

FOCUS

On Fuquay-Varina

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Town Board	Mon., August 1
Board of Adjustment	Mon., August 8
Planning Board	Mon., August 15
Town Board	Tues., August 16
Chamber Business Expo	Thurs., August 25 10 am—6 pm
Traditional School Year Begins	Thurs., August 25
Mayor's Public Safety Committee	Thurs., August 25 6:00 pm
Free Concert At Grower's Market	Sat., August 27 11 am—2 pm
Labor Day Holiday	Mon., Sept. 5
Downtown Bounty Celebration	Sat., Sept. 24 3 pm—7 pm
Fire Department Open House	Sat., Oct. 8 10 am—4 pm

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

Here's how to contact your elected officials!

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Utility Bill Update

Since February, utility work crews have been installing new residential and commercial water meters with automatic reading system capability. The project is 98% complete with approximately 8,000 meters having been installed over the six month period. The new automatic reading system will save on labor and fuel costs while enhancing billing accuracy and efficiency. "We appreciate everyone's patience during the change-out," said Marci Cunningham, Senior Utility Billing & Collection Specialist.



New water and sewer rates for Town customers went into effect on July 1, 2011 and will be reflected in August statements. Increases are due to water supplier cost increases.

An increase of \$0.14 per month brings the base water rate for residents inside the town limits to \$9.55 per month. Water usage charges increase by \$0.12 per 1,000 gallons above the 1,500 gallon usage fee to \$4.46 per month. The base rate for sewer remains \$11.50 per month. Sewer usage fees per 1,000 gallons used will increase by 6% to \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons. The Solid Waste Fee remains the same at \$14.25 per month.

To receive or pay your utility bill online, visit www.fuquay-varina.org/eutilities. Bills can also be paid from 8am – 5 pm Monday through Friday at the Finance Office located at Town Hall, 401 Old Honeycutt Road. A lock-box is provided for after-hours payments. For your convenience, bank draft is available. For more information, call 552-1404.

Town Center Plan Considered

In late 2009, the Town Board of Commissioners approved the concept of the Town Center Plan and a stakeholder's group was formed to give public input on its development. The Town Center Plan will define architectural and design guidelines in the downtown commercial district. Commissioners met in a Special Session on July 21, 2011 and August 2, 2011 to discuss those ideas and proposed implementation. During the meeting, the Board of Commissioners discussed staff proposals for amendments to the current zoning code that will be necessary to implement the plan and an amendment to the Land Use Plan.

Before any final action is taken, the Town will host a public forum so that citizens can review the Town Center Plan and amendments. Expect a public meeting announcement sometime this fall or winter. To review the Town Center Plan, visit www.fuquay-varina.org/towncenterplan.



Town News Briefs

New Parks & Recreation Program Brochure

Available mid-August at Town Hall or the Community Center and online at www.FVParks.org. The brochure includes programming for September-December.

Labor Day Holiday

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Fuquay-Varina government offices including Town Hall and the Community Center will be closed on Monday, September 5th. Garbage collection service will not be affected; however bulk items will be picked up on Tuesday instead of Monday.

Sign-up For Email News

Stay informed about what's happening at Town Hall, events, emergencies, public works updates, parks and recreation programming and much more with the Town's new email newsletter series. Visit www.fuquay-varina.org/enews to subscribe.

Land Development Ordinance Project Receives NCDENER Grant

The Fuquay-Varina Planning Department has applied for and received a grant for \$15,300 from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) to help pay for rewriting the Planning and Development regulations of the Town Code to implement a new Land Development Ordinance. Work on the project is scheduled to begin this year and is funded in the 2011-2012 budget.

Business Expo on August 25

The F-V Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 2nd Annual Business Expo on Thursday, August 25 at the Community Center from 10 am—6 pm. Expect more than 100 exhibits, exciting speakers and great information on the excellent business climate in Fuquay-Varina. For more info, visit www.fuquay-varina.com.

What's Coming to Fuquay-Varina Commercial Construction & Project Development Update

Generation II Development—A Preliminary Plat has been approved for a Commercial Subdivision located between Sunset Lake Road and N Judd Pkwy NE at Products Road.

Lakestone Medical Office Building—Plans have been approved and construction has begun on a 5,000 square foot two story medical office building to be located at 441 Lakestone Commons Avenue at the southwest corner of Lakestone Commons Avenue and Lakestone Village Lane in the Lakestone Village Subdivision.

Marquee Station—Preliminary Subdivision plans have been submitted and approved for a Mixed-Use development to be located along N Main Street (HWY 401) at the corner with Mill Creek Drive. The property is 25.61 acres and will include 7 lots. Four of the lots will be for commercial development, two for residential development and the final lot for future development which is not included in the Mixed-Use Development. Individual Site Plans will be required to be approved prior to the development of each lot. No site plans or construction plans have been submitted at this time.

Alston Ridge—Preliminary Plans have been approved and construction has begun for an Open Space Subdivision located along N. Broad Street (HWY 55) and Old Adams Road. Also as a part of this project Hilltop Needmore Road will be constructed as a future extension from N. Broad Street (HWY 55) through the southern portion of the property. The property is 137.03 acres; zoned R-8 CU; and will include 382 lots, a 3.38 acre recreation site located along N. Broad Street (HWY 55) and the future Hilltop Needmore Road extension, and a 7.43 acre commercial site also located along N. Broad Street (HWY 55) and the future Hilltop Needmore Road extension across from the recreation site. This project was previously called Alston Pond; the name has been changed to Alston Ridge.

New Traffic Signal Stewart St. & N.E. Judd Pkwy.

The Town of Fuquay-Varina and the NCDOT are currently working together to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Stewart Street and N.E. Judd Parkway. Since the N.E. Judd Parkway extension opened in late December



2010, Town officials have received several complaints about excessive speeding on the road and Fuquay-Varina Police have responded to three automobile accidents involving property damage, but no injuries. The road is a major thoroughfare for Fuquay-Varina High School students coming to and leaving school. The new traffic light is expected to slow traffic and make the intersection safer for motorists. Town Officials are aiming to have the signal installed early this fall.

Dry Weather Conditions Can Spark Fire Dangers

The combination of hot weather and dry conditions have kept the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department busy responding to an increasing number of fires.

Fire prevention starts with you! Open burning within the Town limits is illegal. Waste, recycling, and yard debris removal services are provided by the Town. If using a charcoal grill or open fire pit for recreational use, consider these tips to keep safe:

- Do not burn on Code Orange or Red ozone days.
- Do not leave fires unattended.
- Do not burn on windy days.

Visit www.ncair.org/news/brochures/IllegalBurn.pdf for more information on open burning. If you have questions, call the Town's Code Enforcement Division at 919-753-1014.