



## Upcoming Public Meetings:

### Town Board at 7 pm

January 3 (Monday)  
 January 18 (Tuesday)  
 February 7 (Monday)  
 February 22 (Tuesday)

### Planning Board at 6 pm

January 11 (Tuesday)  
 February 21 (Monday)

### Board of Adjustment at 7 pm

January 10 (Monday)  
 February 14 (Monday)

Meetings are at John W. Byrne  
 Municipal Building  
 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:

## TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

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January 2022

## New Mayor and Town Board Members

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Town of Fuquay-Varina welcomed a new Mayor and two new Town Board members. Blake Massengill took the oath of office as mayor. He replaces John W. Byrne who retires after serving 20 years. Bryan Haynes and Tracy Watson were both sworn in as new Town Board members.



Massengill has served on the Town Board since 2013 and as Mayor Pro Tem for six

years. He is a local business owner. In his free time, he enjoys coaching his kids' youth sports teams which have included basketball and soccer and watching his daughter learn dance through the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center.

"My family is the reason I wanted to become involved in community service. Similarly, all the families in Fuquay-Varina, they are the reason I wanted to be mayor. Working together, we can make Fuquay-Varina a dash more. I'm ready to hit the ground running. Fuquay-Varina is in a great place right now. I'm excited about the number of transportation, infrastructure and quality of life projects planned for the immediate future. There are wonderful opportunities on the horizon for our town and citizens. Realistically, there will be some growing pains as we work to improve roads, but citizens will see a whole lot of orange cones as we work to improve traffic issues. I appreciate the support of our citizens. What I would ask is that if you have a question or concern, call me or our staff. We should be your first call for information, not social media. I'll always try my best to get an answer to your question or the help you need.

Haynes is new to the Board, but not new to the community. He is very involved in community service. Bryan is the Executive Director at Pine Acres Community Center, owns a small business and is an Associate Pastor at Bazzel Creek Missionary Baptist Church. Bryan is the former chair of the Town's Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Watson is also a small business owner, and this is her first time serving on the Town Board, but not her first time serving the Town. Tracy previously served on the Town's Planning Board. She is the owner of Mission First Realty. Her son is currently serving in the Air Force in Europe and that's one reason Tracy is passionate about giving back to our mili-

## A Dash More News

—The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) is the official statement of the town's financial position at the close of the fiscal year. An independent audit of the town's financial statements has been performed for the year ending June 30, 2021 and in their opinion there are no material misstatements. This opinion is given after extensive review of accounting procedures and internal controls of the Town. These reports are provided to elected officials, citizens, and the public of the fiscal information of the town. The Town has received the Certificate for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the past seven years and will apply for this award of distinction this year as well. View the current ACFR, as well as other financial reports, at [www.fuquay-varina.org/financialreports](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/financialreports).

—**Spring Youth Sports** Leagues Registration is Jan. 10-29, 2022. Sports offered include Baseball, T-ball, Softball, Soccer, Flag Football, Volleyball, Cross Country and Lacrosse. For more information, visit [www.FVParks.org](http://www.FVParks.org).

—Town of Fuquay-Varina government facilities will be closed on Mon., Jan. 17 to celebrate the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**. Garbage collection will be unaffected. Please place carts curbside as usual.

—The Cultural Arts Society of Fuquay-Varina will host the **Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2022 Celebration** on Monday, Jan. 17. The MLK March will begin at St. Augusta MBC and will end at Falcon Park Shelter, where the Celebration will be held. Please assemble for MLK March by 10:15 AM. The march begins promptly at 10:30 AM. For more info: [CASF-v.org](http://CASF-v.org)

tary. She has served on the Board of Directors of Military Missions in Action for the past six years.



After Mayor Massengill took the oath of the office, his first order of business was to bestow a Key to the City to outgoing Mayor John W. Byrne who retires after 20 years of dedicated service. The Key to the City is an honor bestowed by a city upon esteemed residents and visitors. The tradition dates to medieval times when walled cities were guarded during the day and locked at night. The key symbolizes the freedom of the recipient to enter and leave the city at will as a trusted friend of city residents.

## John W. Byrne Municipal Building

Don't get confused! The Town Hall building has been re-named the John W. Byrne Municipal Building to honor retiring Mayor John W. Byrne who officially retired on Dec. 6, 2021. He is the longest serving mayor in Fuquay-Varina's history. Notable achievements by the Town under Mayor Byrne's



leadership include the construction of Judd Parkway; significant downtown revitalization including streetscape enhancements; the successful completion of numerous capital projects including the Public Service Center, the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center, expansion of the Terrible Creek Wastewater Treatment facility, the return of Town Hall to downtown and a new Police station.

While Byrne was in office, the Town of Fuquay-Varina received nearly \$50 million in transportation and utility infrastructure grants and completed numerous transportation projects enhancing the Town's Road network and improving traffic flow in Fuquay-Varina. His leadership resulted in sound financial policies ultimately leading to the Town of Fuquay-Varina receiving a Triple A Bond Rating from Standard and Poor's.

There are no service changes at the building. Just a name change! The John W. Byrne Municipal Building is located at 134 N. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina, NC.

Find the latest  
Town info at:

