

Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen



FVFD Firefighter Robbie Johnson demonstrates kitchen fire safety.

October is National Fire Safety Month and normally the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department would host an open house on the 2nd Saturday in October but as we all know, things aren't quite normal this year! Even if COVID has cancelled their annual open house for the first time in 20 years, that doesn't mean our Fire Department won't take an opportunity to educate you on fire safety! This year's theme is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the Department's partner and official sponsor for Fire Prevention Week, almost half (44%) of reported fires start in the kitchen.

According to Fuquay-Varina Fire Marshal Buddy Walters, "I've seen many homes damaged from cooking fires and

they could have easily been prevented." Here are some safety tips to keep you from having a cooking fire:

- Never leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- Have a kid-free zone of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drink is prepared and carried.
- Keep oven mitts, wooden utensils, towels, food packaging, and anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- If you have a small grease fire and decide to fight the fire, on the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until completely cooled. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

"We know cooking fires can be prevented," said Fire Chief Tony Mauldin. "Staying in the kitchen, using a timer, and avoiding distractions such as electronics or TV are steps everyone can take to keep families safe in their homes."

Public Meetings

Town Board	Mon., Oct. 5
Planning Board	Mon., Oct. 19
Town Board	Tues., Oct. 20
Town Board	Mon., Nov. 2
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Nov. 9
Planning Board	Mon., Nov. 16
Town Board	Tues., Nov. 17

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

Interbasin Transfer (ITB) Process



The Town of Fuquay-Varina has partnered with the City of Sanford to purchase up to 6 million gallons per day (mgd) of finished water from the City to meet the Town's water supply needs over a 30-year planning period. Finished water will be transferred from the Cape Fear River basin (Lee County) to the Neuse River basin (Wake County). An interbasin transfer is defined as the regulated movement of surface water from one river basin to another.

Law does not prohibit transfers but requires that effects of the transfer on the source and receiving basins be quantified prior to the transfer. The proposed water balance and interbasin transfer (IBT) meet the statutory definition of a transfer per General Statutes 143-215.22G and 215.22L, therefore the Town of Fuquay-Varina must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, conduct Public Hearings, and submit a petition to the Environmental Management Commission for the IBT Certificate. The process is anticipated to take three years. Follow the Interbasin Transfer process at www.fuquay-varina.org/InterbasinTransfer

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A Dash More News...

- Loose leaf collection begins Oct. 12. Please don't place leaves in a bag or container for this service. Leaves will be vacuumed curbside. Place loose leaves in one large pile by Sunday evening of your regularly scheduled recycle week. For more info: www.fuquay-varina.org/publicworks

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. An Early Voting site in Fuquay-Varina will be at W.O. Council Gym located at 106 N. Ennis Street, Fuquay-Varina. Early voting is Oct. 15-Oct. 31. Find election information, additional early voting sites and specific polling places for the general election at www.wakegov.com/elections.

Find the latest Town info at:



Nextdoor

Fuquay-Varina Police Move to New Facility



In late August, the Fuquay-Varina Police Department moved to 401 Old Honeycutt Rd. Due to COVID restrictions, the facility is still not open to the public, but police are responding to calls as normal! Should you need to stop by in person at the new police facility, there is an intercom system outside of the lobby to assist you. The non-emergency phone number remains 919-552-3191. As a reminder, there's an easy way to get online accident reports at www.fuquay-varina.org/crashdocs. Find other useful information at www.fvpolice.org.

Trick or Treat Downtown Scavenger Hunt (Oct. 23-Nov 2)



Explore Downtown Fuquay-Varina with a Halloween themed scavenger hunt. Come dressed for Halloween and pick up your scavenger hunt card at the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center. Spell out the SPOOKY words and pick up your prize! Share your costumes and masks with #fvdowntown for a special prize. Clues will be in both the Fuquay and Varina districts. Prize bags available for pick up during regular business hours. For more

info check out @fuquayvarinadowntown on facebook and @fvdowntown on Instagram.

Phase 2.5 Update and Town Facilities



Fleming Loop Playground

North Carolina Phase 2.5 became effective on Sept. 4, 2020. What does that mean for citizens and Town facilities?

Town playgrounds are open. We encourage social distancing, washing and sanitizing hands and following all CDC guidelines.

All restroom facilities at Town parks are open on their normal schedule with enhanced cleaning. Please note that some park restroom facilities' "normal schedule" is to open when scheduled activities are taking place, and that parks are open from dawn to dusk except for approved programming under lights.

The Fitness Room located at the Community Center is now open with limited capacity as outlined by NCDHHS guidelines and those participating are required to social distance, wear a face covering when entering and exiting the building and when not engaged in strenuous exercise. Town staff will be practicing enhanced cleaning procedures, and patrons are required to wipe down fitness equipment before and after use. Patrons should not visit the Community Center if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, have had recent exposure to COVID-19, or while awaiting COVID test results.