

FOCUS

On Fuquay-Varina

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Town Board	Mon., Feb. 6
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Feb. 13
Town Board Planning Session	Feb. 14 & 15 (8 a.m.—4 p.m.)
Planning Board	Mon., Feb. 20
Town Board	Tues., Feb. 21
Town Board	Mon., March 5
Board of Adjustment	Mon., March 12
Planning Board	Mon., March 19
Town Board	Tues., March 20
Town Easter Egg Hunt Community Center	Sat., March 31 10 a.m..
Downtown Candy Hop Downtown F-V	Sat., March 31 11 a.m.

Meetings start at 7 pm at
Town Hall located
at 401 Old Honeycutt Road.
Other event times and places indicated.

Fuquay-Varina's Elected Officials

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Feed the Bin and Win Begins February 1

Starting February 1, 2012, the Town will randomly select addresses from the recycling customer database and visit them to see if they have placed their recycle bin at the curb for pick up. If the selected address has its bin at the curb, that customer will win \$50.00. Make sure your recycling bin is curbside after 7:00 pm on Tuesday before your regularly scheduled pick-up day! Recycling bins must be left at the curb until 8:00 a.m. to verify a winner.



Recycling saves money and it could put \$50 in your pocket!

This Feed the Bin recycling education program is funded by a Waste Management Recycle America grant and a contribution by Joseph C. Ogburn, CPA. No taxpayer money will be used to fund the program however it will be administered by the Town of Fuquay-Varina.

If you don't have a recycle bin and want to take part in the Feed the Bin promotion, please call 552-1408 and request a recycle bin and leave your address; a recycle bin will be provided to you at no cost.

A minimum of two \$50 awards will be made each week from February 1—May 30, 2012. Weekly winners will be posted at www.fuquay-varina.org/feedthebin and will be notified in writing. Award checks will be made payable to the account holder at the winning address.

Recycling saves money, preserves valuable landfill space, and supports a cleaner environment. Recycling is a win-win and now you could WIN a \$50 prize just for recycling!

Temporary Changes In Drinking Water



Each year during the month of March, the Town of Fuquay-Varina temporarily changes the water treatment process by suspending the use of ammonia. This disinfection process is a state-mandated practice to ensure safe drinking water. Customers who use kidney dialysis machines and have fish aquariums should be aware that water may contain chlorine, ammonia or a mixture of the two from March 1-April 1, 2012. The Town will also conduct flushing of the distribution system during this time. Customers may experience a slight discoloration of their drinking water.

For more information, visit www.fuquay-varina.org/waterchanges or call 552-1408.

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31
South Park, 10:00 a.m.



12,000 Candy & Toy Filled Eggs
Easter Bunny, Special Prizes
All Free!!

Bring a basket & camera.
Event will be held rain or shine.

FY 2012-2013 Budget Schedule

The Town of Fuquay-Varina's budget process will begin in February with the dissemination of budget packets to all town departments with the final date for submission of all requests due in early-March. The deadline for non-profit requests is March 5. All citizens of the Town of Fuquay-Varina are encouraged to present comments regarding the Town's priorities and desirable levels of service at a pre-budget meeting on February 21 at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Comments may also be voiced in writing prior to the February 21st meeting. Please send comments to Town of Fuquay-Varina, Finance Director, 401 Old Honeycutt Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526.

The Town Manager and Finance Director will review requests by department directors. The Town Manager will present his recommended budget to the Town Board and public on May 22. There will be a public hearing on the FY 2012-2013 budget set on June 4. All meetings begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

After a public comment period the Board then will adopt the budget ordinance for the proposed budget of one year (July 1-June 30). Keep up-to-date on the budget by visiting, www.fuquay-varina.org/finance.

Wake County Council on Fitness Appointment

The Town's own Anthony DiMarzio, a Program Coordinator with the Parks & Recreation Department for the past 4 years, has been appointed to the Wake County Council on Fitness and Health to serve a 2-year term. The Wake County Council on Fitness and Health promotes the importance of physical fitness, organizes resources to create fitness initiatives, and act as a catalyst in stimulating new community ventures.



ABC Grant Makes Teen Day Fuquay a Reality on May 5th

The Town of Fuquay-Varina is pleased to announce that the Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$39,270 from the Wake County ABC Board. The grant will be used to sponsor the second Teen Day Fuquay event on Saturday, May 5 from 11 am – 4 pm at the Fuquay-Varina Community Center with the bulk of the money being used to purchase a driving simulator.

Teen Day Fuquay, an alcohol and distracted driving awareness program, offers pre-teens and teens the opportunity to experience the realities of mixing alcohol and texting with driving using a variety of technology. The hands-on learning experience, coupled with youth activities, a concert and free pizza, was extremely well-received by the community in 2011 with more than 1,000 people attending the first-time event. Fuquay-Varina High School and Fuquay-Varina Middle School, including more than 40 volunteers from the Key and Beta



Clubs, strongly supported the program and encouraged teens to attend the day where teens learned to drive wise while also having fun. Both schools are onboard this year to support and promote the teen driving initiative event.

This year's free event on Saturday, May 5th will include a driving simulator, driving obstacle course, seat-belt convincer, Iron Man Obstacle course, rock wall, live music, lunch and other fun activities that will encourage critical driving and thinking skills. The first 500 participants to complete the Drive Wise Learning Course will receive a free t-shirt. Teens are still talking about last year's event, so make sure to mark your calendar for this exciting, enriching learning experience that may help save a life. For more information and event updates, visit www.TeenDayFuquay.com or become a friend at Face Book.



Repair Your Leaking Toilets: Save Water and Save On Your Water Bill



High water bills are often caused by leaking toilets that can waste large amounts of water.

Most water waste is caused by a leaking flapper or a faulty fill valve that stays open. An open fill valve can have water flowing through it at a rate of three to five gallons per minute or 4,000 – 7,000 gallons a day. If you can hear your toilet running loudly, it means you could be wasting large amounts of water. Even if you have a small leak, it's worth the money and time to make necessary repairs.

To determine if you have a leaking flapper, flush the toilet and while the toilet is filling add 2-3 drops of food coloring. If the bowl water is the color of the dye after 5-30 minutes, then the flapper is leaking. Another way to check for leaks is to lift the tank lid and look at the back wall of the toilet tank. You will see a water line that marks the level at which water fills the tank. Mark the actual water level with a pencil. Flush the toilet and watch the tank refill. If the water rises above the pencil mark (and then goes down afterward) then you probably have a flapper leak. If the water level rises above the pencil mark, then you probably have a fill valve that is not working.

Once you've identified the source of the leak, you can fix it yourself or call a licensed plumber to make the repair. Don't flush money down the toilet! Make sure to get the leak fixed.

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