



December 2021

## Upcoming Public Meetings:

### Town Board at 7 pm

December 6 (Monday)  
(Newly Elected Officials Sworn-in)

December 21 (Tuesday)

January 4 (Tuesday)

January 18 (Tuesday)

### Planning Board at 6 pm

December 20 (Monday)

### Board of Adjustment at 7 pm

December 13 (Monday)

January 10 (Monday)

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

Meetings can be viewed on the  
Town's Facebook or You Tube page.

To participate remotely,  
find instructions at:

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

### TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Find Town Board contact information  
at [www.Fuquay-Varina.org/boardinfo](http://www.Fuquay-Varina.org/boardinfo)

## Give Us Feedback!

The Town of Fuquay-Varina is in the process of updating the 2013 Community Pedestrian Plan and citizens have through the end of the year to provide feedback on this plan! Feedback will be used to continue to strategically implement high-quality pedestrian infrastructure, with supportive programs and policies for walking. Take a survey and use an interactive map to help us identify areas for improvement. Visit <https://letstalkfv.org/community-pedestrian-plan>

## Election Results



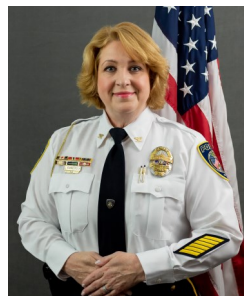
Blake Massengill, Mayor-Elect

Fuquay-Varina voters went to the polls on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Blake Massengill was elected mayor.

Also on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tracy Watson and Bryan Haynes were elected to the Fuquay-Varina Board of Commissioners. Please visit [www.wakegov.com/elections](http://www.wakegov.com/elections) for contest details.

Elected officials will be sworn into office on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall at 7 PM.

According to the [unofficial municipal election results](#), Town of Fuquay-Varina residents strongly supported the two 2021 Fuquay-Varina Bond questions concerning issuance of \$20 million for Transportation Bonds and \$18.5 million for Parks & Recreation Bond. The Parks & Rec Bonds will be used to build the Community Center North offering a broad spectrum of programs and amenities for all ages with a dedicated space to accommodate an expanded slate of activities for active adults (ages 55+). Work will begin soon on making this Community Center a reality.



Chief Fahnstock

## Police Chief Fahnstock Announces Retirement

Following notice to the Town Manager and Town Board on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Chief Laura Fahnstock announced her intentions to retire effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Fahnstock, who is the first female Police Chief in Fuquay-Varina, has served for close to seven years and her retirement caps off a 30-year career in law enforcement that is both distinguished and extraordinary.

Due to Fahnstock's leadership in developing community policing programs, in the past five years, the Town of Fuquay-Varina saw a 50% decrease in violent crimes and a 42% reduction in property crimes. In 2021, the Town was recognized by MoneyGeek as the #1 safest Town in North Carolina and was ranked by SafeWise on the Top #10 List of Safest Places to Live in North Carolina.

Town Manager Adam Mitchell said, "I can honestly say that Laura Fahnstock is one of the best hires I have ever made. She possesses integrity, compassion, and creativity; all attributes that made her a successful Police Chief. I could go on and on about Laura's accomplishments and achievements and how she helped the men and women in the department become better law enforcement professionals. I believe the community knows and appreciates the value she has added. I will miss her leadership and am so very grateful for the service she provided the citizens of Fuquay-Varina."

A community celebration where citizens can share their "well wishes" will be announced closer to Fahnstock's retirement date which is February 1, 2022.

## Holiday Happenings



The **Town Tree Lighting** will be Thurs., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fuquay Business District (205 S. Main St) at 6:00 pm. In addition to the tree lighting, there will be performances by local choral groups, a s'mores station hosted by the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department, an Artist Village hosted by the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center,

and sweet treats and hot chocolate hosted by the Teen Council. Santa will be located at the Fuquay Mineral Spring Park.

**Sleigh Rides**, which are ticketed, will be available from 6-8 pm and are sponsored by Fuquay-Varina Downtown Assn. If you have questions or want to buy tickets: [info@fuquay-varinadowntown.com](mailto:info@fuquay-varinadowntown.com).

Write your letter to Santa and drop it in the **North Pole Express Mailbox** located at Fuquay Mineral Spring Park (105 W. Spring Street) to make sure your message gets to Santa by Christmas! The mailbox will be open on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> after Santa's visit at the Tree Lighting.

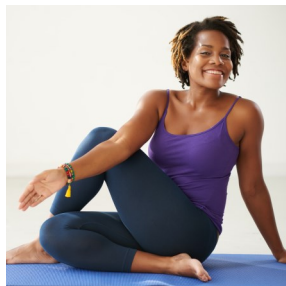
The Fuquay-Varina Chamber will host the annual **Christmas Parade** on Sun., Dec. 5 at 3 pm in downtown Fuquay. Learn more at [www.fuquay-varina.com](http://www.fuquay-varina.com).

The **Fuquay Mineral Spring Park** will be decorated with majestic lights after Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and citizens are invited to venture down to the park located at 104 Spring Street any evening until 10 pm for self-guided tours. Lights will be up thru early January.

The **Fuquay-Varina Arts Center** has a full holiday line-up of performances including Christmas with the Embers, the Fuquay-Varina Chorale, the Nutcracker and an Evening of Big Band Swing, Blues and Holiday Tunes featuring Gerald Parker Jazz Orchestra. Get tickets at [www.FVArts.org](http://www.FVArts.org).

The **Gingerbread House Contest** was a huge hit last year so it will return this season! Look for contest details on this fundraiser from the Fuquay-Varina Junior Women's Club on our town social media. The entries will be on display at the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center in early December.

## New PRCR Program Guide



The 2022 Jan-April program guide for the Fuquay-Varina Community Center will be available online Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at [www.FVParks.org](http://www.FVParks.org). Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources is adding some fun new programs to its winter line up!

For Active Adults, there is a new Walking Club, Men's Coffee Time, and Cardio Drumming and senior trips will be returning. New adult classes include Women's Alive Wellness Workouts and bird walks through the Audubon Society at Hilltop Needmore Town Park. The much-anticipated Zumba with Erin returns for those seeking a great work-out!

There's a new Conscious Warrior's Karate class for youth and we are starting a new lacrosse program called FVLAX SUNDAY SIXES. Spring youth sports registration will begin sometime in January 2022.

Many popular classes will return including our E-Sports program. Print copies of the 2022 Jan-April Program Guide will be available the week of December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center located at 820 S. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina.

### Christmas Holiday December 23, 24 & 27, 2021



#### CLOSINGS:

**Fuquay-Varina town government facilities will be closed for operations on Dec. 23, 24 & 27.**

#### GARBAGE COLLECTION:

**There is no garbage collection on Fri., Dec. 24th.  
Friday customers will have garbage service on Thurs., Dec. 23rd**

**Have a safe holiday!**

# Schedule Change

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

#### Limited Edition Fuquay-Varina *Christmas Ornament*

Original painting by artist Lew Wilson. Ornaments are \$15 a piece & may be ordered online & picked up at Fuquay-Varina Town Hall, 134 N. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina



*Fuquay-Varina, NC*  
Fuquay Mineral Spring Park

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