



## Upcoming Meetings

### Town Board—7 pm

- March 6 (Monday)
- March 21 (Tuesday)
- April 3 (Monday)
- April 18 (Tuesday)

### Board of Adjustment—7 pm

- April 10 (Monday)

### Planning Board—6 pm

- March 20 (Monday)
- April 17 (Monday)

Meetings at:

John W. Byrne Municipal Building  
134 N. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina

Also on: Facebook and YouTube

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## PRCR Comprehensive Systemwide Facility Master Plan Update



Park Depot Trail

Public input on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Comprehensive Systemwide Facility Master Plan concluded in early February. Town staff is currently evaluating all responses gathered through four public input sessions and an online survey. An internal needs assessment is underway to evaluate the current and forecasted facility and park needs.

This spring, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will review the Draft Plan before it is presented to the Town Board for consideration.

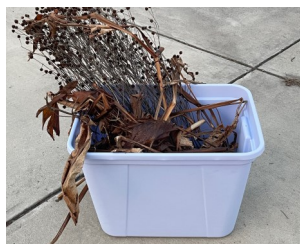
## State of the Town—March 6 at 6:30 PM

Plan to attend the annual State of the Town address on Monday, March 6, at 6:30! In a short speech, Mayor Blake Massengill will highlight accomplishments from 2022 and set priorities for the coming year. During the meeting, Mayor Massengill will unveil a video that recaps many of the Town's achievements from the past year. The Town of Fuquay-Varina has gained a national reputation for these videos, so you won't want to miss this debut that will make you want to gather your neighbors and yell, "Game On!" The public meeting will be held at the John W. Byrne Municipal Building, 134 N. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina, NC. It can also be viewed on the Town's Facebook and YouTube.



Mayor Blake Massengill

## Loose Leaf Collection Ends. Request Yard Debris Pickup Instead.



20-gallon rigid

Public Works reminds customers that loose-leaf collection service ended in mid-February. The Town collects yard debris year-round, by request. To have leaves or yard debris picked up now, please place it in rigid plastic totes, less than 20 gallons in size, weighing no more than 40 pounds when full. Requests for Yard Debris pickup can be made using the request form at

[www.Fuquay-Varina.org/yarddebris](http://www.Fuquay-Varina.org/yarddebris). If you do not have internet access, please call (919) 753-1408. Requests made by 5 pm on Monday will be picked up between Tuesday and Friday of the same week. Please place all yard debris on the curb on Monday night.

## A dash more news...

- The Town of Fuquay-Varina is currently developing the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) and the Capital Investment Plan, a long-range plan to identify major projects. Review budget documents, learn about the process, find key dates, and provide input at [www.LetsTalkFV.org](http://www.LetsTalkFV.org)
- In 2012, Fuquay-Varina Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources started an Adult Sports Program with just 61 registrants. By 2022, the program had grown to 1,199 people. That's growth! PRCR Adult Sports offered in the spring include soccer and softball, with registration thru March 11. Registration for summer PRCR Adult Sports (Basketball, Volleyball, and Kickball) runs from April 24-May 13. Find more information at [www.FVParks.org](http://www.FVParks.org)
- Don't miss the drama...or the comedy...or the music! The Fuquay-Varina Arts Center has it all this spring! Find shows and tickets at [www.FVArts.org](http://www.FVArts.org)



Jim Jones, Fire Chief

### Jim Jones Named New Fire Chief

The Town of Fuquay-Varina is proud to announce that Deputy Fire Chief Jim Jones will become the town's new Fire Chief.

"With 33 years in the fire service, all of it in Fuquay-Varina, Jim brings the experience, stability, and leadership the fire department needs. I know Jim will be successful in this new role, helping the department grow and continuing to improve service delivery," said Town Manager Adam Mitchell.

Jones' firefighting career is extensive and spans various roles within the Town. In 1990, he began with the Fuquay-Varina Rural Fire Department as a volunteer. Three years later, he became one of the first career firefighters hired by the rural department. In 1999, Jones was promoted to Captain when the rural fire department merged with the Town of Fuquay-Varina Fire Department. A series of promotions over the years brought Jones to the position of Deputy Fire Chief, a role he has served in for the past 20 years

"I am more than blessed to have been given an opportunity to lead this great organization," said Chief Jones. "Our fire department family has been through a lot over the last few months, but we have survived together. The Fuquay-Varina Fire Department will continue the model laid out by Chief Mauldin in providing the highest level of service to our community while being an example to other fire departments."

"I'm excited about what the future holds for Chief Jones," said Mayor Blake Massengill. "Jim has been integral to the Station #4 project and in securing essential equipment. He knows how to make things happen. The Town Board and management are pleased to have Jim lead the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department into the next chapter."

Jones holds an Associate in Applied Science in Fire Protection Technology from Durham Technical Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University and is a FVHS graduate.

Chief Jones is a National Pro Board Certified Fire Officer III, a graduate of the NCAFC Chief Fire Officers Executive Development Program, and a graduate of the UNC-Charlotte Fire Rescue Management Institute. He currently serves as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Wake County Fire Chiefs Association.

Jim and his wife Sherri, a 2nd-grade teacher in Holly Springs, have one daughter. They have been married for 31 years.



The disinfection process is state mandated.

### Temporary Changes to Drinking Water March 1-31, 2023

Each year, the Town's water suppliers, including Harnett County, Johnston County, and the City of Raleigh, temporarily change their water treatment process by suspending the use of ammonia. This disinfection process is a state-mandated practice to ensure safe drinking water. Fuquay-Varina customers who use kidney dialysis machines and have fish aquariums should be aware that water may contain chlorine, ammonia, or a mixture of the two from March 1-31, 2023. The Town will also conduct flushing of the distribution system during this time. As a result, customers may experience a slight discoloration of their drinking water.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Town of Fuquay-Varina Public Utilities Department at 919-753-1013 or email [pu@fuquay-varina.org](mailto:pu@fuquay-varina.org).

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