

## Town Council Actions: December 4, 2018

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](http://www.occoquanva.gov). All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

- Approved Purchase of Heaters for River Mill Park
- Approved Architectural Review Board Revised Signage Guidelines
- Approved Updated Public Safety Goals

### Important Phone Numbers

Prince William County Police- Non-Emergency:	703-792-6500
Bates Trucking Trash Removal- Special Pick-up:	800-840-6454 ( <i>ex 331 special pickups</i> )
Prince William County Landfill:	703-792-5750
Prince William County Service Authority:	703-335-7950 ( <i>Water and Sewer</i> )
Washington Gas:	703-750-1000
Dominion Virginia Power:	888-667-3000

## OCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

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#### TOWN COUNCIL

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Chris Coon, Town Clerk  
Carla Rodriguez, Town Treasurer  
Julie Little, Events Director  
Bucky Brill, Maintenance Supervisor  
Pam Holbert, Administrative Asst.

## Mayor's Letter

I would like to start 2019 by thanking everyone for your kind words and support over the past six months. In particular, I want to thank those of you who volunteered during the course of the year, whether by assisting with an event, or serving on a formal body like the Planning Commission, ARB, or another committee. Occoquan simply could not achieve any of its successes without your assistance and cooperation. Additionally, I want to thank those of you who were able to fill some of your holidays needs with the offerings of town businesses. Our businesses are a critical part of the Occoquan community and your support of them is important to all of us. Each of these things, as well as your many other types of contributions, help make Occoquan the attractive place it is.

As we enter the heart of winter, snow is always a concern. The streets within town boundaries are a hodgepodge of VDOT, town, and HOA property. Consequently, snow removal obligations can be confusing. I therefore encourage everyone to review the town street maintenance map to familiarize themselves with snow removal responsibilities. The map may be found on the town web site at [www.occoquanva.gov/town-maps.html](http://www.occoquanva.gov/town-maps.html).

I would like to close this month by introducing and asking you to join me in welcoming our new Town Manager, Kathy Leidich. Ms. Leidich started with the Town on November 30. She has over twenty years of local government experience. In addition to master's degrees in public administration and city and regional planning, her formal education includes a bachelor's degree in political science. She is a twenty-year member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and has been certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). We are excited about Kathy joining us and grateful for the efforts of Acting Town Manager, Chris Coon, and all the staff who have been working diligently during the transition.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me at [eporta@occoquanva.gov](mailto:eporta@occoquanva.gov) with any comments, questions or concerns, and I wish you all a very prosperous and happy New Year!

*Earnie W. Porta, Jr.*

## Traffic and Speed Enforcement on the Route 123 Bridge

We have received a number of inquiries recently regarding Occoquan Town Police performing traffic and speed enforcement on the Route 123 bridge. Occoquan police initially began stationing at the intersection of Commerce Street and Route 123 in response to resident complaints about rush hour traffic blocking the intersection, making it difficult for residents to access or leave town via that route. As some of you may be aware, however, speeding on the bridge is epidemic and the accidents that result have been sufficiently recognized by the DMV and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). As a result, the Town was awarded a Highway Safety grant to do speed enforcement on the bridge, with the ultimate goal of reducing accidents and speed-related deaths. As part of the effort to reduce the occurrence of speeding and accidents on the bridge, Occoquan police typically identify themselves on WAZE so that drivers using the system will see a notification that police are present and hopefully pay particular attention to appropriate traffic rules.

## Volunteer on a Town Board or Commission

The Town of Occoquan has three standing boards and commissions that are staffed by community volunteers and focus on specific community needs and issues. The Town relies on volunteers from the community to serve on these important boards. Currently, there are positions available on the Town's Planning Commission. To learn more about the roles of these boards, visit [www.occoquanva.gov/boards-and-commissions.html](http://www.occoquanva.gov/boards-and-commissions.html).

If you're interested in being considered for appointment to the Planning Commission please complete a short application and submit to Town Hall, M-F, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., 314 Mill Street. Applications are available at Town Hall or online at [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov).

### Message from the Occoquan Post Office...

The Occoquan Post Office would like to express our appreciation for all the kind words and gifts we received during the holiday season from residents and town merchants.  
Happy New Year! - Judy and Eleanor

# January 2019

## Town Meetings and Events

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

### January 1: New Year's Day

Town Hall Closed

### January 2: Town Council Meeting

7:00 pm, Regular Meeting

### January 15: Town Council Meeting

7:00 pm, Work Session

### January 16: Town and Business Partnership Meeting

6:00 pm, Town Hall

### January 22: Planning Commission Meeting

6:30 pm, Town Hall

### Architectural Review Board Meeting

7:30 pm, Town Hall

## Holiday Greenery Recycling

After all the holiday festivities are done, don't toss your holiday greenery to the curb. Give your Christmas tree, wreath and other cut greenery a fitting final resting place. Simply remove all ornaments, decorations, tinsel, nails and the tree stand and take the greenery to one of the following locations:

- The Prince William County Landfill, 14811 Dumfries Rd., Manassas, VA
- The Balls Ford Road Compost Facility, 13000 Balls Ford Rd., Manassas, VA
- Leesylvania State Park, 2001 Daniel K. Ludwig Dr., Woodbridge, VA
- Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative, 5399 Wellington Branch Rd., Gainesville, VA

*For more information about recycling in Prince William County, please visit – <http://www.pwccgov.org/trashandrecycling> or call 703-792-4670.*

## Snow Removal - Emergency Snow Routes

While it has been a mild winter so far, snow continues to be a possibility over the next several months. As a reminder, the Town has established snow emergency routes throughout town (Chapter 62, Article VII, Sections 192-196). When snow is expected, on-street parking will not be permitted on the identified roads. This will allow the town to remove snow from on-street parking. During inclement weather, if you normally park on-street, please consider parking under the Route 123 bridge. For more information, visit [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov).