



Upcoming Public Meetings:

Town Board at 7 pm

December 5 (Monday)
December 20 (Tuesday)
January 3 (Tuesday)
January 17 (Tuesday)

Planning Board at 6 pm

December 19 (Monday)

Board of Adjustment at 7 pm

December 12 (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

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December 2022

Small Business Connect Event *Starting a Business in Fuquay-Varina*

The Town of Fuquay-Varina hosted its first-ever Small Business Connect event on Thursday, October 27, at the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center, sponsored by the Fuquay-Varina Economic Development Commission and Ting.



Small Business Connect served as a valuable resource for entrepreneurs and small business owners by addressing how to start a business, operate a business in Fuquay-Varina, apply for small business loans, and more.

"The first Small Business Connect was a resounding success," said Tiffany McNeill, Fuquay-Varina's Economic Development Director and event organizer. "I am grateful for the participants, resource providers, and panelists who shared their knowledge. From providing employment opportunities to offering quality services, Fuquay-Varina is consistently rated as one of the best places to live in North Carolina thanks in part to our businesses."

The event kicked off with remarks from Mayor Blake Massengill, who shared his dedication to supporting Fuquay-Varina businesses and appreciation for the 60 guests in attendance for considering investing in the community.

Representatives from Carolina Small Business Development Fund, Fidelity Bank, North State Bank, Thread Capital, and Wells Fargo educated participants on financing their businesses and connected with business resource providers at the event.

The event concluded with a presentation from Dawn Booker, a global marketing strategist, who shared her digital marketing and brand strategy expertise.

The Town of Fuquay-Varina looks forward to engaging with new and existing businesses and assisting individuals through every step of starting and growing their businesses. To learn more about business development in Fuquay-Varina, visit BuildFV.org.

Town Adds New Development Liaison Service

We understand that the building process can be complex. There's a lot to know and a lot to coordinate. The Town of Fuquay-Varina now has someone to help navigate various building processes and provide customer project support. The Town of Fuquay-Varina has hired a Development Liaison to serve as the first point of contact for individuals and businesses seeking information about the development process in Fuquay-Varina.

Our new Development Liaison will help make connections with various staff involved in the development review process and act as a bridge between the development services departments, organizing internal meetings and identifying and coordinating big-picture project needs. If you're interested in utilizing this free service, contact planning at 919-552-1429.

A dash more news...

Transit Study Update

The Planning Department has contracted with Toole Design for a transit study to examine the feasibility of bus routes for Town residents. This transit study will help determine whether a circulator, an express route, or both are viable options for the Town. A successful solution would provide citizens with limited access to personal transportation with quick, reliable service to popular destinations and transport residents around and just outside of Town. The study kicked off in mid-October and should conclude shortly after the new year. The public will have opportunities for various forms of engagement as the study progresses. Stay tuned to the Town's social media for updates on future opportunities to share your thoughts on this exciting new project!

Closings & Garbage Collection

Town government facilities will be closed on December 23, 26 and 27 to observe the Christmas holiday. Garbage collection will run on a normal schedule. Please place carts as usual.

Recruits Start Fire Service Career

In early October, nine fire recruits who will become Fuquay-Varina firefighters started the Wake County Fire Academy's 38-week program to receive hands-on training and classroom instruction to obtain their Firefighter and EMT certifications.



These recruits are part of the "Career in a Year" program, Wake County's first-ever paid academy, which allows recruits to train while earning a full salary and benefits. The program also increases diversity in the fire service. More than 100 people applied for the available positions. The recruits will graduate in Spring 2023 when construction on Fire Station #4 should be complete.

Holiday Magic at the Arts Center

There are lots of great shows and programs!
www.FVArts.org

Holidays Happenings

Events

The **Town Tree Lighting** will be Thursday, December 1, in the Fuquay Business District (205 S. Main Street) 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.



New this year! The **Tacky Sweater Party in Downtown** on Saturday, December 3 from 11 am—3 pm in the Fuquay Business District. Wear your favorite tacky sweater, enjoy live music from Crush, food trucks and local breweries. Shop local for your holiday gifts!

The Fuquay-Varina Chamber will host the annual **Christmas Parade** on Sunday, December 4 at 4 pm in downtown. Note that the parade starts one-hour later than in previous years!



The **Fuquay Mineral Spring Park** will be decorated with majestic lights after Dec. 1 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 2023.

Order the **2022 Fuquay-Varina Christmas Ornament** at www.fuquay-varina.org/store. Remember, the town does not ship items. Pick-up items at 134 N. Main Street. Great gifts and keepsakes!

Find details about events at Fuquay-Varina.org/HolidayEvents.

Staying Safe this Holiday Season

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk of fire. As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame-resistant or flame-retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- If using a real tree, add water to the tree stand and be sure to add water daily.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source.
- Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.