

FOCUS

FUQUAY-VARINA

August 2019

Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve

This spring, Wake County conveyed a 143-acre parcel of land (formerly known as the Crooked Creek Golf Course) to the Town of Fuquay-Varina at no monetary consideration to the Town. In mid-June, the Town Board voted to rename this property to Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve which acknowledges the adjacent street frontage as well as the general geographic area. The Town is currently stabilizing Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve and has no immediate plans to develop the property, however, there are plans to open it as a passive park sometime in fiscal year 2019-2020.



The town will not develop the property without undergoing comprehensive master park planning, a process that is identified in the Town's 2022-2023 Five Year Plan. When the master planning process does take place, uses for the property would be identified along with appropriate funding. Property uses could include passive recreation, active recreation, and other municipal facilities. For specific questions about Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve, contact Jonathan Cox, PRCR Director at 919-552-1431.

Public Meetings

Town Board	Mon., Aug. 5
Planning Board	Mon., Aug. 19
Town Board	Mon., Aug. 20
Town Board	Tues., Sept 3
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Sept. 9
Planning Board	Mon., Sept. 16
Town Board	Tues., Sept. 17

Meetings start at 7 pm.
Please check www.fuquay-varina.org for meeting locations as they may vary due to the town hall relocation which is anticipated in the near future.



The Embers - Sept. 5

FM2FV Fall Concert Series

Centennial Square
102 N. Main Street
6:30-9:30 pm



Hip Pocket - Sept. 19



North Tower - Oct. 10

Town Hall Move

Due to construction delays, the opening of the new Town Hall located at 134 N. Main Street has been delayed. A new opening date will be announced in the next few weeks. We advise those having business at Town Hall to check our website (www.fuquay-varina.org) prior to coming to ensure you head to the correct location. We appreciate your patience and look forward to showing off our new Town Hall in the near future!

Labor Day

Town government facilities will be closed on Monday, September 2. Garbage collection will not be affected. Bulky items will be picked up on Tues.



CELEBRATE
FUQUAY-VARINA
a dash more festive

Annual Town Festival

Sat., Oct. 5, 10 am—4 pm

Music, Entertainment, Beer Garden, Kid Zone, Arts & Crafts

Available Opportunities:

Major Sponsor

General Sponsors with booth

Food & Beer Vendors

Artist Village

Chili Cook-off Contest

Find application & event info:

www.celebratefv.com

Elected Officials

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Arts Center Offers Wide Variety of Classes

Looking to find your artistic side? The Fuquay-Varina Arts Center can help you do that! The FVAC offers a wide variety of classes: painting, weaving, pencil and ink techniques, acting, singing, dancing, storytelling and much more. Classes are set up in a variety of age groups and skill levels. The fall schedule will be released soon. The best way to search the schedule is online at www.fvarts.org. On that page, look for the REGISTER NOW icon to search the breadth of classes offered. Here you will find the schedule, description and cost of each class. When you're ready to register, set-up an account, register and enjoy all that your new Arts Center has to offer!



Understanding Your Utility Bill

We've had some questions about utility bills, so we thought we'd take a minute to explain the various charges. The Town provides water, sewer and garbage/recycling services to residents which is billed monthly. For both water and sewer, customers are charged a base rate (or set flat fee) plus a usage rate for every gallon of water used. Customers that have a dedicated irrigation system will also pay an irrigation base rate plus usage charges.



Base charges help to pay the utility system fixed costs such as annual debt service and salaries. Usage charges are determined by each household's monthly water consumption and pay for variable costs such as purchasing water from suppliers, power and chemicals.

It should be noted that the town purchases water for consumption from the City of Raleigh, Harnett County and Johnston County, so when our suppliers' rates increase, the Town passes along the increase to our customers. The Town does have wastewater treatment plants, but not a water treatment facility. The Town also purchases wastewater treatment at the North Harnett Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Town charges a flat monthly fee of \$14.25 for weekly garbage collection and bi-weekly recycling collection.

We reported in the June Focus that the FY 2020 Budget passed with fee increases taking effect with the August utility bills. Here's a recap: Fees for the Water Base Rate will increase by \$0.10/mth and the Water Usage Rate will increase by \$0.13 per thousand gallons. The Sewer Base Rate will increase by \$0.14/mth. and the Sewer Usage Rate will increase by \$0.06 per thousand gallons. The average residential customer using 5,000 gallons of water per month will see an increase of \$1.19/mth to their water and sewer utility bill. Accounts outside the town corporate limits, which are typically water only, are charged double rates, therefore their average monthly bill increase will be greater. For questions on your utility invoice, please call 919-552-1404.