

## Town Council Actions: July 18, 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](http://www.occoquanva.gov). All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

\*All items below approved 4-0, Councilmember Dawson Absent

- Approved Bond Release request and a One-Year Maintenance Agreement for Vistas of Occoquan
- Adopted an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Occoquan to create the NOVA Arts and Cultural District
- Awarded Contract for Snow Removal Services to Virginia Lawn Service

## 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 or next to Town-owned trash receptacles.**

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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Cindy Fithian  
Joseph McGuire



### TOWN HALL STAFF

Kirstyn Jovanovich, Town Manager  
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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

*The results are in!* For the third year in a row, Occoquan has been recognized by InsideNOVA's Best of Prince William as the Best Tourist Destination in the County. Additionally, the Arts and Crafts Show has been recognized as the Best Community Event/Festival for the second year in a row, and we also took a new title in the 2017 community survey of Best Local Attraction. Congratulations and thanks to everyone that makes Occoquan a great place to live, work and play!

As we continue to battle the scorching temperatures of summer, it's hard to believe that our Fall Arts and Crafts Show is just around the corner. We're looking for volunteers to fill a number of positions assisting visitors and vendors on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, including information booth, vendor assistance, bus stop and flex positions. We will reach out to those of you who have volunteered for prior shows, but we still need new volunteers each year to help us produce a successful show. Revenue generated during these semi-annual events funds Town capital projects, saving us from a 6.5¢/\$100 increase in our real estate tax rate this past year alone. Please consider volunteering this fall - contact Events and Community Development Director, Julie Little, to sign-up: [JLittle@OccoquanVA.gov](mailto:JLittle@OccoquanVA.gov). There's still time to enjoy one of our free concerts in the Music on Mill concert series. The complete schedule and sponsor information can be found on our website ([www.OccoquanVA.gov](http://www.OccoquanVA.gov)), and the remaining shows this season are:

Friday, August 4: Janel Daliya (Folk/Pop)  
Saturday, August 19: The Amazing Kevin (Children's Magic Show)  
Friday, September 1: FeelFree (Reggae/Rock)  
Saturday, September 16: James Drakes and the Chris Taylor Trio (Acoustic Rock)

Thanks to this year's sponsors - The Secret Garden Café, Details of Occoquan, Edgemoor Art Studio, Madigan's Waterfront, Bottle Stop Wine Bar, and Betty Dean & Associates (sponsors as of 7/20/17).

Finally, please join me in welcoming two new businesses to Town. *Occoquan Optical*, and *Occoquan Spice, Tea & Sweets* will soon call the historic business district home and we wish them much success!

*Elizabeth A.C. Quist*

## VFW Post Commander Named 'All-American'

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is pleased to announce, Charles P. "Chuck" Wilson has achieved "All-American" status as a Post Commander (2014-2017). Wilson, outgoing commander of Post 7916 in Occoquan, VA, is one of only 279 of 6,500 (Top .04%) VFW Post commanders worldwide to earn the title of All-American Commander.

To achieve this honor, Post commanders must meet strict requirements in their role to include exceptional leadership, authentic accomplishment in membership growth and strong support of VFW core programs. Chuck Wilson is now Commander of District 10, Virginia's largest District with over 8,000 Veteran and Auxiliary members.

## Occoquan is Best of Prince William 2017!



The Town of Occoquan is proud to announce that it has been voted for the third year in a row as the Best Tourist Destination in Prince William County in InsideNOVA's 2017 Best of Prince William. The Town was also voted as the Best Local Attraction and for the second year in a row, the Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show has been selected as Best Community Event/Festival in the County.

InsideNOVA's Best Of list is determined through its readership, which resulted in more than 88,500 votes from 8,500 participants in the 2017 competition. Participants selected their favorites among nearly 200 people, places and businesses from across the County. Thank you to everyone who continues to make Occoquan great!

## Disposing of Yard Waste

It's that time of year for our outdoor 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.

# August 2017

## Town Meetings and Events

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

### August 1: Town Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., Work Session Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting

### August 4: Music on Mill Concert, Janel Daliya (Folk/Pop)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park

### August 8: Planning Commission Meeting

7:00 p.m.

### August 8: Architectural Review Board

7:30 p.m.

### August 19: The Amazing Kevin (Children's Magic Show) at River Mill Park

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park

### August 20: July 2017 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due

## Sales Tax Holiday/Tax-Free Weekend

### August 4-6, 2017

The Virginia Department of Taxation legislation enacted by the 2015 General Assembly combined Virginia's three sales tax holidays into one three-day holiday beginning the first Friday in August at 12:01 a.m. and ending the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m.

During the sales tax holiday period, consumers can purchase qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star™ and WaterSense™ products without paying sales tax. This includes qualifying items purchased online, by mail or over the phone. For more information, please visit [www.tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday](http://www.tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday).

## Occoquan Fall Craft Show 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! Many different positions and shifts are available. If you're interested in volunteering for the Arts and Crafts Show, call (703) 491-2168, email [jlittle@occoquanva.gov](mailto:jlittle@occoquanva.gov), or stop by Town Hall to sign up.