



## Upcoming Public Meetings:

### Town Board at 7 pm

April 5 (Monday)  
 April 20 (Tuesday)  
 May 3 (Monday)  
 May 18 (Tuesday)

### Planning Board at 6 pm

April 19 (Monday)  
 May 17 (Monday)

### Board of Adjustment at 7 pm

April 12 (Monday)  
 May 10 (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 participate virtually at:

[www.fuquay-varina.org/boardmeeting](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/boardmeeting)

You can view meetings on the Town's Facebook or You Tube page.

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## Looking Back: 2020 was a Busy Year!

Mayor John W. Byrne presented the annual State of the Town address on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This presentation is a recap of the Town's accomplishments from the past year, which by all accounts was a challenging one due to the pandemic. The mayor's presentation also looked ahead at what the Town is planning in 2021. You can view the entire presentation at [www.fuquay-varina.org/SOT](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/SOT).



In this month's Focus on Fuquay-Varina, we will look at some of the key accomplishments highlighted in the presentation for which all town citizens can be especially proud.

### Investments in Quality of Life

- Fleming Loop Park opened in March after a \$5.5 million renovation.
- The Park Depot Greenway Trail, featuring 2 miles of paved trails, opened and was completely paid for by grants. The trail connects Old Honeycutt Road Park to the South Lakes subdivision with connectivity to Willow Spring High School and South Lakes Elementary School.
- Design plans for Alston Ridge Greenway and Hidden Valley Greenway were completed.



### Investing in Transportation

- This spring, NW Judd Parkway will open with over 2 miles of new roadway that will complete the Judd Parkway Loop. This loop around town is the single biggest key to getting traffic moving in Fuquay-Varina.
- At the end of 2020, the Town was awarded three Federal Highway Grants. This year the town will begin work on three other projects in which Federal Highway Grants were previously awarded but delayed. These grants total over \$6 million and the projects range from widening Sunset Lake Road to adding lanes at the intersection of Judd Parkway and South Main near the Community Center.



## Let's Talk FV—A New Way to Get and Stay Engaged with the Town

Let's Talk Fuquay-Varina ([www.LetsTalkFV.org](http://www.LetsTalkFV.org)), is a new way for you to have your say! The Town is launching this website as a way for the public to get involved, communicate ideas, and collaborate on Town of Fuquay-Varina projects and initiatives that affect our community.

Traditional public engagement usually involves attending a public meeting, and can often be time consuming and inconvenient. Let's Talk Fuquay-Varina gives you the opportunity to have your say on issues that are important to you, on your timetable.

For people to participate in Let's Talk FV, they will need to register. Registering allows us to keep you updated on projects that matter most to you. The one-time registration process is short and doing so will give you access to all discussion forums, surveys, polls, and other input opportunities on the platform.

Visit [www.LetsTalkFV.org](http://www.LetsTalkFV.org) to register. Choose a username and password. Complete a few simple questions and you're good to go.

Let's start a meaningful conversation!

Find the latest Town info at:



 Nextdoor

Looking Back, cont'd

## Investing in Public Safety

- The police moved to a larger facility in August to accommodate our growing community. Compared to 2019, violent crime was down by 31% and robberies were down by 38%.
- In 2020, the town acquired land off Wade Nash Road for a fourth fire station with plans to open in 2023.



## Economic Development

The Town announced an agreement for an 800,000 SF open-air commercial shopping center, Gold Leaf Crossing, which is expected to create a \$150 million in new capital investment and bring 1,300 new jobs. The project is expected to be developed over several years and will add fine dining and department stores.

## Planning for the Future

The Town signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Sanford in 2020 to participate in the expansion of a water treatment plant for the Town's future water supply and began an Inter-basin transfer study on the environmental impacts of withdrawing water from the Cape Fear basin. This additional capacity will help to provide treated water capacity for the projected economic growth of the Town.

## A Few Projects Planned in 2021

- In 2021, the town will begin the design process for the new Community Center North/Senior Center which will offer a broad spectrum of programs and amenities for Fuquay-Varina residents of all ages, with dedicated space to accommodate an expanded slate of activities for active adults. The public will play a key role in helping to shape the facility.
- The Town is developing a Downtown Master Plan that will support the overall vision for continued growth in downtown and will recognize a variety of opportunities for reinvestment and future development. Public outreach on the Downtown Master Plan is expected to begin in March.
- Public engagement has always been important to a healthy citizenry, but the Town is finding new ways for the public to be engaged. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Town will launch a website, Let's Talk FV ([www.LetsTalkFV.org](http://www.LetsTalkFV.org)), that will give you the opportunity to have your say on issues that are important to you, at a time and place of your choice. Learn more about this important site in the sidebar.

