

### Town Investing in Parks & Recreational Amenities



#### In the Past Five Years:

##### Major Park Upgrades

Ashworth Park  
Council Gym  
Falcon Park  
Fleming Loop Park  
Fuquay Mineral Spring Park  
South Park

##### Totally New Facilities

Arts Center  
Dog Park  
Outdoor Basketball Court  
Splash Pad  
Teaching Kitchen

##### Projects in Design

Park Depot Greenway Trail  
Campbell Park facilities  
Willow Lakes Park  
Jeff Wells Greenway lighting

##### Park Enhancements

Action Park &  
Old Honeycutt Park  
Playground & Tennis courts

**Having a robust, active park system and strong recreational programs are key factors in the quality of life of our community.** That's why the Town of Fuquay-Varina has invested significantly in adding and improving public parks, cultural amenities and outdoor gathering places in our town over the past 5 years. In addition to recreational facilities such as the Community Center, Council Gym, Splash Pad and the new Arts Center, the town maintains 300+ acres of park land and greenways at 20 sites. With the additional of youth sports in 2012 and numerous events and festivals over the past few years, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources is busier than ever!

In 2018, the department spent time gathering public input and preparing the 2019 Comprehensive systemwide Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Master Plan. Such plans guide investment priorities based on public input. Look for a presentation of the 2019 Master Facility Plan to the Town Board and public soon. In the meantime, get out and enjoy our town's many parks and recreational facilities.

Find the location and amenities of each park at [www.fuquay-varina.org/parks](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/parks).

### Public Meetings

Town Board Meeting	Mon., Feb. 4
Planning Board	Mon., Feb. 18
Town Board Meeting	Tues., Feb. 19
Town Board Meeting	Mon., Mar. 4
Board of Adjustment	Mon., Mar. 11
Planning Board	Mon., Mar. 18
Town Board Meeting	Tues., Mar. 19

Unless indicated, meetings start at 7 pm at Town Hall, 401 Old Honeycutt Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526  
See all events at [fuquay-varina.org](http://fuquay-varina.org).

#### Larry Smith Appointed to Fill Town Board Vacancy

Following a detailed process that began on December 22, 2018, Larry Smith has been appointed by the Fuquay-Varina Town Board of Commissioners to fill former Commissioner Charlie Adcock's unexpired term on the Town Board. Adcock resigned on December 18, 2018 to focus on the business endeavors of his family.

Mr. Smith was one of three applicants, from a pool of more than a dozen, selected to interview for the position and was unanimously selected by the Town Board to fill the vacant seat.

Mr. Smith has over 40 years of professional public service experience, primarily as a law enforcement official both working for state and local government. He served as Chief of Police in Fuquay-Varina from 2005-2015 and most recently as a member of the Town's Planning Board.

He and his wife Windy, have been residents of Fuquay-Varina since 2005 and have two daughters and four grandchildren. He and his wife are active in their church community and are members of Hilltop Baptist Church. Larry is a Sunday School teacher and member of the church security committee.

## A dash more news....

— The Town will kick-off the FY 2020 budget process with a pre-budget public comment period at the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting on Tue., Feb. 19 at 7 pm. The comment period gives citizens the opportunity to express comments, suggestions or preferences about spending prior to the Town Board's Strategic Meeting in March. Find the full budget schedule at [www.fuquay-varina.org/budget](http://www.fuquay-varina.org/budget).

— Come hear the annual State of the Town address on Mon., March 4 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. Mayor John W. Byrne will highlight achievements from 2018 and discuss the Town's strategic vision for the coming year. Not able to make the meeting? No worries. The video presented at the meeting will be shared on social media and available at [www.fuquay-varina.org](http://www.fuquay-varina.org).

— The 2019 Event Card highlights major events taking place in 2019 sponsored by the Town and our partners. In Jan/Feb cards are being mailed to utility customers. You can also pick one up at Town Hall!

## Elected Officials

### Mayor

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## Vacant Board Seat, cont'd

"Larry's understanding and background in local government will be an asset to the Town Board and will afford him the opportunity to assist in the governance process immediately," said Mayor John W. Byrne. "The entire Town Board felt comfortable selecting Larry to be appointed to the vacant seat noting his knowledge and relationship with the whole community as being a unique factor."

Mr. Smith expressed appreciation for the vote of confidence from the Town Board after being notified of his appointment. "I am very excited that our Board of Commissioners have given me this opportunity to continue serving our Town. I look forward to working with our Board, our staff and our citizens to continue the successes that have made Fuquay-Varina one of the best places to live in the State."

The Wake County Board of Elections must certify Mr. Smith to serve out the remaining period of the unexpired term and he is scheduled to take the oath of office on February 4, 2018 at the beginning of the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting. His term on the Board will end in December 2019.



## Temporary Changes to Drinking Water in March

Each year during the month of March, 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 Feb. 25-April 5, 2019. The Town will also conduct flushing of the distribution system during this time. Customers may experience a slight discoloration of their drinking water.



## Meet the Town's New Downtown Development Manager

The Town of Fuquay-Varina has hired Dawn Russell as the Town's new Downtown Development Manager. Dawn's responsibilities include coordination of downtown development activities and serves as the manager of the Town's Main Street Program.

In addition to these responsibilities, Dawn will continue to provide support and management the Fuquay-Varina Downtown Association, Inc., a local non-profit organization responsible for supporting the Town's Main Street Program.

The Town is excited the FVDA is supporting the Town through a public-private partnership to attain the goals and benefits of the Town's NC Main Street Program.

