



## Upcoming Public Meetings:

### Town Board at 7 pm

March 7 (Monday)

March 22 (Tuesday)

April 4 (Monday)

April 19 (Tuesday)

### Planning Board at 6 pm

March 21 (Monday)

April 18 (Monday)

### Board of Adjustment at 7 pm

March 14 (Monday)

April 11 (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 YouTube page.

To participate remotely,  
find instructions at:

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

## TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

### Mayor

**Blake Massengill** (919) 552-1909  
[bmassengill@fuquay-varina.org](mailto:bmassengill@fuquay-varina.org)

**Mayor Pro Tem** (919) 417-6018  
**Larry Smith**  
[lsmith@fuquay-varina.org](mailto:lsmith@fuquay-varina.org)

### Commissioners

**Marilyn Gardner** (919) 272-3453  
[mgardner@fuquay-varina.org](mailto:mgardner@fuquay-varina.org)

**William H. Harris** (919) 552-3293  
[wharris@fuquay-varina.org](mailto:wharris@fuquay-varina.org)

**Bryan Haynes** (919) 604-4858  
[bhaynes@fuquay-varina.org](mailto:bhaynes@fuquay-varina.org)

**Tracy Watson** (919) 761-0405  
[twatson@fuquay-varina.org](mailto:twatson@fuquay-varina.org)

March 2022

## Want to Receive Your Utility Bill Faster? Sign up for Email Notifications!

Regardless of how you pay your Town of Fuquay-Varina utility bill, you can have a notification emailed to you the day your utility bill is available.

Customers will need to establish an eUtilities account ([www.fuquay-varina.org/eutilities](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/eutilities)) and choose to get email notifications. This does NOT mean you must pay online. The Town of Fuquay-Varina highly recommends that you sign-up to receive email notifications that your utility bill is available then choose the following payment options to conveniently pay your utility bill:

- **Bank Draft** – Automatically deducts the payment from a checking account. There is no charge for this service, and you will never pay a late fee! Get the form to set up this service at [www.fuquay-varina.org/autobankdraftform](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/autobankdraftform)
- **Online** – [www.Fuquay-Varina.org/eutilities](http://www.Fuquay-Varina.org/eutilities) – Use a credit card or debit card to make a direct payment. A small processing fee applies.
- **Mail** – Send a check or money order to: Town of Fuquay-Varina, 134 N. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina, NC, 27526. Allow 7 days for processing.
- **Drive-Thru** – Located at 135 N. Main Street. Open M-F from 8 AM- 5 PM
- **Drop Box** – After Hours Payments. Located at 135 N. Main Street.

## Tim Smith Named Acting Police Chief



Capt. Tim Smith

Fuquay-Varina Town Manager Adam Mitchell has appointed Captain Tim Smith as the Town's Acting Police Chief, following the retirement of Police Chief Laura Fahnestock on January 28, 2022. The Town is currently conducting a national search to fill the vacancy created by her retirement and will announce a new police chief in the coming weeks.

Smith currently serves as Captain of the Patrol Services Division and has been with the Fuquay-Varina Police Department for 21 years. During his career in Fuquay-Varina, he has also worked within the Special Operations Division supervising the Criminal Investigations Section, K-9 Unit, and Professional Standards Investigations. Smith served as the Special Response Team Leader and Commander for nine years. Capt. Smith is a veteran of the U.S. Army and is a member of the Department's Honor Guard.

## State of the Town Presentation, March 7 at 6:30 PM

Plan to attend or listen to the annual State of the Town address on Monday, March 7 at 6:30! Mayor Blake Massengill will present his first State of the Town, highlight accomplishments from 2021, and set priorities for the Town in the coming year. He will also debut our annual video which promises to be another fun, action, and information packed bit of cinematography you won't want to miss! The public meeting will be held at the John W. Byrne Municipal Building, 134 N. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina, NC. It can also be viewed on the Town's Facebook and YouTube.

## A dash more info...

### Water Disinfection Process

March 1-31

We published this last month, but it bears repeating. Each year, the Town's water suppliers including Harnett County, Johnston County and the City of Raleigh temporarily change their water treatment process by suspending the use of ammonia. This disinfection process is a state-mandated practice to ensure safe drinking water. Fuquay-Varina customers who use kidney dialysis machines and have fish aquariums should be aware that water may contain chlorine, ammonia, or a mixture of the two from March 1-31. The Town will also conduct flushing of the distribution system during this time. Customers may experience a slight discoloration of their drinking water.

### Spring Classes at the Arts Center

Spring classes at the Arts Center are in full swing. From dance to art to everything in between! Check out the spring lineup for all ages at [www.FVArts.org](http://www.FVArts.org) or visit the Arts Center at 123 E. Vance Street to pick up a class brochure.

### Budget Process

The Town of Fuquay-Varina annual budget process has begun for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Dates for meetings have been published and will be advertised on the website and social media. Find a full budget schedule and budget information at [www.fuquay-varina.org/budget](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/budget).

### Mayor's Chat Video Series

Mayor Blake Massengill has started a new monthly video series called "Let's Chat." The goal of this short 2-minute video series is to keep citizens up to date on projects, events and what's happening in town government. "Let's Chat" is released on the Town's Facebook, YouTube and can also be viewed at [www.Fuquay-Varina.org/MayorsChat](http://www.Fuquay-Varina.org/MayorsChat)

### Art Center Box Office

The Arts Center is booking some great acts this spring! Buy your tickets at [www.FVArts.org](http://www.FVArts.org)



Mascot: Storm Walter

## Know What Else is Important?

### Stormwater!

The Engineering Department is responsible for the Town's Stormwater Management Program. To help citizens better understand what stormwater is and why it's important, the department has put together a series of videos to help educate citizens on stormwater pollution and prevention and what the Town's role is in Stormwater Management.

In the spirit of the Town's unique style, these videos were created with lots of personality, and we're introducing a new Stormwater Program advocate, Storm Walter. The videos feature talented Town staff from multiple departments and will be released over the coming weeks on our social media platforms. We plan on using them throughout the year, along with Storm Walter, to educate, as part of the Town's Public Education and Outreach Campaign about stormwater management.

The Town's Stormwater Program is designed to meet the requirements of the 6 minimum measures outlined within the federally mandated NPDES Phase II stormwater permit.

## 100' Ladder Truck Arrives at Station #1



In 2021, the Fire Department responded to 5,115 emergency calls! With an increase of almost 18% over the prior year, it's safe to say the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department is very busy!

Fire Chief Tony Mauldin and his team have been working this past year to bring a new ladder truck into service and it was recently delivered. The new Spartan 100' Ladder Truck replaces a 21-year-old Pierce Ladder Truck assigned to Fire Station #1. Although the new truck has the same reach as the old one, the new truck gives the firefighters so much more.

The new truck provides many features to make our firefighter's jobs easier and safer including increased compartment size to carry more tools and equipment, extra emergency lights so that the public can better see the truck and loads of electronics that make controlling everything associated with the truck much easier including raising and lowering the big ladder. The new ladder truck took approximately 13 months to build.

The truck will be in service soon!

Find the latest Town info:

