

June 2015 Newsletter Correction

In last month's newsletter the summary description of the Occoquan Historic District's National Historic Register designation was printed. In the summary it stated that "The Occoquan Historic District is comprised of sixty structures situated on the north bank of the Occoquan River." While the sentence is a direct copy from the designation summary, the fact is the Town lies on the south bank of the river, not the north.

River Mill Park Update

The first phase of River Mill Park is almost complete! Fairfax Water is in the process of finalizing their portion of the project to be released to the Town of Occoquan this summer. Once the park is turned over to the Town, we will begin working on the next phase which includes the construction of a restroom facility and upgrades to the footbridge. The final phase of the project, which includes the completion of the stone dust trail and a pavilion, will begin later this year. As a result, construction on the new park site will continue through the beginning of next year with a grand opening set for the Spring of 2016. However, staff is currently working with Fairfax Water to perform a soft park opening this summer to allow the public to access the park while other phases of the park are under construction. For more information on the park and its progress, visit www.occoquanva.gov.

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Mayor's Letter

June in Occoquan opened with another successful Spring Arts and Crafts Show. This year, the Show incorporated more live entertainment and renewed its focus on bringing quality crafters and artisans into Town. Thanks to Craft Show Director Krista Forcier, Town Staff, and our many dedicated volunteers for bringing us a great show. Preparations are already underway for the Fall Show, September 26th and 27th, and it promises to be even better!

I'm pleased to announce that Occoquan has been voted the Best Tourist Destination in Prince William County for 2015 by Prince William Today/InsideNOVA.com. Readers in Northern Virginia have once again recognized Occoquan for its waterfront shopping, dining and rich history. This would, therefore, seem like a great opportunity to welcome some of our newest businesses to Town:

Boucher Financial	Capital Custom Clothiers	Coleman Insurance Agency	Good Hair Day Salon	Kaluca Art
Kountrie Lane Antiques	Man Overboard	Penguin Paddle	Reilly Law	Riverside Coffee Shop & Mini Mart
Safe Harbor Financial Advisors	Seabreeze Yachts	Wolf and Beane Ice Creamery		

And, finally, the Town was recently notified that the Prince William County Tourist Information Center on Mill Street will be closing on August 2nd. The Center, operated by Discover Prince William & Manassas, brings 20,000 visitors to Occoquan and the greater Prince William region each year. Due to a reduction in the Discover Prince William operating budget, funded entirely by the County's Transient Occupancy Tax, the organization's Board made the decision to shut down the Tourist Information Center. I have written to Supervisor Mike May and the entire Board of County Supervisors to request their support in keeping the Center open. The letter can be found on the town website, and we will provide updates as they become available.

Elizabeth A.C. Quist

Town Council Actions: June 2, 2015

The following items are extracts of recent Town Council actions and are not official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes and agendas are available online at www.occoquanva.gov. All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

- Adopted an ordinance to amend Chapter 58 of the Town Code, relating to the Tax on Food and Meals Served in Food Establishment, increasing the tax from 2% to 3%. Passed 4-1, Councilmember Brown voting Nay.
- Adopted an ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the Town Code, relating to the Duties, Powers, and Functions of the Town Building Official.
- Awarded the FY 2016 landscape contract, RFP 2015-001 to the Virginia Lawn Service, Inc. for \$12,765.
- Approved the purchase of Maintenance Edge work order system for \$2,540 from the FY 2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

July 2015

Town Meetings and Events

(All meetings are held at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, unless otherwise noted.)

July 3: Town Hall Closed in observance of Independence Day

July 4: Independence Day

July 7: Town Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, Town Hall

July 14: Planning Commission
7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Architectural Review Board
7:30 p.m., Town Hall

July 20: June 2015 Meals Taxes Due

Trash and Recycling Collection Reminders

Please place refuse to the curb **no earlier than 4 pm** on Tuesdays, but **before 7 am on Wednesdays**, and remove your containers as quickly as possible after collection. Ensure there is a pedestrian path available at all times by not blocking public sidewalks and rights of way with refuse containers. **Do not place household refuse in or next to Town-owned trash receptacles.**

Independence Day Fireworks and Celebrations

July 3, 2015

Work House Arts Center

5:30-9:00pm

Fireworks at 9:00pm

Free admission, \$10 parking fee

www.Workhousearts.org

July 4, 2015

Old Town Manassas

4:00-10:00pm

Fireworks at 9:15pm

Free admission

www.Visitmanassas.org

July 4, 2015

Potomac Nationals

G. Richard Pfitzner Stadium

Fireworks following the game

www.Facebook.com/potomacnationals

Store Your Refuse Containers Behind Your Building

Did you know that the Town Code requires that all trash containers be stored at the rear of buildings or screened from public view? Residents and businesses must remove containers from the curblines as soon as possible after trash pickup and store the containers in the rear of the building or in a screened or enclosed trash receptacle storage area. Please check where you store your containers and ensure that they are stored at the rear of your building or properly shielded from public view.

Also, be sure you are using proper containers. The town provides trash and recycling collection to its residents and as part of this service, provides refuse containers upon request. If you are in need of a new recycling and/or trash container, contact Town Hall at (703) 491-1918. If you are using your own containers, be sure to use watertight metal or non-breakable plastic cans 31 gallons in size or less, equipped with handles and tightfitting covers. You can also use plastic bags instead of containers, but they must have a minimum thickness of three millimeters. Be sure that containers and bags are properly secured in order to prevent unwanted litter.

By properly storing refuse containers and using the proper containers, you can help promote cleanliness and beautification within the Town of Occoquan!

If you would like more information on trash storage and collection, view the Sections 30-32 and 30-33 of the Town Code online at www.occoquanva.gov or call Town Hall at (703) 491-1918.