

Town Cancels Fall Events

After careful consideration, the Town of Fuquay-Varina has cancelled the following fall events due to continuing concerns over COVID:

- September 11 Day of Service and Remembrance
- The Fall Follow Me to Fuquay Concert Series
- Celebrate Fuquay-Varina Festival
- Fire Department Open House
- The National Night Out Against Crime

“Our staff has considered every angle to try to host these fall events. Each event draws large crowds and right now it simply isn’t safe to gather in large crowds. These decisions were not taken lightly, and public health and safety has and remains our top priority,” said Town Manager Adam Mitchell. “We are evaluating other ways to remember the events of September 11th.” When plans become available for an alternative, safe September 11th remembrance, the Town will share details on our social media pages.

Public Meetings

Town Board	Tues. Sep. 8
Planning Board	Mon., Sep. 21
Town Board	Tues., Sep 22
Town Board	Mon., Oct. 5
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Oct. 12
Planning Board	Mon., Oct. 19
Town Board	Tues., Oct. 20

Election Information



Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. Town of Fuquay-Varina municipal elections are not held this year however, W.O. Council Gym located at 106 N. Ennis Street, Fuquay-Varina will be used as an early voting site for all other election contests. According to www.wakegov.com/election early voting is scheduled for Oct. 15-Oct. 31. Please check this site for actual times.

Town Board and Board of Adjustment Meetings begin at 7 pm
 Planning Board Meetings begin at 6 pm

If there are restrictions on public gatherings, public meetings will be accessible in a variety of ways. Instructions for how to participate are available at:

www.fuquay-varina.org/boardmeeting

Fuquay-Varina Wins Census Challenge

Taking the Census is important! It determines a community’s fair share of resources and representation for the next 10 years. That’s why Fuquay-Varina Mayor John W. Byrne challenged the citizens of Wake Forest and their Mayor Vivian Jones to a self-reporting contest back in early May. The challenge was to see which town could have the highest percentage of self-reporting on the 2020 Census. Both communities started at approximately 60% and on August 1 (the end of the contest), Fuquay-Varina was declared the winner with 74.2% over Wake Forest which had 73.9%. Congrats Fuquay-Varina! Thank you for helping to drive up our Census reporting!

CENSUS CHALLENGE

FUQUAY-VARINA WINS!

FV: 74.2 WF: 73.9

Elected Officials

Mayor John W. Byrne jbyrne@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 552-6415
Mayor Pro Temp Blake Massengill bmassengill@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 346-1818
Marilyn Gardner mgardner@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 552-7091
William H. Harris wharris@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 981-2580
Larry Smith lsmith@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 417-6018
Jason Wunsch jwunsch@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 624-1224

A Dash More News...

- Look for a new Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Program Brochure at www.fvparks.org. Class offerings have intentionally been kept small to allow for social distancing and many are offered via Zoom. You'll find unique classes such as drumming and Storybook Chef, as well as favorites such as a full range of yoga, martial arts and art classes. Tired of watching television? It's time to take a course at the Community Center!

- In Sept., we will be introducing you to our staff on social media! We look forward to you getting to know the people that serve you every day a bit better. Staff highlights will be shared on the Town's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Find the latest Town info at:



Nextdoor

Youth Sports in the Spotlight

The Town of Fuquay-Varina just completed registration in late August for a modified youth sports program this fall. The outside-of-the-box program



complies with all CDC guidelines, utilizes social distancing, and provides sports activities for youth in our community – a win-win in our book!

The modified program offers traditional baseball, softball and t-ball with no end-of-season tournament play and COVID-19 safety guidelines will be strictly enforced for players and spectators. It also offers a no-contact skills development programming for soccer, volleyball and football that will help players learn and sharpen basic skills for their appropriate age group. For the first time ever, we are also offering cross-country which will conclude the season with a 5k run. At the end of the registration period, most of

the programs were at capacity. Jonathan Cox, PRCR Director said, "The Department is thrilled to have these programs in place to give kids and their families a safe recreational outlet in Fuquay-Varina."

Fuquay Mineral Spring Park Bank Restoration Project



Fuquay Mineral Spring Park is looking spruced up after the completion of a stream bank restoration that concluded recently. The project was made necessary when Hurricane Matthew caused severe flooding and erosion of the bank on the Spring Street side creating a public safety hazard.

The stabilization plan included approximately 1,000 linear feet of gabion baskets filled with river rock, stamped concrete decking, brick pavers, a steel bridge, and brick columns flanking the bridge. Fuquay Mineral Spring Park, located near downtown, is open for use and provides walking paths and a lovely place for picnics. The Fuquay Mineral Spring Park is one of the most photographed areas in Fuquay-Varina being the site of countless bridal and prom photos.

A Golden LEAF Foundation grant for \$338,400 funded 60% of the project with the remainder funded by the Town.

Arts Center Offers Fall Classes

The Fuquay-Varina Arts Center is offering virtual (zoom classes) in weaving, painting, card making, art journaling and new classes are being added all the time! You can purchase the supplies online or use what you have at home.

A variety of dance classes are also being offered and you can take them virtually or in person at Falcon Park (105 Falcon Drive). If you're taking in person, you'll be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Register for classes and check regularly for new classes at www.fvarts.org. You can also register in person at the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center located at 123 E. Vance Street, Mon-Fr. 9 am – 5 pm and Sat. 10 am – 5 pm.