

# FOCUS

On Fuquay-Varina

## Mark Your Calendar

Town Board	Mon. April 4
Board of Adjustment	Mon. April 11
Planning Board	Mon. April 18
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat. April 16
Town Board	Tues. April 19
Town Hall Closed Easter Holiday	Fri. April 22
Teen Day Fuquay F-V Community Center	Sat. April 30
Town Board	Mon. May 2
Board of Adjustment	Mon. May 9
Planning Board	Mon. May 16
Town Board	Tues. May 17
Celebrate F-V Street Concert-8 pm Historic Varina	Fri. June 3
Celebrate F-V Festival, 10 am—4 pm Historic Fuquay	Sat. June 4

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

### Anytime

#### eUtilities Online

Get utility bill information online at:  
[www.fuquay-varina.org](http://www.fuquay-varina.org)

#### Parks & Recreation Online

Learn about fitness, craft, art, pre-school, youth, teen, senior and specialty classes held at the Community Center at:  
<http://www.fuquay-varina.org/parks/downloads/Jan-April%202011.pdf>

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**Wisdom is a gift earned by experience.** Teen Day Fuquay, an alcohol and distracted driving awareness program sponsored by the Fuquay-Varina Police Department and made possible through a grant by the Wake County Board of Alcoholic Control, will offer teens ages 12 and up, the opportunity to experience the realities of mixing alcohol and texting with driving using high tech simulation in a safe environment. In too many cases, this experience comes in the real world with horrible consequences. Simulators, drunk

goggles, pedal karts, the seat belt convincer, stories from families impacted by drunk drivers – we'll use it all to drive home the message that drunk and distracted driving is not a wise choice.

Give the teen in your life the gift of wisdom! Help them learn the facts about drinking and texting while driving. Plan to attend Teen Day Fuquay on Saturday, April 30 at the FV Community Center from 11 am – 4 pm.

Free pizza, prizes, and high tech simulation to educate about the dangers of drinking and distracted driving. Learn more at [www.teendayfuquay.com](http://www.teendayfuquay.com) or become a Facebook friend at Teen Day Fuquay for updates on the event.

**Teen Day Fuquay—Saturday, April 30 ♦ 11 am—4 pm**  
**Fuquay-Varina Community Center**

## Wi-Fi Plan Approved



In early June, the Town of Fuquay-Varina will roll out a plan to provide free Wi-Fi – or wireless Internet access to

visitors in downtown Fuquay-Varina and the area surrounding Town Hall. The plan allows people wireless access to the World Wide Web throughout these areas rather than solely at pre-existing hotspots, such as cafes. The service is not intended to serve as the primary web connection for a business or individual and will have a time limit of 2 hours per session with a 2 session limit per 24 hour period. The goal of the plan, approved by the Town Board of Commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting on March 7, is to promote retail growth and visitors in downtown.

## eUtilities Online

[www.Fuquay-Varina.org/eutilities](http://www.Fuquay-Varina.org/eutilities)

- View or Print Utility Bills
- Pay by Master Card or Visa
- Sign-up for FREE e-bill Service



### eUtilities Online

**Makes it Easy to  
Manage Your Utility Bill!**

## Town of Fuquay-Varina News Briefs

### Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your basket and join the Easter Bunny for a traditional Easter Egg Hunt at South Park on Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 am. Free.

### GovDeal.com Auction Results

Since September, 2010, the Town of Fuquay-Varina has been auctioning surplus items through an online auction site called GovDeals.com. Over the past six months, the town has sold a total of \$151,219 in surplus items from all departments. Proceeds have been placed in the following funds respectively: General Fund: \$144,303; and Water and Sewer Fund: \$6,916.

### Easter Holiday

In observance of Easter, Fuquay-Varina government offices including Town Hall and the Community Center will be closed on Friday, April 22, 2011. Garbage collection service will not be affected.

### Spring Yard Care

Before undertaking Spring lawn care, know what type of grass you have and how to care for it. Not all turf needs to be fertilized in the Spring, and excess fertilizer causes BIG water quality problems in our lakes and estuaries. To learn about environmentally safe lawn care, visit [www.nccleanwater.org](http://www.nccleanwater.org).

### Yard Sale Permit Required

Yard sales are more popular than ever. They're a great way to save money, recycle and re-use. Remember, town residents must get a yard sale permit prior to holding a yard sale. Permits are \$5.00. Complete a short application at the Finance Office to obtain your yard sale permit. The Finance Office is located at 401 Old Honeycutt Road and open Monday-Friday from 8 am – 5 pm.

## Dog Walking in Fuquay-Varina

A couple of things to note about walking a dog in the town limits.

Fuquay-Varina does have a leash law, which means when you're off your own property your dog needs to be controlled on a leash. At this time, Fuquay-Varina does not have a dedicated dog park, so dogs are not allowed to run free at the parks and must be on a leash at all times. This is for the dog's safety as well as the safety of others. Dogs are also prohibited at town-owned buildings or town-sponsored events unless they are service animals. Again, safety concerns are the main issue.



Owners are responsible for properly disposing of all animal waste deposited by their animal, so please remember to take a bag and clean up after your dog so we can keep our town clean and beautiful. For your convenience, several of Fuquay-Varina's parks, including Ballentine, Mineral Springs, Carroll Howard, Honeycutt, and Library Park, have a single dog waste station that dispense bags with a waste receptacle. By following a few simple and easy rules, everyone can enjoy walking in Fuquay-Varina this spring, especially our four-legged friends.

## Slow Down on Hwy. 55



Slow down! Speed reductions requested by the Town of Fuquay-Varina have been approved and implemented on Hwy. 55 near Fuquay-Varina High School by NCDOT. The speed has been lowered on Hwy. 55 from 35 mph to 25 mph full-time from Wake Chapel Road south to Ennis Street, and from 45 mph to 35 mph from Wake Chapel Road northward to James Slaughter Road. New pedestrian warning signs have been added and NCDOT has replaced the existing

pedestrian signal at Wake Chapel Road with countdown pedestrian heads.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**Celebrate  
Fuquay-Varina!**

**Friday, June 3—Street Concert— 8pm**

**Saturday, June 4—Festival— 10—4**

**Complete Details at:**

**[www.CelebrateFV.com](http://www.CelebrateFV.com)**

## Preventing Sanitary Sewer Overflows

Sanitary sewer systems are designed to handle three things: used water, human body waste, and toilet paper. There are simple things everyone can do to help the Town protect water quality and prevent sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) in Fuquay-Varina.

**DO NOT:** Pour grease, fats and oil down the drain. **DO:** Collect grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.

**DO NOT:** Use the toilet as a wastebasket. Disposable diapers, condoms and personal hygiene products do not belong in the sewer system. **DO:** Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid waste.

**DO NOT:** Use the sewer as a means to dispose of food scraps. **DO:** Place food scraps in waste containers or garbage bags for disposal with solid waste, or start a compost pile.

These suggestions can save you money too! Most sewer back-ups occur between the house and the Town's sewer main, where the property owner is responsible for correcting the problem. By avoiding sewer blockages you prevent expensive plumbing bills. When the blockage occurs in the Town's sewer main, the Town will correct the problem. Please call the Public Utilities Department at 552-1404, to report a sewer back-up or overflow. After hours, call the after-hours emergency number at 552-3191.

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