

New Town Hall Construction Update

Construction at the new Town Hall centrally located in downtown at 134 N. Main Street is progressing nicely and Town officials and staff are excited about the move to the new facility which should take place this summer.



In late 2017, the Town Board purchased the former Bob Barker Company headquarters and Cline Design Associates immediately began designing the facility which nearly doubles the current work space from 14,200 to more than 29,000 square feet. Construction began in Jan. 2019 and when complete, the new space will allow staff to more effectively and efficiently serve the town's growing population which is currently more than 28,000 citizens.

"This is an exciting time in our town's history," said Mayor John W. Byrne. "When the current Town Hall was built around 1987, the Town of Fuquay-Varina had 57 employees and the population of the town was just over 4,000 people. In 30 years, the population has grown by over 500% while the employee base has grown by only half that amount. Our staff continues to work harder and more efficiently to provide quality service to the residents and businesses in the community."

The following departments will be located at the new Town Hall: Administration, Communications, Economic Development, Engineering, Finance, Human Resources, IT, Inspections, the Main Street Program and Planning.

The new Town Hall has been designed to enhance both the staff work environment and customer service experience. Departments that work closely with one another have been grouped together allowing for better collaboration while numerous conference rooms will allow for more meeting space. The layout combined with improved technology will work together for a better overall experience.

There will be two customer service windows for utility payments as well as a customer service window for permitting and planning. Located in the lobby, these customer service windows can be accessed via the main entrance on Main Street or by elevator from the parking deck. A drive-up window for payments will not be available at the new town hall.

Public parking while conducting business at the new Town Hall is available in the parking deck located underneath the facility which can be accessed via W. Jones Street. *(Continues on back page.)*

Public Meetings

Town Board Meeting Public Hearing on FY 2019-2020 Budget	Mon., May 6
Planning Board	Mon., May 20
Town Board Meeting Recommended Budget Presentation	Tues., May 21
Town Board Meeting	Mon., Jun 3
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Jun 10
Planning Board	Mon., Jun 17
Town Board Meeting	Tues., Jun 18

Unless indicated, meetings start at 7 pm.
Town Hall, 401 Old Honeycutt Road,
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
See all events at fuquay-varina.org.

Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

Town government facilities will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day. Garbage collection will be unaffected. Please place carts as usual.

Elected Officials

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Citizens will find the new Town Board meeting room doubles seating capacity from 99 to 200 seats to encourage greater public participation and the Mayor will get a new office located on the first floor. For many years, the Mayor has foregone an office due to limited office space.

A firm date for the official move to the new Town Hall has not been set, but when one is available, it will be pushed out via social media and our website (www.fuquay-varina.org). Immediately following the Town Hall move to Main Street, construction will begin on the building at 401 Old Honeycutt Road to transform it into the Police Department's new home. We look forward to showing off our new digs soon!

Enjoy a Weekend of Art on May 17 & 18—*En Plein Air and Arts Center Open House*



Friday, May 17

En Plein Air Paint-off, 12 – 7 pm in the Fuquay and Varina downtown districts
Stroll through downtown to see artists capture the beauty of Fuquay-Varina on canvas! An event map will be available at www.fuquay-varinadowntown.com.

Chorale Performance, 7:30 pm at the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center

This impressive community chorus performs at the new Arts Center. Tickets are \$6 each. www.fvarts.org

Saturday, May 18

Join us for the Open House celebrating the new Fuquay-Varina Arts Center located at 123 E. Vance Street. Take part in art classes, exhibits and performances throughout the day! Don't miss the gallery display of En Plein Air Paint-off art works from the past 8 years. Here's a short line-up, but make sure to check www.fvarts.org for a complete list of activities.

- 10:30 am **Dance Recital**—FVAC dance classes perform. (Free)
- 2:00 pm **Fuquay-Varina Chorale Performance**—(Tickets are \$6 each)
- 6:30 pm **Pre-auction Art Viewing**—View finished works of art from the En Plein Air Paint-off. (Free)
- 7:00 pm **En Plein Air Auction**—If you want to take home an original work of art from the En Plein Air paint-off, you'll need to take part in this fun, spirited auction! Win or lose the bid...either way, it's a lot of fun!



Cap your day off by visiting one of the many businesses, restaurants and breweries located in the downtown area!

Run the Quay & Downtown Cooldown—Saturday, June 1

Celebrating 15 years! A true community event, **Run the Quay** has something for all ages and fitness levels: a family-friendly, certified 5k course; a demanding 10k

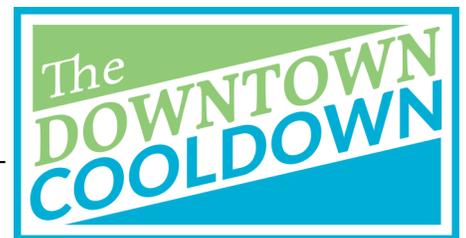


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course; and a unique 15Quay Challenge that combines both races. Other additional options: virtual racing, a military division & a corporate contest. There's a kid's fun run on site!

Race times, location and registration:
www.runthequay.itsyourrace.com/register

Join us for the party after the race! Whether you are cooling down after the race, or just want to have some cool drinks and great food, the **Downtown Cooldown** has something for everyone, not just runners! This family-friendly event features bands, food trucks, breweries and kids' activities. Summer fun in Fuquay-Varina!



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Downtown Cooldown:
405 Broad Street, 9 am—2 pm, www.fuquay-varina.com