



Upcoming Meetings

Town Board—7 pm

- October 2 — Cancelled
- October 17 (Tuesday)
- November 6 (Monday)
- November 21 (Tuesday)

Board of Adjustment—7 pm

- October 9 (Monday)
- November 13 (Monday)

Planning Board—6 pm

- October 16 (Monday)
- November 20 (Monday)

Meetings at:

John W. Byrne Municipal Building,
134 N. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina

Also on: Facebook and YouTube

Town Board Members

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Commissioner Bill Harris
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Commissioner Bryan Haynes
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Fuquay-Varina Voters to Decide Parks and Recreation Bond Issue in Upcoming November Election

Fuquay-Varina provides opportunities to live, work, and play. That's why it's one of the fastest-growing towns in North Carolina and has been rated as one of the best places to live in the country.

As a part of the Town's 2022 Community Survey, 92% of our residents indicated that Fuquay-Varina is a great place to live, and the quality of parks and greenways are a priority.

Our parks, trails, recreation facilities, and programs significantly contribute to residents' quality of life, providing recreational opportunities and facilities that enhance social development and community well-being. They are a key component of our community's new growth and strong roots.



Quality-of-life enhancements are necessary to keep up with the growing demand and are made possible by strategic decision-making and community investments. To keep up with that demand, our goals are to construct new recreation facilities and Town park amenities and make existing facility improvements to meet the needs of our community today and in the future.

On November 7, 2023, Fuquay-Varina residents will have the opportunity to vote on a Parks and Recreation Bond totaling \$60 million.

The referendum will ask voters whether they approve of the Town's use of General Obligation (G.O.) Bond financing to pay for parks and recreation projects.

Potential projects identified in the 2024 Comprehensive Systemwide Master Plan to be advanced with Bond funding include:

- *Future Recreational Park*, 70+ acres, including baseball, softball, soccer, and similar outdoor athletics fields, shelter, restrooms, and other amenities. Location TBD.
- *Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve Improvements*, Implementation of priorities from the adopted Master Plan, including two ballfields, pickleball courts, resurfacing of walking trails, and additional parking.
- *Indoor Sports Complex* for basketball, pickleball, volleyball, and other indoor sports.
- *Greenway*, Location TBD
- *Fuquay-Varina Community Center Renovation*



Parks and Recreation Bond (continued)

What is the tax implication?

If the Parks and Recreation Bond is passed, the tax implication for a \$60 million bond could impact property tax by an increase of up to 8 cents. The impact on the median family home in Fuquay-Varina (\$280,106 as of January 2022) would be \$224 per year or \$19 per month.

Historically, the Fuquay-Varina Town Board has tried to minimize the tax impact by utilizing growth in revenues, grant funding, and staggering projects in phases.



In 2021, citizens passed an \$18.5 million Parks and Recreation Bond funding Community Center North at Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve, which will begin construction this fall and open to the public in early 2025. Utilizing several strategies, the Town brought the project in at a 3-cent property tax rate increase as opposed to a 4.5-cent property tax rate increase, which was initially discussed as the potential impact of passing the 2021 Bond Referendum.

Election Day is November 7, 2023. Learn more about the Fuquay-Varina Parks and Recreation Bond Referendum at www.FVBonds.org.

2040 Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Let's Talk Transportation! Town staff recently kicked off the development of Fuquay-Varina's 2040 Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). A multidepartment effort, the CTP will identify improvements for all modes of transportation and create recommendations that efficiently and effectively move vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders through Town.

We need your input!

There will be multiple opportunities for you to provide your feedback on the CTP throughout the plan's timeline. Visit LetsTalkFV.org for the latest updates.



Our first outreach events are coming in October so be sure to save the date and participate!

- **Online Survey** – Take our online survey to share your thoughts about your vision for transportation in the future! The survey will launch Monday, October 2 on the project website.
- **Pop-Up Event** – Come out to the Celebrate Fuquay-Varina Festival on Saturday, October 7 and stop by our booth to learn more about the plan.
- **Public Workshop** – We're holding a public workshop in October. Check the project website for more details to come!

Municipal Elections – November 7

Election Day for Fuquay-Varina municipal elections is November 7. Citizens will elect the mayor and four commissioners. The following are registered candidates (listed in alphabetical order) for elected office in Fuquay-Varina:

- **Mayor:** Blake Massengill
- **Commissioner:** Charlie Adcock, Michael Ferig, Marilyn Gardner, Bill Harris, Elizabeth Parent, Nolan Perry, Jason Wunsch

Learn more about the candidates at a forum hosted by the Fuquay-Varina Chamber on Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 pm at the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center, 123 E. Vance Street.

Loose Leaf Collections Begins Oct. 16

Loose leaf season runs October 16 through February 2, 2024, and is collected the same week as your recycling. Pickup does not need to be requested.

Please place leaves in one large pile on the curb by Sunday evening. Leaf piles must be free of rocks, limbs, sticks, and other debris. Do not place leaves on tarps or in containers. Leaf piles should also not block traffic, sidewalks, or fire hydrants or interfere with drainage.



Other yard debris, such as grass clippings, pulled weeds, and small pruned branches, should be placed in containers. Larger debris, such as tree limbs, should be stacked in one pile. These types of yard debris pickups will need to be requested by using the online Yard Debris Request Form located on the Town of Fuquay-Varina's website. If you do not have access to the internet, you can request a pickup by calling (919) 552-1408. The deadline for requesting yard debris pickup is 5 pm on Monday for pickup between Tuesday and Friday of the same week.

Please note that the Town does not collect rocks, sod, mulch, or dirt/soil.

Find the latest Town information:

