

### Independence Day Celebration Canceled

The Town of Fuquay-Varina has cancelled the annual Independence Day celebration scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup> at South Park due to the continuing COVID-19 crisis. “Although the current stay at home guidelines that have been with us this spring are likely to be eased by Independence Day, we expect restrictions on large events and crowds to continue through the summer,” said Mayor John W. Byrne. “It’s certainly disappointing and not what any of us wanted but it is the safest decision for our citizens and our town to try to limit the spread of COVID-19.”



“Fuquay-Varina’s Independence Day celebration has a strong and rich tradition dating back to the 1890’s. I’ve asked our staff to come up with some creative, safer ways that we might celebrate the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday,” said Mayor Byrne. In the coming weeks, look for information on how the Town will alternatively celebrate Independence Day. Look for information soon on our website and social media.

### Public Meetings

Town Board	Mon., Jun 1
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Jun 8
Planning Board	Mon., June 15
Town Board	Tues., Jun 16
Town Board	Mon., Jul 13
Planning Board	Mon., July 20

Town Board and Board of Adjustment Meetings begin at 7 pm

Planning Board Meetings begin at 6 pm

If there are restrictions on public gatherings, public meetings will be accessible in a variety of ways. Instructions for how to participate are available at:

[www.fuquay-varina.org/boardmeeting](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/boardmeeting)

### Police Get New Tactical Robot

SuperDroid Robots, a leading manufacturer of tactical robots located in Fuquay-Varina, recently donated a \$20,000 tactical robot, the LT2-F Bloodhound, to the Fuquay-Varina Police Department in celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> year in business.



The robot’s primary purpose is to allow officers to observe and enter dangerous situations including hostage negotiations, room clearing, and remote surveillance. “We want

to give back to the community that’s supported us for years,” said Susan Payne, SuperDroid Robot’s CFO. “This robot is our way of showing our appreciation for the service and dedication of our local police!”

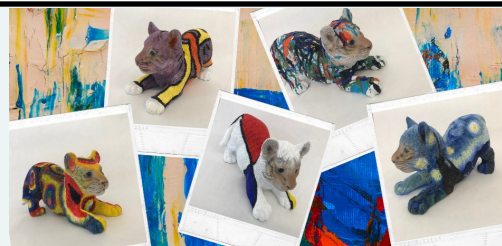
### New Parking Ordinance

The Board of Commissioners has approved a new Town Ordinance effective immediately for enforcement. It is unlawful for any person to park any commercial vehicle, recreation vehicle or other over-sized vehicle or trailer of 80 inches or more in width or 30 feet or greater in length or greater than two axles and any trailer not affixed to a vehicle on the public streets within the corporate limits of the Town of Fuquay-Varina at any time except for the duration of the following activities: (1). When actively engaged in loading or unloading; (2). Temporary parking for emergency services to a commercial truck, over-sized vehicle or trailer to repair a mechanical breakdown; or (3). Temporary parking at a construction site during the period of construction.

### Meet the New Cubs in Town!

The Fire House Bengal Tiger has had a litter of 5 cubs. They snuck into the Arts Center, where they got all painted up and are now exploring around town! Can you find them?

Share your photos @ #weheartfv



## Elected Officials

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## New Yard Debris Collection Rules: No Bags Effective July 1, 2020



Use a 20-gallon container for yard waste

On July 1, 2020, the Town will no longer accept bagged yard debris. This is due to our collection facility no longer accepting bagged yard debris after this date therefore the Town is required to eliminate bags from the yard debris collection process.

Residents will need to place all loose residential yard debris (grass clippings, loose leaves, and small pruning branches) in one or multiple plastic totes that are 20 gallons or less in size. The total weight of a single container can not be greater than 40 pounds. These containers may be placed curbside on the same yard debris collection schedule, and

containers will be emptied and left by the curb by Town yard debris collections staff. Larger yard debris such as limbs may be stacked in one large pile, to facilitate collection by a knuckle boom.

We appreciate your assistance as the Town makes operational changes to allow the continued efficient delivery of yard debris collection services.

To request this service at [www.fuquay-varina.org/YardDebris](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/YardDebris)

### A Dash More News...

- Town government facilities will be closed for operations on Friday, July 3 for Independence Day. Garbage collection will be unaffected. Please place carts as usual.

- Town Manager Adam Mitchell presented the FY 2020-2021 Budget on May 4. Pursuant to NC General Statute, a public hearing on the recommended budget was held on June 1, 2020. Details of the budget can be found online at [www.fuquay-varina.org/budget](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/budget)

- If you have a business in the corporate limits of Fuquay-Varina, do you have an emergency contact form on file with the Police Department and/or do you need to update the existing information already on file? Complete our form online at: [www.fuquay-varina.org/BusinessContactForm](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/BusinessContactForm)

## CENSUS 2020

### Fuquay-Varina Counts

The Census Bureau will soon be sending out enumerators sometimes called "Census takers", folks hired and trained to collect the population data so vital to our community. These folks will be going door-to-door to the homes who have not yet responded to the Census. Remember, response to the Census is required by law. The safest, easiest, and most secure way to complete the Census is online or by mail. If you haven't taken the census yet, you still have time!

Take it at: [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov)

If enumerators do visit your home, they will have a Census Bureau ID with a photo and a Depart. of Commerce watermark. If you are concerned about their identity or the validity of the badge, call 844-330-2020. Enumerators (or anyone from the Census Bureau) will never ask for your banking information, usernames or passwords, your social security number, for a donation, or present information on behalf of a political party. Enumerators do not require a solicitor's permit from the Police Department to complete their work per Town ordinance.

Enumerators are required by law to keep your information private. Any information you give is for statistical purposes only. **Again, the best way to take the census is at: [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov)**

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