be done with the abandoned, partially-constructed houses near the town center. The Village contacted two entities that have legal jurisdiction over these properties: the mortgage company that holds the lien (Wachovia/Wells Fargo), and Union County that has some ability to condemn properties in Lake Park if certain standards can be met. As of February 2010, neither has been willing to assist with these properties. Lake Park has been pursuing alternative legal courses of action over the past several months. Each of these options involve various legal complexities, and likely would be lengthy and very costly to the taxpayers. The Council shares the frustration that each homeowner has over these properties and is anxious to find a resolution.