

# FOCUS

On Fuquay-Varina

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Town Board	Mon., Nov. 7
Veteran's Day Town Offices Closed	Fri., Nov. 11
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Nov. 14
Planning Board	Mon., Nov. 21
Town Board	Tues., Nov. 22
Thanksgiving Town Offices Closed	Thurs., Nov. 24 Fri., Nov. 25
Christmas Tree Lighting Downtown	Thurs., Dec. 1 Entertainment—6pm Lighting—7 pm
Sleigh Rides Ashworth's BP	Thurs., Dec. 1 6-8 pm
Christmas Parade Downtown	Sun., Dec. 4 3 pm

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

For a List of  
Holiday Events  
in Fuquay-Varina,  
Consult the Holiday  
Events Flyer



Inserted in your utility bill  
or on online at  
[www.fuquay-varina.org](http://www.fuquay-varina.org)

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## ConnectFV WiFi Now Available

The Town of Fuquay-Varina has just installed the much anticipated ConnectFV Wi-Fi which offers hours of free wireless Internet access to anyone who is visiting Downtown Fuquay-Varina or town government offices. The free Wi-Fi connection is available to customers, guests and the general public but is not intended to provide free Internet service for businesses in the downtown area. ConnectFV Wi-Fi will be rolled out to town parks in the near future.



It's easy to use ConnectFV Wi-Fi! All you have to do is find the ConnectFV network on your laptop or wireless device and connect. You'll enjoy surfing at 1-5 mbits. The system was built by the Town of Fuquay-Varina Information Technology Department using existing resources and infrastructure to provide the service. The Town Board of Commissioners voted to install the free Wi-Fi service this past spring to promote retail growth, economic development and visitors to downtown.

## Credit of Utility Deposit for Homeowners

Homeowners are no longer required to pay a deposit on their utility accounts. For homeowners who paid a deposit in the past to establish service, the Town Board has authorized a credit to the utility account for the amount of the deposit that was paid.



In early October, the Finance Department sent letters to customers with deposits that included a form to complete. If you are the property owner and the utility account is in your name, you will need to complete the form, attach proof of ownership, and return it to the Finance Department to receive your credit. Proof of ownership can be as simple as a copy of your property tax record screen which can be found at [www.wakegov.com](http://www.wakegov.com).

## November Holiday Garbage Collection

**Veteran's Day**—November 11  
- Normal Collection

**Thanksgiving Day**—November 24  
- Plan on garbage service on Friday, November 25.

## Fuquay-Varina's Elected Officials

### Mayor

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## Free Online GIS Mapping Service

GIS Day is November 16, 2011. If you've ever used the Internet to look up driving directions, check your property value or find the closest park, count yourself in as a user of geographic information systems (GIS). In the simplest terms, GIS is the merging of cartography, statistical analysis and database technology. Whether mapping the deepest ocean regions or the highest mountain summits, people from almost every nation on the planet use GIS to explore and better our world.



The Town of Fuquay-Varina offers a free online GIS service that provides basic data such as individual parcels, corporate (Town) limits, streets, zoning, land use plans, transportation plans, contour lines, FEMA flood plains, utilities (water, sewer, storm), subdivision As-Builts and photographs.

If you're already familiar with our GIS, be on the lookout for an update coming soon. The information will remain the same, but the interface will be upgraded to provide an even better GIS experience.

Explore the Town's free GIS Mapping Service at [www.Fuquay-Varina.org](http://www.Fuquay-Varina.org).

## Annual Sanitary Sewer Report Available

The Town maintains two wastewater treatment plants, 141 miles of sewer lines and twenty-one sewer pump stations. Testing and monitoring is an ongoing process. The Town is pleased to provide an Annual Sanitary Sewer Report now available online at [www.fuquay-varina.org/utilities](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/utilities). In addition to informing our customers about the sewer system, this report also meets the requirements of House Bill 1160 passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1999.

## Loose Leaf Collection Begins in November



The Town will begin its annual leaf collection service in mid-November and continue through mid-February 2012. During this time, leaves are vacuumed curbside. Residents may place loose leaves and pine straw that are free of limbs, sticks, rocks and other debris at the curb. Do not place leaves in the street where they may interfere with traffic or drainage. Do not block side-walks or fire hydrants. For this service only, do not bag leaves since loose leaves

are being vacuumed curbside. Please place leaves at the curb by late Sunday evening of the week of your service.

Leaves will be picked up on the same green/gold schedule as your recycle. Leaf collection will start on the green route the week of November 14 and the gold route will begin on November 21. A Recycling/Loose Leaf calendar was sent earlier this year in the utility bills. Also access the complete schedule of service, at [www.fuquay-varina.org/works](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/works). For more information call (919) 753-1027.

## Cooking Safety at the Holidays (and All Year Long!)



Cooking brings family and friends together at the holidays, however cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries so you need to take precautions. Fuquay-Varina firefighters ask everyone to follow these safety tips to prevent fires and keep family gatherings safe and happy.

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove! The leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking.
- Check simmering, baking, boiling or roasting food often and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Have a kid-free zone of at least 3 feet around the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stove. Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.
- If you have a cooking fire, get out and stay out and **call 911 after you leave**.
- Use these cooking safety tips every day to stay safe all year long!



## Fire Fighter's Holiday Food Drive

Nov. 1—Dec. 17

**The Fuquay-Varina Fire Department is collecting nonperishable food items for the Emergency Food Bank.**

**Donations will feed local families!**

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

## 10-Digit Dialing

The N.C. Utilities Commission announced in Sept. that local phone calls in the Triangle will require callers to dial an area code effective March 31, 2012.

Callers can use 10-digit dialing as early as Oct. 1, but all calls will require 10 digits after March 31, 2012. Beginning in April 2012, new phone numbers will bear the area code 984.

Three-digit dialing of emergency and information numbers like 411 and 911 will remain the same. Long-distance calls will require dialing 1 plus the area code and number.

Customers will receive notices from their local telecommunications provider in Oct. or Nov. 2011 with further details.

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