

Business License Renewals and BPOL Due March 1

The 2017 Business and Professional Occupational License (BPOL) renewals are due no later than March 1, 2017. Renewal notices will be sent during the first week in February to businesses currently holding a license with the Town. A penalty of 10% may be added if your *application* is received after March 1, and/or a 10% penalty will be added if your *payment* is received after May 31, 2017.

The business license fee is based on gross receipts for calendar year 2016. Tax rates are listed on the application, with a minimum tax of \$30.

Businesses operating out of homes within Occoquan are also required to obtain a business license and pay BPOL to the Town. For question, please contact the Town Clerk at (703) 491-1918 or visit www.occoquanva.gov for more information.

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/next to Town-owned trash receptacles.**

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Mayor's Letter

I'd like to welcome two new businesses to Occoquan. The first is Mill Race, a wholesale food preparation business associated with our very own, Georgetown Caterers. The second, Norma Fayak Photography, is opening an office and studio in the Riverwalk Shops. We are proud to welcome these two new businesses to our town, and wish them much success!

Mamie Davis Park will be closed for some time, as we work to repair damage caused by a runaway dump truck that crashed through the park on Friday, the 13th of January. The truck apparently lost its brakes on the Rt. 123 bridge and navigated through Occoquan that morning, coming to rest between the gazebo and new water fountain. Thankfully, no one was hurt, though the truck's fuel tank was ruptured. An environmental services team was called in to contain the diesel spill, and the park has been closed until further notice. Please adhere to all posted notices and do not enter the park until it has officially been reopened by Chief Linn.

February 11th marks the 4th Annual Occoquan Chocolate Walk, sponsored by the Business Guild of Occoquan. From 11 am - 4 pm, over 30 participating shops displaying red balloons will be sampling chocolate goodies, and offering a chance to win a special prize. You can also show your love for your Valentine this month by purchasing a personalized Commemorative Brick Paver that will be installed at River Mill Park. Bricks can be purchased online (www.occoquanva.gov), and proceeds go to park programming and maintenance. Finally, the FY2018 budget process is well underway, and the next Council work session will be held on February 21st. All meetings are open to the public, and the proposed budget document will be available by mid-March. The Town Council plans to take citizen comments at the public hearing currently scheduled for April 4th. As always, we value your input and welcome your comments on this important financial plan.

Elizabeth A.C. Quist



4th Annual Chocolate Walk

Saturday, February 11 | 11am - 4pm



Presented by the Business Guild of Occoquan, visitors are invited to stroll through the Town's historic district and sample a variety of chocolate goodies at participating shops and restaurants. Enjoy grazing through town tasting Chocolate Goodies. Over 35 shops participating. Register for a chance to win a necklace of fresh water dyed Chocolate Pearls. No purchase necessary. Sponsored by Business Guild of Occoquan. Contact (703) 201-8499 for more information.

Town Council Actions: January 3, 2017

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.

- Awarded a contract for Town Recodification and Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Review and Update Project .
- Approved a not to exceed amount of \$60,000 from FY 2017 Capital Improvement Projects for the completion and close out of the River Mill Park project.
- Prohibited on-street parking on the north side of West Locust Street between 110 and 208 West Locust and designated a ten-foot clear area on both sides of the existing driveway on the south side to prohibit parking.
- Adopted a proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 62 of the Town code to prohibit the blocking of intersections within the Town.
- Approved and appropriated a not to exceed amount of \$1,300 to provide a monthly stipend to pay 80% of a monthly health insurance premium for the Town Clerk for the period of March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.
- Set a policy to permit the use of a take home vehicle for the Chief of Police.

Reminder: Town Real Estate Taxes Due February

The 2016 Real Estate Taxes are due on February 15, 2017. If not paid by the due date, an 8% penalty will be assessed. Additionally, a 10% per annum interest charge begins to accrue on March 15, 2017. If you have questions regarding your taxes and pay out of escrow, please contact your mortgage company. If you do not utilize a mortgage company for escrow, please remit payment directly to the Town of Occoquan.

February 2017

Town Meetings and Events

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

February 7: Town Council Meeting
7:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Town Hall

February 11: 4th Annual Occoquan Chocolate Walk
Historic Occoquan, 11 am – 4 pm

February 14: Planning Commission Architectural Review Board
7:00 pm, Town Hall
7:30 pm, Town Hall

February 15: Real Estate Taxes Due

February 20: Presidents' Day
Town Hall Closed

February 20: January 2017 Meals Taxes Due

February 21: Town Council Meeting
7:00 pm, Budget Work Session, Town Hall

March 1: Business License Renewal Applications Due

Tax Relief Programs for Elderly and Disabled Persons

Senior citizens and disabled persons who meet certain criteria may be granted relief from all or part of real estate and personal property taxes. Tax Relief is granted on an annual basis and a renewal application must be filed each year by April 15th.

Application forms for these programs are available at the PWC Real Estate Assessments Office or by mail. You may also request an application form by calling (703) 792-6780 or visiting www.pwcgov.org.

Barrington Pointe Named Community Association of the Year for 2016!

The Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the Community Association Institute recognizes communities throughout the Washington Metropolitan area that best demonstrate excellence in all facets of community management annually. Barrington Pointe has won the Small Category (1-149 units) for 2016. Congratulations Barrington Pointe on winning this prestigious award!