

Disposing of Yard Waste

It's that time of year for our outdoor spring cleaning projects. While doing this work, keep in mind that there are regulations regarding the disposal of yard waste. Brush and tree limbs must be cut into 4-foot lengths, bundled with rope or twine, and should not exceed 50 pounds. Grass clippings, leaves and twigs can be placed in paper bags or personal containers. However, tree limbs that are larger than 6 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length will not be collected.



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

My message in April was already so long that I didn't have an opportunity to welcome Emerald Bee Bath to Commerce Street, so please join me in welcoming them to Occoquan!

As usual, we've got a lot to cover, but I'd like to start by saying that I would love to see more of you at our Town Council meetings (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month) as we work through the issues that interest you all most. We are moving forward with our Comprehensive Plan update efforts, and the current schedule has us bringing the draft Plan to Public Hearing and Council for adoption by the end of this fiscal year, June 30th. This is a significant undertaking that the Planning Commission has led and numerous volunteers have contributed to, and is an important document which guides our land use decisions. Also, on May 4th we will have our final Council discussion on the FY17 operating and capital improvement budgets, and the vote to adopt. This is where the Town Council will finalize the budget for Town Hall operations and funding capital projects that you care about – intersection and road improvements, Town parks, the canoe & kayak launch, beautification efforts, and much more.

As I write this, our community is undergoing an incredible transformation. The Town Dock has received a power washing and will get new signage. We've made dramatic progress in River Mill Park and the footbridge, including the hosting of an Eagle Scout Project on April 23rd which has provided us with a beautiful, double-sided entrance sign for the new park, with glass enclosed cork boards for posting event announcements. Thank you to Eagle Scout candidate Bailey Evans and Troop 1396! The Park opening is imminent, and the footbridge will be opening within the next couple of weeks.

As I write this, we are counting down to Comcast Cares Day, which will bring us 350 volunteers and \$30,000 in cash and in-kind donations toward beautification and capital improvement projects in Occoquan. This is yet another example of your Town Council and Staff working together with volunteers, local non-profit and business organizations to leverage our LOVE of Occoquan. See you on May 3rd for the Mayoral and Council Elections at Town Hall – details available at www.OccoquanVA.gov.

Elizabeth A.C. Quist

Town Council Actions: April 5, 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.

- Held a Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 17 Budget.
- Approved the Fiscal Year end June 30, 2015 Financial Report.
- Approved the request to purchase replacement signage in the amount of \$2,060 from the Fiscal Year 2016 CIP funds Mill Street revitalization project to be installed as part of Comcast Cares Day.
- On April 26, held a Public Hearing on the Proposed FY17 Tax Rates.



Local artists will be participating in Art on the Block in Historic Occoquan on May 7, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Enjoy watching artists while they work, partake in receptions at each of the galleries, and sign up for special drawings. Participating galleries will be mark with colored balloons. For more information, visit artontheblockoccoquan.com Sponsored by the Art Galleries of Occoquan.

Occoquan Spring Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5

STREET CLOSINGS

The following roads will be closed from 8 am to 6:30 pm on June 4 and 5: Mill, Commerce, Union, Washington Streets, as well as Ellicott Street from Mill Street to Center Lane. During this time, please coordinate movers or deliveries accordingly.

CRAFT SHOW PARKING—Historic District Residents and Businesses

Permits will be available to merchants and residents living or working in the historic district for parking under the Route 123 bridge from 10:00 pm, Friday, June 3, until 6:30 pm, Sunday, June 5. Due to limited parking spaces, only one permit per business or family - first come, first served - will be issued. Permits will be available at Town Hall beginning Tuesday, May 31, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in giving back to the community? Consider volunteering your time and talents to the Town's Arts and Crafts Show. This two-day event draws thousands of people to town and is successful due to the support of our businesses and volunteers! If you're interested in volunteering for the Arts and Crafts Show, call (703)-491-2168, email dbrown@occoquanva.gov, or stop by Town Hall to sign up.

May 2016

Town Meetings and Events

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

May 3: Town Election Day

6:00 am – 7:00 pm, Polls Open,
Town Hall

May 4: Town Council Meeting

7:00 pm, Regular Meeting

May 7: Art on the Block

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Historic Occoquan

May 10: Planning Commission

6:30 pm, Regular Meeting

Architectural Review Board

7:30 pm, Regular Meeting

May 17: Town Council Meeting

7:00 pm, Work Session

May 21: Sail Occoquan

9:45 am, View Boat Parade

Mamie Davis Park & Boardwalk

May 25: Planning Commission

6:30 pm, Comp Plan Work Session

May 30: Memorial Day

Town Hall Closed

May 31: Planning Commission

6:30 pm, Work Session

BUSINESS REMINDERS: April 2016 Meals Tax Due May 20, 2016;

Business Licenses (2016) Fees due May 31, 2016; late fees apply



Sail Occoquan



Join us on Saturday, May 21, (rain date Sunday, May 22) to view the Occoquan River Maritime Association's Blessing of the Fleet's festive parade of boats led by the first responders of Fairfax and Prince William County spraying with their high powered water cannons followed by pleasure craft. The window of opportunity for viewing is 9:45 am to 10:15 am on the boardwalk behind Mamie Davis Park and Madigan's. Share your photos - #Occoquan

Town Election Day: May 3, 2016

This is an election year for the positions of Mayor and Town Council. Voting will take place at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, from 6 am to 7 pm on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Candidate statements are available at Town Hall or on the town's website at occoquanva.gov For more information, visit the Prince William County Office of Elections website at www.pwcgov.org.