

## Town Council Actions: May 2, 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.

**Note:** Councilman McGuire was not present at the May 2, 2018 meeting.

- Adopted and appropriated Fiscal Year 2019 Budget and Tax Rates.
- Approved Resolution for Military Tribute Banner Program.
- Adopted Ordinance to Update Occoquan Town Code Chapter 2, Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board.
- Accepted Planning Commission 2017 Annual Report.
- Approved Fiscal Year 2019 Refuse and Recycling Contract in an amount not to exceed \$49,800.
- Approved Fiscal Year 2019 Landscaping Contract in an amount not to exceed \$17,375.
- Awarded a contract to H&H Paving to repair and pave Commerce/Washington Streets Public Parking Lot (Annex Lot) in an amount not to exceed \$28,500.
- Approved an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the redesign of the Town's website and authorized the Town Manager to contract with the lowest, responsible bidder.
- Approved After-the-Fact Snow Removal Expenditures in the amount of \$1,273.75.
- Appointed members to the Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board and the Arts and Crafts Show Exploratory Committee.

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### TOWN COUNCIL

Elizabeth A.C. Quist, Mayor  
Patrick A. Sivigny, Vice Mayor  
J. Matthew Dawson  
Jim Drakes  
Cindy Fithian  
Joseph McGuire



### TOWN HALL STAFF

Kirstyn Jovanovich, Town Manager  
Adam Linn, Chief of Police  
Chris Coon, Town Clerk  
Carla Rodriguez, Town Treasurer  
Julie Little, Events Director  
Bucky Brill, Maintenance Supervisor  
Pam Holbert, Administrative Asst.

## Mayor's Letter

June is here, and I can hardly believe that this will be my final newsletter message to you all. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Mayor of the Town of Occoquan for the last four years, and I'm immensely proud of all that we have accomplished as a Council. We are incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated and talented staff that cares deeply about this community and I'm grateful to have had the chance to work with them all. I'd like to congratulate the newly elected officials and wish Mayor Porta and the incoming Council all the best. Thank you all for your support!

*Elizabeth A.C. Quist*

## Occoquan Spring Arts and Crafts Show

Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3

The Spring Arts and Crafts Show will be on Saturday, June 2, 10 am - 6 pm, and Sunday, June 3, 10 am - 5pm, in Historic Occoquan. We hope everyone will come out for this great two-day event filled with contemporary and country crafters and artisans, live music, children's entertainment and great food! For more information on the show, visit [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov). This event is held rain or shine!

**Road Closure Reminder:** Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic within the Historic District from 8 am to approximately 7 pm on June 2 and 3. On-street and municipal lot parking is restricted to **permitted parking only** during this time.

**New Yellow Parking Lot:** The Vulcan lot is no longer available for parking during the craft show due to planned improvements at Vulcan. The Town has coordinated with the Workhouse Arts Center to move the Yellow Lot to the Workhouse. The Yellow Stop will continue to drop off under the Route 123 Bridge.

## Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted Budget in Review

On May 2, the Town Council approved the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which will run from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

		FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference	Increase/ (Decrease)
General Fund	Expenditures	\$719,010	\$755,920	\$36,910	5.1%
	Revenues	\$719,010	\$755,920	\$36,910	5.1%
Craft Show Fund	Expenditures	\$108,120	\$101,954	\$(6,166)	(5.7%)
	Revenues	\$216,390	203,950	(\$12,440)	(5.7%)
Mamie Davis Fund	Expenditures	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0%
	Revenues	\$4,100	\$2,600	(\$1,500)	(36.6%)
Capital Improvement Fund	Expenditures	\$291,500	\$606,100	\$314,600	107.9%
	Revenues	\$100,000	\$446,300	\$346,300	346.3%

The General Fund budget is based on maintaining the Real Estate Tax Rate of \$0.12 per \$100 of assessed value. The budget maintains the current meals tax and transient tax rates at 3% and 2%, respectively. As was done in the FY2018 Budget, a portion of funding from the meals tax revenue has been identified to go back into the community to support our businesses and community programming.

The FY2019 Budget and CIP focuses on continued improvements to Town processes and programs. The Adopted Budget includes funding for part-time police officers, who will provide additional coverage during peak calls-for-service times, including nights, weekends and holidays. CIP projects planned for FY 2019 include intersection improvements at Mill/Ellicott and Mill/Washington Streets to install crosswalks, repairs to the Town Hall entrance sidewalk, continued replacement of public refuse and recycling containers, and the ADA Accessible Canoe and Kayak Ramp. Continued improvements to community programming and our semi-annual Arts and Crafts Shows allow us to continue to promote the Town's position as a premier riverfront community. With the final budget document as a guide, we look forward to another great year in Occoquan.

The full FY 2019 Adopted Budget will be available on the Town's website at [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov) and at Town Hall during normal business hours by July 1, 2018. The full proposed budget is currently available.

## Town Meetings and Events

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

<p><b>June 2-3: Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show</b> Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>June 19: Town Council Work Session</b> 7:00 p.m., Town Hall</p>
<p><b>June 5: Town Council Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m., Town Hall</p>	<p><b>June 20: May 2018 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due</b></p>
<p><b>June 16: Music on Mill</b> 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park Cheley Tackett (Country)</p>	<p><b>June 26: Planning Commission</b> 6:30 pm, Town Hall <b>Architectural Review Board</b> 7:30 pm, Town Hall</p>

## Be Aware: Focus on Pedestrian Safety

The weather is getting nicer and Occoquan is a wonderful place to walk, shop, and sightsee. There are more people enjoying the streets in Town. Motorists and pedestrians need to obey traffic laws that assure everyone's safety. Please be careful when you drive or walk in Town. The Occoquan Police Department will be focusing on pedestrian safety during the summer months.

## In Memory of Saluka Jones

The Town would like to express its deepest condolences to the family and friends of long-time Occoquan resident Saluka Jones, who passed away on March 3, 2018. She was a positive and generous person and dedicated much of her life to education through her role as a teaching assistant in D.C. public schools and volunteering at St. Anthony's School in D.C. Our hearts and thoughts go out to her family and friends.

## Town Election Results

Mayor and Town Council will be sworn in on Tuesday, July 3, at 6:45 pm at Town Hall. The following individuals will begin new two-year terms:

**Mayor:** Earnie Porta

**Councilmembers:** J. Matthew Dawson, Cindy Fithian, Laurie Holloway, Eliot Perkins and Pat Sivigny