

Town Council Actions: October 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.

Note: Councilman Drakes was not present at the October 3, 2017 meeting.

- Approved a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$10,000 for Gaslight Maintenance. (Approved 3-1, McGuire Voting Nay)
- Approved the 2018 Town Holiday and Meeting Schedule.

Bag Your Leaves

It's that time of year! As you are clearing your property of fallen leaves, please be sure to bag your leaves and do not blow them on to streets, sidewalks, gutters, or other right of ways as they will not be collected. Leaves must be bagged and can be placed to the curb for collection on the Town's regular refuse collection day. Also note that brush and tree limbs must be cut into 4-foot lengths, bundled with rope or twine, and not exceed 50 pounds. Grass clippings, leaves, and twigs can be bagged or placed in personal containers; however, tree limbs that are larger than 6 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length will not be collected. Questions? Contact Town Hall at 703-491-1918.

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Mayor's Letter

Thank you to the 212 volunteers that participated in the Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) river clean-up on October 14th. Volunteers cleared 158 large bags of trash and 40 bags of recyclable materials from the river and shoreline from five sites in Prince William County, including the Town of Occoquan. Other large items were removed, all totaling two tons of trash. Thank you to everyone that has dedicated their time and efforts in stewardship of the Occoquan River.

Occoquan is conducting an assessment of the Town's public safety program, and has sought public input and feedback through an online survey and a community meeting that was recently held at Town Hall. The purpose of the assessment is to identify the needs of the Town, as well as ways to enhance policing services and direct the department to provide the most responsive, cost efficient and compassionate police services possible. Chief Linn plans to present his findings at a future work session of the Town Council, and we welcome the public, as always, to attend. See the Town website or postings at Town Hall for upcoming meeting agendas.

The holiday season kicks off in Occoquan with a number of family-friendly annual events, such as the Business Guild of Occoquan's Holiday Open House from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Friday, November 17th. The Town Tree Lighting will take place at 8:05 pm that evening, followed by the Guild's gift certificate drawings at 8:15 pm in front of Hawthorne House Fine Paper. Planning is underway for a number of other Occoquan traditions in December, to include the Town Blessing at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Santa's Lake Ridge Parade and Occoquan Winterfest, and a variety of charity drives. Watch for details in the December newsletter and on the Town's website at www.occoquanva.gov.

Finally, don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 7th. You can check www.pwcvotes.com to determine your polling location and view sample ballots. Please remember, voting *does not* occur at Town Hall this election cycle.

Elizabeth A.C. Quist

Occoquan Vehicle License Fee Due

The Town of Occoquan 2018 vehicle license fees/decals are now on sale at Town Hall. Town Ordinance Section 62-37 requires that owners of any motor vehicle principally stored, garaged or parked in the Town obtain a license decal from the Town. **The 2018 decal must be displayed on your vehicle by November 15, 2017.**

Renewal forms were mailed in September; blank forms are available on the Town's website at www.occoquanva.gov or at Town Hall. Forms and payments can be mailed back to Town Hall or dropped off in person. Town Hall will be open late on **Wednesday, November 8, until 7 pm** for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Town Staff at (703) 491-1918 or at info@occoquanva.gov.

Public Safety Notice

Prince William County has been a target of thefts that involve burglars using garage door openers inside of unlocked cars to gain access into victims homes. Since October 13, there have been five burglaries where the residents were home during the burglaries and the suspect gained entry through an exterior garage door and an unlocked interior garage door. In all of the cases it appears the suspect used a garage door opener from an unlocked car parked in the driveway. For more information visit: www.insidenova.com/news/crime_police.

Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and report all suspicious activity immediately.

For Emergency Dial 9-1-1

Prince William County Non-Emergency Police (703) 792-6500

Occoquan Town Hall (703) 491-1918

Occoquan Police Chief E-mail: ALinn@OccoquanVA.gov

Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting: November 17

Kick-off the holiday season with an evening of shopping in Historic Occoquan on Friday, November 17, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Stroll through the many unique shops of Occoquan during the Business Guild of Occoquan's Holiday Open House and enjoy shopping, refreshments and an old fashioned Christmas.

Immediately following this special shopping event, stop by Town Hall for the annual tree lighting event at 8:05 p.m. Then at 8:15 p.m. the Guild will hold its Open House drawing in front of Hawthorne House Fine Papers and distribute \$1,000 in gift certificates! Must be present to win.

November 2017

Town Meetings and Events

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

November 7: Election Day

Check your polling location:
www.pwcvotes.com

November 8: Town Council Meeting

7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting
Extended Auto Decal Hours 9 a.m. – 7p.m.

November 10: Veterans Day (Observed)

Town Hall Closed

November 14: Planning Commission

7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting

Architectural Review Board

7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting

November 15: 2018 Auto Decal Deadline

November 17: Untrim-A-Tree Project Starts

Select a gift tag to purchase a gift for underprivileged children; located at Town Hall. Sponsored by Volunteer Prince William. More Info: 703-494-8683.

November 17: Holiday Open House and Tree

Lighting, Historic District
Business Open House, 4 p.m. – 8p.m.
Tree Lighting, 8:05 p.m. at Town Hall

November 20: October 2017 Meals Tax and Transit Occupancy Tax Due

November 21: Town Council Meeting

7:00 p.m., Work Session Meeting

November 23 & 24: Thanksgiving Holiday

Town Hall Closed

Parking and Traffic Study Update

Over the last several months, the Town has been working with JMT, Inc. to conduct a parking and traffic study within the town, focusing on the Town's historic business district. JMT presented the draft report to the Town Council at their October 17, work session. The draft report provides results from the data collection phase including parking inventory counts, parking space turn-over rates, parking capacity, and cut-through traffic data for both week-day and weekend (regular and special event) conditions. It also includes recommendations that would assist the Town in better utilizing available parking capacity, improving pedestrian safety and vehicle flow, and addressing cut-through traffic patterns.

The draft is currently being finalized to include a recommended implementation schedule, which will be considered by the Town Council through the budget process and undergo a formal citizen input process prior to implementation. The final report is expected to be received by November 2017. It is important to note that the report **does not** include a recommendation for metered or timed parking within the Town of Occoquan and the Council is not currently considering either of these options for implementation. The draft study is available on the town's website at www.occoquanva.gov.