

# FOCUS

## FUQUAY-VARINA

April 2018

### Youth Sports Hits It Out of the Park



Youth Sports is popular! The Town's inaugural program began in Winter 2013 offering basketball, skills & drills and dance troupe. Since then, the program has expanded to offer baseball, t-ball, softball, soccer, volleyball, tackle and flag football, and cheerleading.

Since the Youth Sports Program began, combined registration for winter and spring sports has increased dramatically from 1,504 to 3,131 registrants or by 108%. In total more than 22,400 kids have played a sport through the Town's Youth Sports Programs since it all began with the 2012-2013 Winter season.

The cost remains \$40 per sport for in-town residents with a cost of \$65 per sport for non-residents. For those demonstrating need, the Town and sponsors have been able to provide a total of 214 financial scholarships for the current year. This is a winning situation for everyone involved! We believe all kids should be able to participate in the program that emphasizes skills, sportsmanship and team building.

Currently, the spring season is in full swing, but it's never too early to think about getting in the game! Fall Sports will begin registration in early summer. We are always looking for adult coaches! Find more information on youth sports at [www.fvparks.org](http://www.fvparks.org).

### State of the Town

Did you miss the State of the Town address on March 20? No worries! Check out the new State of the Town Video at [www.fuquay-varina.org/citizenreport](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/citizenreport). The video is fun, informative and gives a year's worth of highlights in a few minutes, plus it's just plain cool! This past year was a great one and 2018 is going to be a very busy year! Make sure to take a few minutes to review this awesome video!



### Public Meetings

Town Board	Mon., Apr. 2
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Apr. 9
PRCR Advisory Board Community Center	Mon., Apr. 9 7 pm
Downtown Business Collaborative Development Office	Thur., Apr. 12 9 am
Planning Board	Mon., Apr. 16
Town Board	Tue., Apr. 17
Town Board	Mon., May 7
Board of Adjustment	Mon., May 14
Planning Board	Mon., May 21
Town Board	Tues., May 22

Unless indicated, meetings start at 7 pm.  
Town Hall, 401 Old Honeycutt Road,  
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526  
See all events at [fuquay-varina.org](http://fuquay-varina.org)

### Elected Officials

<b>Mayor</b> <b>John W. Byrne</b> jbyrne@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 552-6415
<b>Mayor Pro Temp</b> <b>Blake Massengill</b> bmassengill@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 346-1818
<b>Commissioners</b> <b>Charlie Adcock</b> cadcock@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 552-8781
<b>Marilyn Gardner</b> mgardner@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 552-7091
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<b>Jason Wunsch</b> jwunsch@fuquay-varina.org	(919) 624-1224

## More spring events...

### Clean Sweep—April 7

The Town of Fuquay-Varina will host a Clean Sweep event on Sat., April 7 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm at Carroll Howard Johnson Environmental Park. Volunteers will help spruce up the park! Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact [mpoling@fuquay-varina.org](mailto:mpoling@fuquay-varina.org).

### Growers Market Opens

The Growers Market opens for the season on Sat., April 21 at Centennial Square located at 102 N. Main Street. Find fresh, local food every Saturday from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Find more information at [www.growers-market.com](http://www.growers-market.com).

### Heritage Day—May 5

Learn about Fuquay-Varina's history at Heritage Day on Sat., May 5 from 10 am – 4 pm at the Fuquay-Varina History Museum and adjoining Ashworth Park. The event will feature tours of the many historic buildings, presentations and old-fashioned games for the kids. The Tarheel A's will be onsite with a display of Ford Model A's. The event is free. Lunch will be available for a nominal fee. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Museum and the Town of Fuquay-Varina.

### Senior Services Expo

The Fuquay-Varina Chamber will host a Senior Services Expo on Mon., May 7 from 10 am – 2 pm at Fire Station #1 located at 301 S. Fuquay Avenue. This free resource fair hosts more than 40 providers offering insight, expertise, and solutions for aging adults and caregivers. As an added bonus, there will be a Shredding Truck on site providing free shredding!

### FM2FV Concerts

Don't miss these free concerts at Centennial Square from 6:30-9:30 pm. Local food and beer vendors on site. Free kids zone. Here's the spring line-up:  
April 12—Jim Quick & Coastline  
April 26—Band of Oz  
May 10—Hip Pocket

## R U OK? Program

The Fuquay-Varina Police recently added the Are You OK (R U OK?) Program to their long list of community outreach programs. R U OK? is designed to contact senior citizens and/or the disabled that live alone and may not have a family member living locally that can check on them every day. It is a service offered free of charge and is available to subscribers on a volunteer basis.



Subscribers to the service get a call at a pre-determined time every day with a pre-recorded message. If a subscriber fails to respond to several prompts, the Fuquay-Varina Police will dispatch an officer to check on them. Subscribers can choose the time for the call which can be changed to accommodate when a subscriber might be out of the home such as vacation or a doctor's visit.

This system is a great benefit to those residents in our community that live alone and is made possible through the generous support of the Fuquay-Varina Jr. Women's Club.

If you are interested in this service for yourself or a loved one, please contact the Fuquay-Varina Police at 919-552-3191 or [rsmith@fuquay-varina.org](mailto:rsmith@fuquay-varina.org).

### Freedom Balloon Fest—May 25-28

For the third year in a row, Fuquay-Varina will be the host city for the Freedom Balloon Fest, scheduled over Memorial Day. Last year, more than 100,000 people attended the four-day event.



**Please note: Hot air balloons only fly in the morning or in late afternoon/early evening when the weather is most suitable for flying because the air is the most stable. During the middle of the day, rising pockets of hot air prevent flying, particularly in warmer weather.**

The festival will feature competitive balloon flights, tethered balloon rides, evening glows and a myriad of activities planned from sunrise to sunset. Hot air balloons will only fly in the morning and late afternoon/early evenings but there will be plenty to see and do. Expect a great weekend with lots of activity, entertainment and food.

The Freedom Balloon Fest is a community service event produced by Project Uplift USA, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to veterans and military families. Funds raised will support local military veterans' organizations. Volunteers are always needed!

Plan your festival experience by visiting [www.freedomballoonfest.com](http://www.freedomballoonfest.com). Make sure to download the Project Uplift USA App to ensure up-to-the-minute information. Balloon flights are very dependent on the weather.