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FUQUAY-VARINA

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Meet Dash—Fuquay-Varina's K-9 Officer



Dash poses with Master Officer Taylor Callas.

The Fuquay-Varina Police Department has a new member and he's furry! Please welcome K-9 Dash, a multi-use police canine, who joined the Department in October 2017 after a careful selection process. Dash, a 16-month old German Shepherd, is assigned to Canine Handler, Master Officer Taylor Callas. Together, they form Fuquay-Varina's first K-9 unit. Dash isn't a pet. He is a trained police canine and he's ready to work!

As a multi-purpose use K-9, Dash is trained in obedience, agility, narcotics detection, apprehension, article search/evidence recovery, open area searches, building searches, protection of his handler and tracking/trailing as a patrol canine. Both Dash and his handler,

Officer Callas, work as a team as Dash accompanies Officer Calls on foot or in a patrol vehicle when responding to police calls for service and special operations. Dash also lives with Officer Callas when off-duty.

Both Officer Callas and Dash attended training from October 2017 to January 2018. Upon graduation from canine school, which was held in Cary and hosted by the Cary Police Department, both Officer Callas and Dash were assigned to the Special Operations Division as a support unit to Patrol Operations. Dash and Officer Callas were introduced to the Board of Commissioners and the Town during the January 16, 2018 Board Meeting.

You'll soon be able to meet Officer Taylor Callas and Dash at various events. In fact, the team will attend Teen Day Fuquay-Varina on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Falcon Park. We're excited to have this resource added to the Fuquay-Varina Police Department as we're sure this new crime fighting team will make a positive impact within our Town.

Business is Booming in Fuquay-Varina

Fuquay-Varina has worked diligently to create an environment where people and businesses want to invest. In late February, the Town created and launched a video that demonstrates why Fuquay-Varina is one of the most innovative and collaborative communities in which to start a business. Make sure to check the video out at www.BuildFV.com

Public Meetings

Town Board	Mon., Mar. 5
Planning Board	Mon., Mar. 19
Presentation of the State of the Town	Tue., Mar 20 6:30 pm
Town Board	Tues., Mar. 20
Town Board	Mon., Apr. 2
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Apr. 9
Downtown Business Collaborative Development Office	Thur., Apr. 12 9 am
Planning Board	Mon., Apr. 16
Town Board	Tue., Apr. 17

Unless indicated, meetings start at 7 pm.
Town Hall, 401 Old Honeycutt Road,
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
See all events at fuquay-varina.org

Elected Officials

Mayor John W. Byrne jbyrne@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 552-6415
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A dash more news...

— Come hear the annual State of the Town address on Tues., March 20 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. Mayor John W. Byrne will highlight achievements from 2017 and discuss the Town's strategic vision for the coming year. Not able to make the meeting? No worries. The video presented at the meeting will be shared on social media and available at www.fuquay-varina.org.

— Town government facilities will be closed on Friday, March 30 in honor of the Easter holiday. Garbage collection will be unaffected. Please place carts as usual.

— Gateway signs have been installed at major entrances to the town on Phelps-West Road, Bowling Road and at Five Points. The signs welcome visitors and those returning home and include the Town's new logo and tagline. In the future, additional gateway signs will be added at various entry points to town.

— The water tower near the Community Center is undergoing regular maintenance which should be completed by the end of March. When unveiled, the refurbished water tower will have a new coat of paint and the Town's new logo.

— The Town of Fuquay-Varina is a great place to work! Check out available employment opportunities at www.fuquay-varina.org/jobs.

— Thanks for participating in the Town's Valentine's Day Blood Drive! Together, we donated 31 pints and helped save 93 lives.

— If you've driven in town recently, you know there is a great deal of road construction taking place. Stay up to date with current traffic updates at www.fuquay-varina.org/trafficupdates or on the Town's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Spring Events



Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for the Easter Egg Hunt at **South Park** on Sunday, March 25 at 2 pm.

Usually held on a Saturday, the event has been moved to Sunday so it won't conflict with a scheduled WCPSS snow make-up day!

Grab a basket or bag and plan to bring the kids for what has become a wonderful Fuquay-Varina tradition. Children ages 10 and under are invited to participate. The Easter Bunny is eager to pose with kids, so make sure to bring a camera.



Teen Day Fuquay

Teen Day Fuquay will be held on Saturday, April 14 from 10 am - 1 pm at Falcon Park located at 105 Falcon Drive. Please note this is a new location from previous years!

Teen Day Fuquay is a free, hands-on learning experience to help teens understand that distracted driving can have devastating consequences. Take the Drive Wise Course Challenge, listen to music, hang out with friends and meet Fuquay-Varina police and fire personnel. Free pizza and soda will be served around 12:00 pm. More info: www.teendayfuquay.com



Follow Me To Fuquay-Varina Concert Series

The spring series promises the perfect blend of music and local flavor! Local food and beer vendors will be on site. There will be a free kids zone featuring Mimi the Clown and inflatables.

All concerts are free and held at Centennial Square located at 102 N. Main Street. from 6:30-9:30 pm. Learn more at www.fuquay-varina.org/FM2FV. Here's the schedule:

Thursday, April 12 – Jim Quick and Coastline

Thursday, April 26 – Band of Oz

Thursday, May 10 – Hip Pocket

Reporting Potholes

Potholes are common during the winter months when water seeps into cracks in the road and ice forms. Those cracks widen, causing the asphalt to rise and then traffic loosens the pavement, eventually creating a pothole.

To report a pothole on a town-maintained road, call 919-753-1027. Report a pothole on an NCDOT maintained road online at <https://www.ncdot.gov/contact/report/pothole/>.

Private roads and business parking lots are maintained by the owner.