

FOCUS

On Fuquay-Varina

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Labor Day Holiday	Mon., Sept. 5
Town Board	Tues., Sept. 6
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Sept. 12
Planning Board	Mon., Sept. 19
Town Board	Tues., Sept. 20
Downtown Bounty Celebration	Sat., Sept. 24 3 pm—7 pm
Town Board	Mon., Oct 3
Fire Department Open House	Sat., Oct. 8 10 am—4 pm
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Oct. 10
Planning Board	Mon., Oct. 17
Town Board	Tues., Oct. 18
Day in Downtown Festival	Sat., Oct. 29 10 am—4 pm

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

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Fire Station #1 Open House—Sat., Oct. 8

Learn how to “Protect Your Family From Fire” at the Annual Open House hosted by Fuquay-Varina Fire Station #1 on Saturday, October 8 from 10 am – 4 pm. The annual open house is part of National Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9-15).

Each year, this event is a tremendous success because its family-friendly atmosphere is a great way to remind us to be prepared in case of emergency and the steps necessary to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Last year, the Fire Department responded to more than 3,200 calls for help. Make sure you’re not one of them!

At the Open House, visitors will learn about fire prevention by visiting displays, viewing safety videos, touring the station and taking a peek inside all the fire equipment on display. Kids will enjoy Sparky the Fire Dog, Pluggie the Hydrant, games, activities, and lots of prizes!



Learn How to Protect Your Family From Fire!



Station #1 Annual Open House Saturday, October 8

10 am—4 pm
301 S. Fuquay Avenue

- Displays • Demonstrations • Tours • Videos
 - Sparky & Pluggie Visits • Games • Prizes
- www.fuquay-varina.org

Fuquay-Varina's Elected Officials

Here's how to contact your elected officials!

Mayor

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Jim H. Abernethy 552-9775
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Upcoming Election Information

October 25, 2011 is the last day to register to vote or update your address for the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 8th.

Early Voting is available at the Wake County Board of Elections located at 337 S. Salisbury Street in Raleigh or closer to home at the Pearl Street Building located at 110 Pearl Street in Garner. There are no Early Voting sites in Fuquay-Varina.

Visit www.wakegov.com/elections or call (919) 856-6240 for more information on Voter Registration, Early Voting locations and times, or other election-related topics.

Learn more about the candidates running for local office at one of the three free Candidate's Forums hosted by the Fuquay-Varina Chamber of Commerce. Forum dates are Thursday, September 15, Tuesday, September 27, and Monday, October 17. All will take place from 7-9 pm at STARS Theatre located at 123 E. Vance Street in Fuquay-Varina. Candidates running for Fuquay-Varina Town Board, Mayor, and the school board candidates from our district have been invited to attend. The Chamber will solicit questions from the general public prior to each forum. If you would like to submit a question, please send it to director@fuquay-varina.com.

From Trash to Treasure



More than 98% of the Town's 6,300 households currently recycle and this green effort is turning trash into treasure. Between July 2010 and June 2011, the Town provided 1,013 tons of recycled material to Recycle America, Inc., producing a \$50 per ton cost savings to the Town and a \$50,000 operating savings to the citizens of Fuquay-Varina. The Town's recycling program is one example of how Fuquay-Varina leads the state in preserving and protecting natural resources while efficiently managing resources.

Plastic bottles, paper, cardboard and glass are just a few examples of the type of materials that can be placed in a recycling cart. Some items are not accepted at the Recycling Center because they interfere with the actual process. For example, pizza boxes and Styrofoam can't be recycled because they often absorb the food item they hold. Grocery bags and shredded paper cause problems with the recycling machinery and light bulbs tend to break. Coat hangers cannot be recycled because they contain a resin that breaks down the recycling process. Knowing why you can't recycle these items, might help you to remember not to place them in your recycling cart. A complete list of items that can and cannot be recycled is available at www.fuquay-varina.org/recycling.

If you don't have a recycling cart or would like to trade a smaller cart for a 95 gallon one, please call 552-1408 and leave a message.

Celebrate Family Fun, Fresh Food and Fall! Sat., Sept. 24, 3-7 pm



Downtown Bounty, an exciting new event in Historic Varina, is a celebration of fresh local foods and community spirit. Local farmers, restaurants and downtown merchants will come together to celebrate the abundance of fall in Downtown Bounty.

**Sat., September 24, 3 - 7 pm,
Downtown Varina, Broad Street**

- **Music • Brunswick Stew Contest •**
- **Sample Local Restaurant Fare •**
- **Vendors • Family Fun •**
- **Lemonade Stand Contest •**

www.fuquay-varinadowntown.com

Share the Road with Emergency Personnel



The "Move Over" law took effect in North Carolina in 2002. Despite the fact the law has

been around for almost 10 years, many folks don't understand the law or how to comply with it. The law requires that motorists move over one lane away from law enforcement or emergency vehicles that are parked on the shoulder of the roadway. The law is important because secondary accidents are often more deadly than the accident that emergency workers are attending.

Here's another rule to follow to help keep our emergency workers safe. If you are driving and see the lights of an emergency vehicle in your rear-view mirror, move to the right and stop to allow emergency vehicles to move easily down the road. Thanks for doing your part to help emergency personnel do their jobs as quickly and safely as possible.

Downtown Receives NC Main Street Accreditation

For the second year in a row, Fuquay-Varina Downtown has been designated as an accredited National Main Street

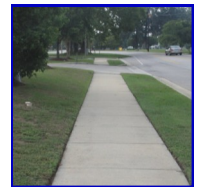


Program for meeting the commercial district revitalization performance standards set by the National Trust Main Street Center. The evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts and include standards such as developing a mission, fostering strong public-private partnerships, securing an operating budget, tracking economic progress, and preserving historic buildings.

Fuquay-Varina Downtown is supported in part through a grant from the Town of Fuquay-Varina. The organization's mission is guided by a twelve-person Board of Directors and Executive Director Naomi Riley. For more information, visit www.fuquayvarinadowntown.com.

Wake Chapel Road Sidewalk Construction to Begin

In mid-September, crews will begin installing 2,300 feet of sidewalk on Wake Chapel Road. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$109,230 and is being funded in large part through a CAMPO Grant secured by the Fuquay-Varina Public Works Department. The grant will pay 80% of the cost and the Town will fund the remaining cost through a \$500,000 special fund designated by the Town Board for sidewalk improvements.



Once completed, the sidewalks will run along the east side of Wake Chapel Road from Broad Street to Pittsboro Street and then continue over the bridge on the west side of the road to Railroad Street. A pedestrian crossing will be installed at Pittsboro Street.