



June 2022

Upcoming Public Meetings:

Town Board at 7 pm

June 6 (Monday)

June 21 (Tuesday)

July 11 (Monday)

Planning Board at 6 pm

June 20 (Monday)

July 18 (Monday)

Board of Adjustment at 7 pm

June 13 (Monday)

July 12 (Tuesday)

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

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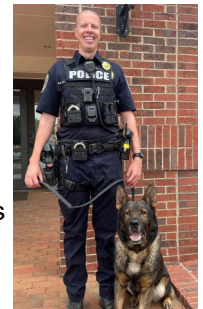
FVPD Expands K-9 Program

The Town of Fuquay-Varina Police Department now has two K-9 officers! Officer Shadow joins K-9 Officer Dash as the team expands to elevate the level of service the Police Department provides to the citizens of Fuquay-Varina. These K-9s are trained to:

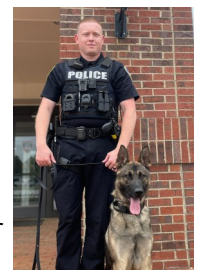
- Track missing persons, runaways, and fleeing suspects
- Search for articles such as evidence used in a crime, or lost property
- Provide drug detection
- Apprehend violent criminals

Dash has been with the FVPD since 2017 and was the first K-9 in the department's history. Dash is a 5-year-old German Shepherd from Holland and understands Dutch. Master Officer Matt Jeslis and K-9 Dash became a team in August and both have done an exceptional job.

Shadow is an 18-month-old Belgium Malinois and German Shepherd mix from Hungary. He understands Dutch. Officer Patrick Parker and K-9 Shadow became a team after graduating from Canine School at Ventosa Kennel, Inc.



Dash & Officer Jeslis



Shadow & Officer Parker

Independence Day Celebration set for July 1

The Fuquay-Varina Independence Day Celebration will be Friday, July 1. This



date is a break from tradition since the Town has held our fireworks on July 3 for many years. Why the change? The pandemic caused many professional fireworks contractors to go out of business. Consequently, many towns have had to make adjustments to their schedule.

Please make plans to join us for fireworks, music, and the start of a great long weekend on Friday, July 1, at South Park, 900 S. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina. Gates open at 6 PM, and fireworks will begin at sundown. The Splash Pad will be available 6:00-8:30 PM. No pets or alcohol! Coolers allowed. www.fuquay-varina.org

Learn About Grass & Vegetation Nuisances

It's not surprising that with the arrival of spring and summer, the Town typically begins receiving calls and emails from residents expressing concern about overgrown landscaping. There's an easy way to find Commonly Prohibited Grass & Vegetation Nuisances and file a complaint online at www.fuquay-varina.org/CodeCompliance. You'll also find the answer to numerous other residential code compliance questions on this site!

A dash more news...

Recommended FY 2023 Budget

The Town Manager's FY 2023 Recommended Budget was presented to the Town Board on May 2, 2022, and is now ready for public review at www.fuquay-varina.org/budget. Attend a public meeting on the proposed budget on Monday, June 6 at 7 PM at the John W. Byrne Municipal Building, 134 N. Main Street.

Hilltop Needmore Clubhouse Opens

The Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve Clubhouse is a new facility for Fuquay-Varina and officially opened in mid-May after a ceremonial ribbon cutting. The renovation brings the 3,200 sq. ft. facility up to the current code and improves ADA accessibility. The Clubhouse provides additional programmable space for the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department. Beginning July 1, the facility will be available for rentals through PRCR for a fee. A big bonus! The renovations at the Clubhouse include an exterior restroom for HNTPP park users!

Run the Quay –June 4

The RTQ race is Saturday, June 4 from 7-10 AM and the route includes many downtown streets, so please check the race map to see if your street is impacted. Vehicles will not be able to enter the race route between 6:45-10 AM. The Fuquay-Varina Chamber, the event organizer, appreciates your understanding and continued support of this community event!

<https://fuquay-varina.com/community-events/run-the-quay/>

MANiFest Juneteenth Celebration

Brainstemology will host the Juneteenth Celebration on Sunday, June 19 from 3:30-5:30 PM at the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center. This year's theme is the Men of MANiFest since June 19th falls on Father's Day! The program promises musical, dance and spoken word performances. The Town of Fuquay-Varina is a proud partner. More info: www.casf-v.org

Schedule Changes for July 4th

Fuquay-Varina town government facilities will be closed for operations on Monday, July 4. Garbage collection will be unaffected.

Arts Center Enjoying Success Winning Awards & Hearts!



The Fuquay-Varina Arts Center is a bustling place these days. In fact, it recently received a Maggie Award from *Main & Broad Magazine* as the Best Place for Kids' Programs or Camps. Readers vote on the award, making the honor sweeter to Arts Center Director Maureen Daly.

After much anticipation and planning, the Arts Center officially opened in March 2019, and like any new endeavor, it took some time to gain footing in the community. Then, just when things began to take off, the pandemic hit in March 2020, and the FVAC had to close for two months. When it reopened, classes were smaller and more individualized to adhere to Covid protocols. Daly believes this helped build a strong foundation of trust that has carried over to current programming. "We listened to parents' concerns and continue to provide that same level of service today. We're building a good reputation in the community and word is getting around!"

This summer, the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center is offering over 100 classes! Search online at www.FVArts.org to find a class!

Market Feasibility Study Approved

The Town of Fuquay-Varina recently awarded a contract for a Commercial, Retail, Hotel, and Market Feasibility Study to Kimley-Horn and Associates. The project goal is to objectively assess trends, demographics, economic conditions, and growth opportunities in Fuquay-Varina. Kimley-Horn will conduct public input and community informational meetings and employ data collection techniques to present public demands and internal and external market factors and conditions. The Town will use this data-driven project to support economic development strategies, planning, budget considerations, and future land use.

Keeping Fuquay-Varina Clean



More than 70 Town of Fuquay-Varina employees gathered on April 29 to "sweep" an 8-mile stretch of roadway and a half-mile of Park Depot greenway for litter. The team picked up 67 bags of trash, which is more than 1,600 pounds or 5,000 pieces. That's a lot of trash!

Litter Sweep events are a great way to help keep Fuquay-Varina clean and get outside and have fun with others. If you are interested in organizing a group (no matter the size) to perform a litter pickup event, visit FVStormwater.org for more information. Join us in the mission to keep Fuquay-Varina clean!

Find the latest
Town info at:

