



January 2021

Upcoming Public Meetings:

Town Board at 7 pm

- January 4 (Monday)
- January 19 (Tuesday)
- February 1 (Monday)
- February 16 (Tuesday)

Planning Board at 6 pm

- January 12 (Tuesday)
- February 15 (Monday)

Board of Adjustment at 7 pm

- January 11 (Monday)
- February 8 (Monday)

Meetings are at Town Hall,
134 N. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina

Due to restrictions on public gatherings, entry to Town Hall is limited but public meetings can be accessed virtually.

www.fuquay-varina.org/boardmeeting

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New Year's Goals: One Step at a Time



Park-Depot Greenway Trail

If getting fit is one of your New Year's resolutions, you might want to consider using the Town of Fuquay-Varina's greenway system to reach your fitness goals. According to experts, both running and walking are excellent forms of exercise. Those that do either activity typically have healthier hearts,

stronger bones, and lower body weights than their sedentary counterparts. Your intensity will depend on your health goals.

Here are some Fuquay-Varina trails you might want to check out!

Park-Depot Greenway Trail which began construction in May will be open to the public in early January and will span 2-miles connecting Old Honeycutt Road Park to South Lakes subdivision. There is easy access via the back of the walking track at Old Honeycutt Road Park or use the parking lot on Hwy. 55 with the new crosswalk.

Hilltop Needmore Town Park & Preserve (HNTPP) is a 164-acre park located at 4621 Shady Greens Drive which has three trails with varying degrees of difficulty. A map at the park entrance will guide you to the trails. They are as follows: Yellow Trail (2.1 miles – Easy); Blue Trail (0.6 miles – Moderate); Red Trail (2.2 miles – Challenging). Combine all three for an awesome workout!

At **Carroll Howard Johnson Environmental Education Park** located at 301 Wagstaff Road, visitors can explore nearly 1.5-miles of nature trails and experience picturesque overlooks, natural bridges and paths filled with local flora and many species of birds that highlight the natural peaceful beauty of Fuquay-Varina. If you're looking for a longer walk, combine this trail with the **Jeff Wells Trail** which is connected across Wagstaff road.

For more information on parks and greenways, visit www.FVparks.org.

Comprehensive Financial Report

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is the official statement of the town's financial position on June 30th, the close of the fiscal year, and promotes transparency, providing the citizens and elected officials with a detailed, independent audit of the town's accounting. The town has received the Certificate for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the past six years and will apply for this award of distinction this year as well. View the current CAFR, as well as other financial reports, at www.fuquay-varina.org/financialreports.

A Dash More News...

—The Town Board has approved the selection of the team of Hazen and Freese for the City of Sanford Water Conveyance System Design. These firms will provide engineering services for the design of a water conveyance system to transport up to 6 million gallons a day of treated water from the City of Sanford Water Treatment Plant to the Town of Fuquay-Varina.

—The 17th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021. The theme of this year's event is "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." The featured speaker is the Rev. Dr. Floyd Wick-er. The event will go virtual this year and is organized by the Cultural Arts Society of Fuquay-Varina. Check casf-v.org for details on how to participate.

—Looking for ways to stay engaged and to keep busy? The Jan-Apr PRCR Program Guide is now available at www.FVParks.org.

Find the latest Town info at:



 Nextdoor

PRCR Master Plan Update

On November 9, 2020, Town Management, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources staff, Planning Staff, and Engineering staff hosted a virtual public presentation and Q&A Session in conjunction with WCPSS Staff for the future elementary school, community center north, and senior center campus master plan at Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve Park (HNTPP). Both the community center north and the senior center campus are part of the 2020 PRCR Systemwide Master Plan adopted in July. The presentation included information on the infrastructure, layout, and timing for development of the future elementary school, community center, and senior center on the site. Following this presentation, Town staff are working with partners at the school system to finalize the master plan and intergovernmental agreements to facilitate the exchange of property and development, use and maintenance of master plan components to be considered by the Town Board and Wake County Board of Education. In addition, the Town will begin seeking public input on the design of the future community center and senior center at HNTPP in early 2021.



That's a Wrap: 2020 Census

In March 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau began collecting demographic data on American citizens as required by the U.S. Constitution. Without a doubt, the 2020 Census was met with various challenges brought on by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Regardless of these unprecedented times, Fuquay-Varina was able to accomplish a 78.2% self-response rate, an exceptional feat, 10% higher than the response rate of the 2010 Census. The remaining 21.8% of the town's population was covered in the Census Bureau's Non-Response Follow-Up (NRFU) operation, which began August 11, 2020 and consisted of door-to-door enumeration and other boots-on-the-ground type response recovery. The results of the Census helps to determine federal funding, how many seats in Congress each state gets and how billions in federal funding flows into states and communities each year. The Census Bureau is now preparing the results of the nation-wide count and results should be released to the public by April 2021. Thank you for helping to make Fuquay-Varina Count!



Town gov't offices will be closed on Jan. 18 in observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday. Garbage service will not be affected.