

FOCUS

On Fuquay-Varina

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Town Board Swearing-In Ceremony Newly Elected Officials	Mon., Dec. 5
Christmas Concert Community Center	Thurs., Dec. 8 7 pm
Dance Village Recital Community Center	Sat., Dec. 10 3 pm
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Dec. 12
Best Christmas Pageant Ever Play STARS Theater	Fri., Dec. 16 7 pm Sat., Dec. 17 2 & 7 pm
Planning Board	Mon., Dec. 19
Town Board	Tues., Dec. 20
Christmas Holiday Town Offices Closed	Mon., Dec. 26 Tues., Dec. 27
New Year's Holiday Town Offices Closed	Mon., Jan. 2
Town Board	Tues., Jan 3

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

Holiday Event Information



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Producers Scout Fuquay-Varina as Site for Television Show

On November 18th and 19th, the Oprah Winfrey Network and BBC Worldwide Productions visited the Town of Fuquay-Varina to scout it as a possible location for their new documentary series, Love Town, USA. Both networks are joining forces to find a picturesque town to be the setting of an unscripted television documentary series that will follow a group of singles over a 30 day period. During that time, an expert team of matchmakers will guide them in their quest for love and examine how it affects the community.



While in Fuquay-Varina, Producer Sherry Calhoun and Camera man Stan Fisher spoke with town officials, singles and married folks to get a sense of the community's enthusiasm for the show.

More than 200 excited folks descended on the Mineral Spring Park on November 19th to film a "shout out" to the producers letting them know that Fuquay-Varina is Love Town, USA by chanting and cheering. Producers were impressed with the turn-out and community spirit.

More than 50 people attended an earlier application party at Aviator Smokehouse. It's not too late to complete an application and submit it to lovetownusa@gmail.com. Download an application at www.fuquay-varina.org/lovetown.

Election Results

The votes are in, and the ballots have been tabulated from November's general election of Fuquay-Varina's local officials. Citizens re-elected John W. Byrne to a 6th term as Mayor and incumbents Charlie Adcock and William "Bill" Harris to fill two of the three Board of Commissioner seats. Newcomer Ed Ridpath was elected to fill the seat formerly held by Jimmy Johnson who died in early April.



On Monday, December 5th, newly elected Town officials will be sworn in at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners. The public is invited to attend at 7:00 p.m.

Fuquay-Varina's Elected Officials

Mayor	
John W. Byrne jbyrne@fuquay-varina.org	552-6415
Mayor Pro Tempore	
Cindy Sheldon csheldon@fuquay-varina.org	422-7210
Commissioners	
Charlie Adcock cadcock@fuquay-varina.org	552-8781
Jim H. Abernethy jabernethy@fuquay-varina.org	552-9775
William H. Harris wharris@fuquay-varina.org	881-2446
Ed Ridpath eridpath@fuquay-varina.org	274-0744

Oct. Medicine Drop Results



Fuquay-Varina Police, in conjunction with the Wake County Sheriff's office, collected a total of 177 pounds of medicines at their third Medicine Drop in

October. A total of 30,543 dosage units with an approximate street value of \$152,715 were collected at the special event which is the third one to be held by the department in the past 12 months. Detective Sergeant Jeff Wenhart said, "Operation Medicine Drop is part of the department's commitment to combating the chronic and growing problem of prescription drug abuse." Items were turned over to the NC SBI for destruction. A spring 2012 Medicine Drop is planned.



Fire Fighter's Holiday Food Drive

Nov. 1—Dec. 17

Drop your donation at one
of our fire stations:

Station #1: 301 S. Fuquay Avenue, F-V
Station #2: 5617 Hilltop Road, F-V
Station #3: 2474 Bud Lipscomb Road, W-S

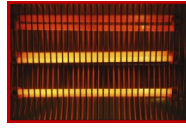
December Holiday Garbage Schedule

Christmas—Normal pick-up
New Year's Day—Normal pick-up



Now Available
Downtown Fuquay-Varina
& Town Buildings
Coming Soon to Town Parks

Heat Up Safely-Preventing Heater Fires



According to the National Fire Protection Association, heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Almost half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. These simple steps can help prevent most heating-related fires from happening:

Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.

Have heating equipment and chimneys

cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional and make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed and always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.

If a fire occurs, get out and stay out, then call 911.

Christmas Tree Pick-up



The Town collects Christmas trees at no charge through curbside pickup and a drop-off location. Christmas trees will be collected

curbside from December 28 to January 13, 2012. All non-vegetative materials (lights, tinsel, wire, ornaments, stands, etc.) must be removed. There is no specific day for pick-up. Trees will be removed as time warrants, so please leave your tree curbside and it will be collected as soon as possible. Trees may also be dropped at a convenience center located at Action Park located off Wake Chapel Road from December 26 through January 15, 2012. For more information, contact 919-753-1027.

Winterize Your Irrigation System

If you have an automatic irrigation system, now is the time to winterize it. Taking the necessary steps to protect your system now will help avoid costly repairs in the springtime. Frozen water expands and can rupture pipes when there is no room for the water to expand inside them. Winterizing your sprinklers will remove water from the pipes, and prevent damage due to cold weather.



Blow your system out using an air compressor, or drain your system manually at least two days before freezing weather arrives. Remove or insulate the backflow prevention device and other exposed pipes.

News Briefs

- Slow Down! The speed limit on Hwy 401 from Biscuitville to Sheetz has changed from 45 mph to 35 mph.
- The Fuquay-Varina Parks & Recreation Program and Event brochure for Jan-April 2012 will be available in print and online in mid-December. It's jam-packed with classes to help fulfill your New Year's Resolutions!
- In December, the Fuquay-Varina Police will graduate a new class of G.R.E.A.T. students from Lincoln Heights Elementary School which has graduated six G.R.E.A.T. classes and more than 950 students over the past few years. In November, 55 students from Herbert Akins Elementary graduated from the program for the first time. G.R.E.A.T. stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training.
- Get Town information faster! Sign-up for email newsletters at www.fuquay-varina.org/enews.
- Fast & convenient—Pay utility bills online at www.fuquay-varina.org/utilities.

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