



November 2022

Upcoming Public Meetings:

Town Board at 7 pm

November 7 (Monday)
November 22 (Tuesday)
December 5 (Monday)
December 20 (Tuesday)

Planning Board at 6 pm

November 21 (Monday)
December 19 (Monday)

Board of Adjustment at 7 pm

November 14 (Monday)
December 12 (Monday)

Meetings are at John W. Byrne
Municipal Building
134 N. Main Street
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Meetings can be viewed on the
Town's Facebook or YouTube page.

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Community Survey Will Measure Satisfaction with Services

The Town of Fuquay-Varina is conducting a Town-wide, statistically valid community survey to measure satisfaction with major Town services and gather input about issues facing the community. The results will enable Town leaders to assess the performance across many Town departments and services and help inform budget development, guide management decisions, identify areas for improvement, and ensure the best possible customer experience. This is the first resident satisfaction survey since the early 2000s.



"We encourage everyone who receives an invitation to participate in the survey, which will be rolled out in November," said Fuquay-Varina Mayor Blake Massengill. "We want to ensure the services we provide meet the expectations of our citizens, so we need to hear your opinions."

Randomly selected households within Fuquay-Varina's town limits will receive a letter to participate. In addition, citizens will have the option to participate by mail or online. Survey questions cover various topics, including public safety, parks and recreation, transportation, and economic development. Survey results will be presented to the Town Board in early 2023 and available on the Town's website at that time.

Our partner in this project is ETC Institute. This national firm has worked closely with local governments for more than 30 years to gather statistically valid and representative input from residents on a wide variety of issues and topics.



Town Seeks Input on Hilltop Needmore Park Proposed Master Plan

The Town is seeking input from the public on the Proposed Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve Master Plan from October 11, 2022, thru November 11, 2022. The proposed plan

incorporates public input gathered this past spring through numerous in-person meetings, an online survey, and Town program needs.

The proposed master plan, if approved, will be considered in the PRCR Comprehensive System-wide Plan, which is being revised in 2023.

Public presentation of the Proposed Master Plan to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Board will be on October 10, 2022, and to the Town Board on November 7, 2022. The anticipated adoption of the Master Plan is December 2022.

Provide feedback on the Proposed Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve Master Plan through November 11, 2022. www.LetsTalkFV.org

A Dash More News...

Loose Leaf Collection Continues

Loose leaf collection began October 10 and will continue through February 10, 2023. There is no need to call in a request for this service. Loose leaves will be picked up bi-weekly on the same week as your recycling pickup. Please place leaves on the curb where they are not blocking streets, sidewalks, or fire hydrants.

The Town is currently mailing the 2022-2023 Loose Leaf-Recycling Calendar in utility bills. You can also find it at www.fuquay-varina.org/garbage.

Financial Reporting Award

The Town of Fuquay-Varina received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This is the 8th year the Town has received the honor, which is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

Communications Award

At the 2022 Savvy Awards in September, held in conjunction with the City, County Communications and Marketing Annual Conference in Portland, OR, the Town of Fuquay-Varina received an Award of Excellence in the Promotional Video Category for the 2021 State of the Town which features Dashmore, a cartoon superhero, that travels thru 2021 to showcase the Town's accomplishments. The Town also won a Silver Award for Photography. Over 640 entries in 39 categories were received as part of the Savvy Awards program.

Nov. Closings & Garbage Collection

Due holidays in November, there will be the following changes in the Town's schedule:

Veteran's Day—Nov. 11

- Town gov't facilities closed
- Normal garbage collection

Thanksgiving—Nov. 24 & 25

- Town gov't facilities closed
- Thurs. and Fri. garbage customers should plan for garbage service on Fri. Nov. 25.

Construction Begins on Fire Station #4

In late September, officials from the Town of Fuquay-Varina and partner agencies in Wake County gathered to celebrate the start of construction on Fuquay-Varina Fire Station #4, located at 4821 Wade Nash Road. The 16,000-square-foot station will house the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department and Wake County Emergency Medical Services.



Expected to significantly reduce emergency response times in the Needmore Community and all areas North and West of downtown Fuquay-Varina, the station will be staffed with three firefighters and two paramedics and operate one fire engine and one ambulance, with plenty of room to add more units and personnel in the future.

The facility will include a separate decontamination building designed to help protect firefighters and keep contaminants out of the fire station and living quarters. In addition, a history room will highlight the Fuquay-Varina fire service's rich history, including a 1945 Mack Truck restored several years ago by the Fuquay-Varina Volunteer Firefighters Assn.

In 2021, the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department responded to 5,115 emergency calls making it the fourth busiest department in the county behind Raleigh, Cary, and Garner. The Town currently operates three fire stations in partnership with Wake County to service these calls.

Davis Kane Architects designed the project, and Bobbitt is leading construction. Station 4 is expected to be completed in late 2023.

Holiday Events for a Merry Season



The **Town Tree Lighting** will be Thurs., December 1, 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 and an Artist Village hosted by the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center. Santa will be at the Fuquay Mineral Spring Park (104

W. Spring St.). **Sleigh Rides**, which are ticketed, will be available from 6-8 pm and are sponsored by Fuquay-Varina Downtown Assn. If you have questions: info@fuquay-varinadowntown.com.

The Fuquay-Varina Chamber will host the annual **Christmas Parade** on Sun., December 4 at 4 pm in downtown Fuquay. Learn more at www.fuquay-varina.com.

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