

FUQUAY-VARINA



ELECTION



FOR YOUR MAYOR AND TOWN COMMISSIONERS



3 GOOD REASONS FOR YOU TO VOTE FOR WHO WILL BE THE TOWN'S NEXT MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS:

- 1. Your one vote can make a big difference in who wins a local election.**
How just one person voted – or didn't vote – determined the winners in elections in 39 North Carolina cities in 2019. Your vote matters!
- 2. Town Commissioners make decisions that affect nearly every part of your life –**
affordable housing, police conduct, new jobs, parks, street repair, water rates, zoning for a new grocery store (or landfill). But you decide who wins!
- 3. Listen to what other voters say about why they're voting . . .**



"... too many of my ancestors died for me not to be using my right to vote."
- Kristen Marion



"... I want someone in town hall fighting for issues important to our community."
- Robert Dawkins



"... town elections can be very close, so my one vote could have a big impact."
- Angelica Robles



"... it's not just about who's president. Who runs local government also affects me."
- Austin Padilla



"... not voting would be giving my power away; we must use every tool we have to be heard."
- Rena McNeil

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VOTE IN FUQUAY-VARINA'S LOCAL ELECTION

Election Day is November 2

Early Voting is Oct. 14-Oct. 30

See back page for tips for voting

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3000 Aerial Center Parkway #160
Morrisville, NC 27560

Pick the Winners!

All Fuquay-Varina voters may vote for 1 candidate for Mayor and up to 2 candidates for Town Commissioner. The election is nonpartisan, with no party labels.

The candidate for Mayor with the most votes wins and serves a term of two years.
The 2 candidates for Town Commissioner with the most votes win and have four-year terms.
In 2023, 2 other seats on the Town Board of Commissioners will be up for election.

The Mayor presides at Commission meetings. The Mayor and the other four Commissioners appoint the Town Manager, adopt ordinances, and oversee the functions listed in the box on page 3.

CANDIDATES FOR FUQUAY-VARINA'S MAYOR

RICHARD BRIDGERS

no response from candidate

WILLIAM (BILL) HARRIS

Background: Originally from Fuquay-Varina. Graduated from high school and attended North Carolina Central University. I have an undergraduate degree in Business Administration and a Masters Degree in Public Administration.



Favorite endorsements for this election: Wake County Democratic Party

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected?
My top three priorities are government accountability, responsiveness, and transparency. Working to improve these values in local government will help develop trust in elected leaders.

How will you use your leadership and elected position to ensure community transparency and accountability for the Police Department?
Seek to develop a joint community task force that can be a foundation for future collaborative efforts. I like the idea of a police-citizen academy that opens everyday citizens up to what the police do.

What policies should the town pursue to improve the affordability of housing? Policies that shape how the city can work with the local developers and invite them to become partners

in the effort to build affordable housing. I think there is some merit in public-private partnerships.

Website: WilliamHarrisForMayor.com

BLAKE MASSENGILL

Background: Fuquay-Varina Mayor Pro-Tem, 2015-Present; Fuquay-Varina Town Commissioner, 2013-Present; Fuquay-Varina Planning Board, 2012-2013; Local business owner; Raised in Fuquay-Varina; Past President, FV Rotary Club; FV United Methodist Church member



Favorite endorsements for this election: Wake GOP; Raleigh Regional Association of REALTORS®; Donnie Harrison, Former Wake Co. Sheriff

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected?
Transportation/infrastructure improvements, managing growth & taxes, and critical town services. All are essential functions of government, and particularly important in a growing municipality. Each of these priorities impact our citizens every day.

How will you use your leadership and elected position to ensure community transparency and accountability for the Police Department?
FVPD's commitment to these values is evidenced through community outreach programs, DEI training, minority/female recruitment plans, and outstanding communication. I support continued funding and education for our public safety officials.

What policies should the town pursue to improve the affordability of housing? Follow our updated Land Use Plan, which allows for diverse housing options via density; Extend water/sewer service to provide more attractive locations for affordable housing; Continue to focus on downtown/urban living with walkable retail.

Website: BlakeMassengill.com

TY ZIGLAR

Background: I have a finance degree from VCU and worked as a financial administrator, auditor, tax preparer, realtor, stay-at-home mom, directed operations for a track club, and helped organize the USATS National Junior Olympics. I now manage a dental practice.



Favorite endorsements for this election: I'm not accepting endorsements from special interest groups that ask me to commit to their agendas. I will represent the citizens of Fuquay-Varina.

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected?
Responsiveness – holding community “town hall” discussions, returning phone calls and emails. Improving infrastructure – managing growth. Helping small businesses – making downtown more attractive, improving parking, bringing events to our Arts Center.

How will you use your leadership and elected position to ensure community transparency and accountability for the Police Department?
Encouraging more transparent police policies and operations, making the information available on our website. Connecting to build relationships with people whose voices haven't been heard: not everyone feels safe. “Coffee with a Cop” is a good start.

What policies should the town pursue to improve the affordability of housing? Our development map and zoning ordinances don't include affordable housing. Teachers, firefighters, police and military personnel need it. Let's look at our budget and consider tax credits for fixed-income seniors who have trouble with rising taxes.

Website: ZiglarForMayor.com

THIS 2021 VOTER GUIDE FOR FUQUAY-VARINA is produced by Democracy North Carolina and Common Cause NC, which are not affiliated with any party or candidate.

This Guide provides unedited responses from the candidates and vital information about how, when and where to vote.

For questions about voting, call 919-404-4040 or 888-687-8683. For questions about the Guide, call 919-836-0027 x 3.

NO PHOTO ID TO VOTE IN 2021

You do not need to show an ID when you vote unless you're registering at an early voting site or there was a problem verifying your registration. In those cases, you may show a non-photo ID like a utility bill with your current address.

Profiles of candidates continued

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER

BRYAN HAYNES



Background: I am a lifetime resident of Fuquay-Varina. I'm a community leader, local minister, non-profit executive director, and small business owner. I'm past chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and site supervisor for COVID Food Security.

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected? Developing an affordable housing plan for seniors, teachers, veterans, first responders, and young families. Collaborate on regional traffic solutions, solve local parking problems. Increase connectivity in town with shuttles and sidewalks.

How will you use your leadership and elected position to ensure community transparency and accountability for the Police Department? Develop a shared community problem solving approach by recognizing recurring issues being identified and analyzed, and community members being consulted, to determine the root causes of the issues and find long-term solutions to address them.

What policies should the town pursue to improve the affordability of housing? Collaborating with Wake County on a regional affordable housing plan and look into effective ways to use inclusionary zoning to improve the affordability of housing and supply.

Website: ChooseHaynes4fv.com

What Commissioners Do

The Mayor and four other Town Commissioners make a wide range of decisions affecting your life. They hire and supervise the city manager who hires the police chief and other department heads. Commissioners set policies and priorities and oversee the many functions of local government, including:

- The Police & Fire Departments
- Zoning & Building Code Enforcement
- Neighborhood Renewal & Affordable Housing
- Economic Development
- Anti-Discrimination Ordinances
- Recreation, Parks & Arts Programs
- Tax Rates & the City Budget
- Water, Waste Disposal & Recycling
- Streets, Sidewalks & Road Repair
- City Govt. Employee Wages & Benefits

Resources for Voters

NCVoter.org - to learn how to register or check your registration status, vote by mail, locate your Election Day poll, or call a Hotline with your questions.

NCSBE.gov - NC State Board of Elections website with same info as above; the State Board's Hotline is 866-522-4723.

Vote411.org - League of Women Voters resource with candidate profiles in many cities, look up your polling place, etc.

NCVoterGuide.org - Local voter guides and loads of information about voting.

TRACY WATSON



Background: I am a dual small business owner. Town's Planning Board. Past Chairman of the Board of MMIA (Military Missions in Action). I continue to serve that organization as well as a number of other non-profits in the greater Fuquay-Varina area.

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected? Traffic and Growth Control; Maintaining and expanding the town's/community green space; Working to get activities/space for our town's teenagers.

How will you use your leadership and elected position to ensure community transparency and accountability for the Police Department? The FVPD already has I feel good transparency with the general public using their social media etc. I would like to see more police officer training/diversity and recruitment to grow as our community is growing daily.

What policies should the town pursue to improve the affordability of housing? I talk to many builders and this is an issue that they also feel passionate about as the price of land and materials go up daily it's a constant struggle. I would like to see more discussions and look to other municipalities to see what has worked.

Website: facebook.com/Tracy4thequay

JASON ORA WUNSCH



Background: I have served as a Fuquay-Varina Town Commissioner since 2013 and have worked as a local attorney for the past 20 years. I am a graduate of Mars Hill College, Campbell Law School and have attended extensive classes at the UNC School of Government.

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected? I will continue traffic mitigation and road improvement and continue to seek grants to take some of the cost burden off the taxpayer. I will continue to develop our parks, including the highly used Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve.

How will you use your leadership and elected position to ensure community transparency and accountability for the Police Department? Continuing the extensive training and development that our officers receive and continuing to be transparent with reporting what goes on with our Department, as is currently being done.

What policies should the town pursue to improve the affordability of housing? The Town can look for opportunities to partner with developers to build affordable housing in the community.

Website: JasonWunsch.com

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

VOTE EARLY, AVOID POSSIBLE BAD WEATHER ON ELECTION DAY!

You may go to any of Wake Co.'s 3 locations (none in Fuquay-Varina):

- **Wake County Board of Elections Office**, 1200 N. New Hope Road., Raleigh 27610 **OPEN:** Weekdays, Mon.-Fri., Oct. 14-Oct. 29, 8:30 am-5:15 pm; and Saturday, Oct. 30, 8 am-3 pm.
- **Avery Street Recreation Center**, 125 Avery St., Garner 27529 **OPEN:** Weekdays, Mon.-Fri., Oct. 25-Oct. 29, 11 am-6 pm; Saturdays, Oct. 23 & Oct. 30, 8 am-3 pm; and Sunday, Oct. 24, 1 pm-6 pm.
- **John M. Brown Community Center**, 53 Hunter St., Apex 27502 **OPEN:** Weekdays, Mon.-Fri., Oct. 25-Oct. 29, 11 am-6 pm; Saturdays, Oct. 23 & Oct. 30, 8 am-3 pm; and Sunday, Oct. 24, 1 pm-6 pm.

You may use mail-in absentee voting. See how on the next page.



*“When we all vote, we determine our future.”
- Michelle Obama*

Have Your Say!

The ballot box is the one place where we are all equal: *One person, One vote.* Your vote is a powerful way to express yourself. Vote in every election because your future matters!

3 WAYS TO VOTE

1. DURING EARLY VOTING

Fuquay-Varina voters may vote at any of the three Early Voting places in Wake County listed on page 3. There is not a location in Fuquay-Varina this year. Voting early is especially good if you have moved or have not voted in several years, because your registration may need to be updated.

You can update a registration or register as a new voter during Early Voting by using **same-day registration**. Show the poll worker one of these with your current address: a utility bill, a bank or payroll statement, or any document from a government agency; or your NC driver’s license; or a student ID with a college document showing your address. The document may be a digital image on your cellphone.

2. ON ELECTION DAY, AT YOUR PRECINCT

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2021. On Election Day, go to your precinct’s polling place between 6:30 am and 7:30 pm. See the list below. If you’re in line by 7:30 pm, you will be able to vote. If you go to the wrong polling place in Fuquay-Varina and don’t have time to go to the correct poll, ask to use a *provisional ballot*. If you are properly registered, it will count.

3. MAIL-IN ABSENTEE VOTING

Any registered voter may vote by mail. First, submit a request for the absentee ballot, either by using the online form at demnc.co/mail or by completing and returning a paper form so it arrives at the board of elections at least 7 days before Election Day. The paper form is at demnc.co/request. Vote the ballot sent to you in the presence of two witnesses or a notary. Fill out and sign the envelope sent to you with the ballot and return to the elections office by Election Day at 5 pm. See demnc.co/mail for details. Follow the directions carefully.

7 TIPS FOR VOTING

- 1. No photo ID is needed to vote in 2021.** The poll worker will ask you to state your name and address and sign in.
- 2.** If are not registered or have moved, **register to vote at your current address at least 25 days before the election.** See demnc.co/reg to register online or to download a registration form. If you miss that deadline, you can use **same-day registration** to register and vote during Early Voting (but not on Election Day) - see #1 at left under “3 Ways To Vote” for how to use same-day registration.
- 3. Newly registered voters may need to show a form of ID if there was a problem verifying their registration;** they will need to show one of the non-photo IDs listed in #1 at left or any photo ID.
- 4.** Any voter may **get help inside the poll** from a near family member (not a cousin). Voters with a disability (including reading difficulty) may get help from anyone, except their employer or union agent. Voters with a physical, mental or medical disability may vote in a vehicle at the polling location’s curb (“curbside voting”).
- 5.** You don’t lose your right to vote if you have an **outstanding warrant, traffic ticket, bankruptcy, civil fine, or misdemeanor.** No elections official will ask you about outstanding fines, tickets, etc.
- 6.** You may **take a list of your choices** inside the polling place to help you remember, but do not show the list to others or leave it. You may view a list on your cellphone but don’t use the phone as a **camera**; taking pictures is prohibited inside the poll.
- 7.** If you mark the **wrong choice by mistake**, ask the elections official for a new ballot to replace a “spoiled” one.

**Questions? Call 888-OUR-VOTE or 919-404-4040
or visit NCVoter.org**

Where to Vote on Election Day

Vote at your own precinct’s polling place on Election Day, November 2. If you don’t know your precinct, look it up at demnc.co/poll or call the elections office at 919-404-4040.

PRECINCT	PRECINCT POLLING PLACE	PRECINCT POLL ADDRESS
PRECINCT 06-04	HUNT COMMUNITY CENTER	301 STINSON AVE, HOLLY SPRINGS 27540
PRECINCT 06-05	HOLLY RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL	950 HOLLY SPRINGS RD, HOLLY SPRINGS 27540
PRECINCT 06-10	HOLLY GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1451 AVENT FERRY RD, HOLLY SPRINGS 27540
PRECINCT 12-01	BALLENTINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1651 MCLAURIN LN, FUQUAY-VARINA 27526
PRECINCT 12-02	FUQUAY-VARINA COMMUNITY CENTER	820 MAIN ST, FUQUAY-VARINA 27526
PRECINCT 12-04	WILLOW SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHO	6800 DWIGHT ROWLAND RD, WILLOW SPRING 27592
PRECINCT 12-06	WAKE COUNTY SOUTHERN REGIONAL	130 JUDD PKWY, FUQUAY-VARINA 27526
PRECINCT 12-07	BANKS ROAD ELEMENTARY	10225 CHAMBERS RD, RALEIGH 27603
PRECINCT 12-08	ST AUGUSTA MISSIONARY BAPTIST	605 BRIDGE ST, FUQUAY-VARINA 27526
PRECINCT 12-09	HERBERT AKINS ROAD ELEMENTARY	2255 HERBERT AKINS RD, FUQUAY-VARINA 27526
PRECINCT 12-10	WEST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL	4600 WEST LAKE RD, APEX 27539
PRECINCT 12-11	HILLTOP CHURCH	10212 FAYETTEVILLE RD, FUQUAY-VARINA 27526
PRECINCT 15-03	PLYMOUTH CHURCH	6104 ROCK SERVICE STATION RD, RALEIGH 27603
PRECINCT 18-07	MID-WAY BAPTIST CHURCH	6910 FAYETTEVILLE RD, RALEIGH 27603