

FOCUS

On Fuquay-Varina

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Town Board	Tues., Jan. 3
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Jan. 9
Planning Board	Tues., Jan. 10
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	Mon., Jan 16
Town Board	Tues., Jan., 17

A Note About Board Meetings

Town Board Meeting – Meets the first Monday of each month and the third Tuesday of each month.

Board of Adjustment Meeting – Meets the second Monday of each month.

The Planning Board – Meets the third Monday of each month.

Adjustments are made for the holidays.

All meetings start at 7:00 pm at Town Hall located at 401 Old Honeycutt Rd.

Fuquay-Varina's Elected Officials

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Start the New Year with Resolution to Practice Fire Safety



Looking for a New Year's resolution that can benefit you and your family and is easy to accomplish with great rewards?

The Fuquay-Varina Fire Department suggests putting the improvement of your home fire safety on the top of your list of New Year's resolutions. House fires lead the nation in loss of life, property and monetary damages. The saddest fact of all is that nearly all house fires are preventable with fire and smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, fire escape plans and education.

The Fuquay-Varina Fire Department recommends you include the following in your plans for a fire safe home:

- Make and practice a Home Fire Escape Plan with the entire family. Have fire drills in the home. Identify alternate escape routes. Make sure everyone in the home knows how to dial 911 and what information they'll need to provide in an emergency.
- Install and maintain smoke detectors in your home. For best protection, a smoke detector should be installed on every level of the home, outside of every sleeping area and in every sleeping room.
- Check your home for fire hazards.
- When cooking, never leave food unattended.
- Learn how to operate a portable fire extinguisher and keep at least one in your home.

Make a New Year's Resolution to Go Green!

This is your opportunity to save time and money by "Going Green" with the Town's eUtilities Program. Log onto the town's website and click your way to green. All you need is your account number and your last name. Some of the things you can do when you log onto your account are:

- **Get eBill notification** that your bill is ready to view and print from the comfort of your home. The notification is sent the minute your bill is produced – this is the fastest way to receive your utility bill.
- Even if you choose to receive your bill delivered to you using the postal system, you can still log onto your account and **view and print your bill**, see your billing history and even see a graph of your usage over time.
- **School enrollment verification** – When enrolling your child in school, you will need proof of residency. Print your current bill at home and use it as proof.
- Regardless of how you choose to receive your utility bill, you can log onto your account and **make a payment using a credit or debit card**. The payment posts almost instantly to your account.

Make it your New Year's resolution to go Green – it's a WIN-WIN resolution. To access eUtilities go to www.fuquay-varina.org. Remember – all you need is your account number and your last name.

Get Ready for Winter Weather



Old man winter is here which can mean snow and ice. The best advice for driving in bad winter weather is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it. Don't go out until the snow plows and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work, and allow extra time to reach your destination. Again, the best advice for driving in icy, snowy weather is to stay home and wait for the weather and the roads to clear!

When weather forecasters are calling for the possibility of snow and sleet, the Town of Fuquay-Varina Public Works Department stands ready to assist by monitoring weather conditions, preparing to salt and sand, and clearing snowy roads with six pieces of winter weather fighting equipment. Town priorities include treating major bridges, Highways 401, 55 and 42, and other major routes through town followed by primary roads then secondary roads. The town does treat or clear private roads or parking lots. If inclement weather strikes, do not park on streets so that Town equipment can get to service areas.



Program Guide Now Available

The 2012 Jan.-April Parks & Recreation Program and Event Guide is now available at the Community Center, Town Hall,

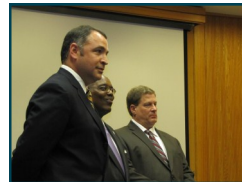
and the Fuquay-Varina Chamber or online at www.fvparcs.org. In 2012, resolve to get involved, get active, learn a new hobby and meet friends at the Fuquay-Varina Community Center.

Old Honeycutt Road Traffic Signal

Crews with the North Carolina Department of Transportation have been installing a footing for a traffic light at the intersection of Judd Parkway and Old Honeycutt Road. Expect the traffic light to be operational this winter.

Elected Officials in the News

- **Mayor John Byrne and Commissioners Charlie Adcock, Bill Harris and Ed Ridpath** took the oath of office on December 5, 2011 after being elected in November. All are incumbents except Ridpath who joins the governing team this year. Commissioner Charlie Adcock was elected as Mayor Pro Tempore, a position held by Commissioner Cindy Sheldon over the past two years.



During the meeting, the Board praised Commissioner Sheldon, whose current term runs through 2013, for her commitment, dedication and hard work as Mayor Pro Tempore. Commissioner Jim Abernethy also serves on the Fuquay-Varina Board of Commissioners.

- **Fuquay-Varina Commissioner Cindy Sheldon** was recently installed as President of the Home Builders Association of Wake County. Ms. Sheldon is the first woman to ever be elected to the position. As the largest single county HBA in the country and the overall second largest HBA in the country, the association provides members with a wide range of resources and information on issues involving the homebuilding industry such as land use, economic and legal matters.



- In early December, Fuquay-Varina **Mayor John W. Byrne** received the Benemerenti Medal for dedicated service to the Catholic Church. The medal is the highest honor bestowed by the Catholic Church on a lay person and is granted by the Pope. In making the nomination of Mr. Byrne to Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Burbidge cited Mr. Byrne's great leadership in the founding of St. Bernadette Parish with 50 fellow parishioners in 1987. Mr. Byrne has served either as the chairman or as a member of every building committee since the erection of the parish and has served on the parish Finance Council for over twenty years. He has also served most notably in bringing St. Bernadette's Anglo parishioners and its immigrant Hispanic parishioners into greater unity."



G.R.E.A.T Expands Program to Schools



Officer Perna with G.R.E.A.T. graduate at Herbert Akins School.

Over the past six years, the Fuquay-Varina Police Department has had more than 1,000 fifth graders from Lincoln Heights Elementary graduate from the G.R.E.A.T. Program which stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training. The goal of the program is to teach good decision making and common sense to pre-teens transitioning from elementary school to middle school. The program helps young people acquire and practice

positive life skills such as thinking before acting, dealing with bullies, communicating, respecting others and being good citizens.

Because the program has been so successful, the department has trained four additional officers to teach the course and extended the program to all five Fuquay-Varina Elementary Schools. A program targeted at older teens will begin at Fuquay-Varina Middle School in early 2012. The officers teaching the G.R.E.A.T. program are Scottie Hinton, Cindy Perna, Allison Pasterick, Wayne Dauphinais and Mike McDonald. Captain Jeff Dunn oversees the program.