

Town Council Actions: November 1, 2016

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 66, Article VIII of the Town Code Relating to signs and Advertising
- Appointed Adam Linn as Interim Chief of Police/Town Sergeant
- Adjusted Salary for Town Clerk to abide by Federal Overtime Rule
- Approved 2017 Meeting and Holiday Calendar

Trash and Recycling Collection Reminders

Please place refuse to the curb no earlier than 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, but before 7 a.m. on Wednesdays, and remove your containers as quickly as possible after collection and store at the rear of your property. 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.** Need a new container? Contact Town Hall at (703) 491-1918.

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Mayor's Letter

I think everyone would agree that we had spectacular weather and fantastic attendance for the Town Hall Tree Lighting. It not only signals the start of the holiday shopping season, but reminds us what a special and unique community we live in. On December 3rd, Santa will arrive by boat to the Occoquan Town Dock at noon and head down Mill Street where he will greet children inside Town Hall. And, on Sunday, December 4th, Pastor Lundy and Ebenezer Baptist Church will once again open their doors for a holiday service at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following the service will be a candlelight blessing in Mamie Davis Park, with cookies and hot chocolate to keep us warm!

The theme of giving back continues in Occoquan throughout December with the "Untrim-A-Tree" program. Those interested in participating can sign out a gift tag at Town Hall and return their unwrapped children's gifts to Town Hall or Personally Yours by December 9.

The seasonal festivities continue on Saturday, December 10th, when Occoquan again participates in the regional "WinterFest" event. Kicked off at 11 am on Harbor Drive in Lake Ridge with the Santa Parade, this year's theme is *A Comic Book Christmas*. From noon to 3 p.m., Tackett's Mill holds the Holiday Arts Market, and then WinterFest moves to Occoquan! In addition to the traditional holiday shopping and dining, there will be caroling, fire pits, marshmallow roasting, period dress reenactors and kid's crafts. The Workhouse Arts Center hosts its Saturday Art Walk from 6-9 p.m., and Prince William Marina has sponsored a festive fireworks display (viewable from Occoquan Regional Park and Town) at approximately 8 p.m. and has dedicated it to all active duty military service members. Should be another great evening in Occoquan!

Finally, please remember to "Shop Small" and support your local Occoquan merchants, restaurants and businesses this holiday season. While Occoquan is well known for having a concentrated and diverse mix of retail shopping and dining opportunities, we are also home to a variety of service businesses that count on your continued support now and throughout the year. So, the next time you are tempted to search the internet for a service provider, consider patronizing one of the many talented professionals located right around the corner in Historic Occoquan.

Elizabeth A.C. Quist

Town Blessing, December 4

The Town invites the public to attend the annual Town Blessing on Sunday, December 4, 2016. The evening will begin with a sermon at Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, located on the corner of Commerce and Washington Streets, at 5:30 p.m. and immediately followed by a candlelit Town Blessing at Mamie Davis Park on Mill Street. Event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

Snow Removal in Occoquan

The winter season is fast approaching! Please be reminded that the Town has established **Snow Emergency Routes** (Chapter 62, Article VII, Sections 192-196) within the town's limits. The snow emergency routes prohibit on-street parking during (or threat of) inclement weather. The purpose of this is to aid the town and VDOT in clearing snow and ice from travel lanes, as well as from on-street parking areas. The streets impacted include Commerce Street, Ellicott Street, Mill Street, Union Street and Washington Street. During inclement weather (or threat of), park vehicles on your private property or in the public parking lot under the Route 123 bridge at the end of Mill Street. Vehicles left on-street during a snow or ice event, will be removed at the owner's cost.

The Town is responsible for snow removal on town-owned streets and works closely with VDOT to clear VDOT-owned roads. As a reminder, privately owned streets and drives located within HOAs are the responsibility of the HOA.

The Town is responsible for clearing ice and snow from sidewalks adjacent to public buildings. **All other sidewalks within the Town must be cleared by the adjacent property owner or HOA.** Please ensure that sidewalks adjacent to your home or business are cleared of snow and ice to ensure safe pedestrian access. For more information, visit www.occoquanva.gov.

Santa Comes to Occoquan, December 3

The Business Guild of Occoquan will welcome Santa Clause to Town on Saturday, December 3. Santa will arrive by boat at Mamie Davis Park at 12:00 p.m. After being escorted up the river by Rivershore Charters, Santa will talk with all the visiting children at the Occoquan Town Hall, 314 Mill Street. Bring your camera! For more information, contact the Business Guild of Occoquan at (703) 201-8499.



December 2016

Town Meetings and Events

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

December 3: Santa arrives, Mamie Davis Park, followed by Santa at Town Hall, 12:00 p.m.

December 4: Town Blessing
5:30 p.m., Ebenezer Baptist Church

December 6: Town Council
7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting

December 10: WinterFest
Historic District, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

December 13: Planning Commission Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
Architectural Review Board, 7:30 p.m.

December 20: Meals Tax Due

December 23 and 26: Observing Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Town Hall Closed

WinterFest in Occoquan, December 10

Occoquan River Communities (ORC) presents WinterFest 2016 on Saturday, December 10, 2016! A full day of events are planned throughout the region beginning with the return of Santa's Lake Ridge Parade at 11 a.m., a holiday arts market at Tackett's Mill, Second Saturday Art Walk at the Workhouse Art Center, evening of shopping and dining in Historic Occoquan, and ending with a fireworks show at approximately 8 p.m. sponsored by Prince William Marina and viewable from the Town and Occoquan Regional Park.

From 3 to 7 p.m., Historic Occoquan will be hosting fire pits and marshmallow roasting, strolling carolers and musicians, an OWL fire truck with Santa, kids' crafts and free hot chocolate (while supplies last!). Come out for an evening of shopping and dining where stores will be open late, and you'll enjoy a family-friendly holiday atmosphere. For more information, visit www.occoquanva.gov.

Untrim-A-Tree Through December 9

Participate in the Untrim-A-Tree Project and stop by Town Hall to select a gift tag from the tree and make a child's holiday wish come true. To participate, sign up at Town Hall and return new, unwrapped gifts to Town Hall or Personally Yours during normal business hours by December 9, 2016. Sponsored by the Business Guild of Occoquan and Prince William volunteers.