

Business License Fees Due May 31

The 2017 Business and Professional Occupational License (BPOL) renewals were due on March 1, 2017. Renewal notices were sent in February to businesses currently holding a license with the Town. A penalty of 10% may be added for *applications* received after March 1, and/or a 10% penalty will be added for *payments* received after May 31, 2017.

The business license fee is based on gross receipts for calendar year 2016. Tax rates are listed on the application, with a minimum tax of \$30.

Businesses operating out of homes within Occoquan are also required to obtain a business license and pay BPOL to the Town. For question, please contact the Town Clerk at (703) 491-1918 or visit www.occoquanva.gov for more information.

FY 2018 Proposed Budget

The proposed FY 2018 Budget is now available on the town's website at www.occoquanva.gov or at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. There was a public hearing on the budget on April 4, and on the tax rates on April 25, 2017. The FY 2018 Budget and supporting tax rates are set to be adopted on May 2, 2017. The FY 2018 Budget will run from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

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Mayor's Letter

Thanks to everyone who came out to volunteer for the Friends of the Occoquan River Cleanup on April 29th. I've said it before, but it bears repeating; we have a responsibility to be good stewards of the Occoquan River, and it makes me proud to see scout troops, parents and their children, and long-time residents coming together to not only clean up the river, but also pass that message of conservation along to future generations. Thank you!

Please join me in welcoming our two newest staff members to Town Hall. Carla Rodriguez has been appointed Town Treasurer, and Julie Little has accepted the position of Events and Community Development Director. They will both hit the ground running as we navigate through the final weeks of the FY18 budget season and prepare for the Spring Arts & Crafts Show. Don't forget to sign up to volunteer at the bus stops, information booth, or as vendor assistance (craftshow@occoquanva.gov).

The Town Council has contracted with Burns & McDonnell, and is in the process of reviewing and updating the zoning and subdivision ordinances. This is the next step in the process that began with the recent Comprehensive Plan updates. We held a community meeting to obtain initial public input on Thursday, April 20th (links to the proposed changes are available on the Town website), and the Council will be discussing the proposed changes at future work sessions. Some of the changes are intended to align the code with Comprehensive Plan updates, while others affect formatting, update definitions and code references, or align our code with State Code requirements. As always, we welcome community input on these matters, and encourage you to familiarize yourselves with the proposed changes and attend these upcoming meetings.

Now for the fun stuff – we have a number of community events upcoming in the month of May. On May 6th, the VFW will be sponsoring a horse parade at 9 am on Mill Street in honor of the Kentucky Derby, followed by a pig roast. On the 13th, Occoquan Regional Park sponsors Riverfest 2017, and the Town of Occoquan will also be hosting Art on the Block. Participating galleries will feature balloons at their entrances from 1 to 5 pm. Stroll the streets and support the arts in Occoquan! Finally, on May 20th, the Town will be participating in the Blessing of the Fleet and visitors can view the boat parade from the Town Dock. See you this summer in Occoquan!

Elizabeth A.C. Quist



Occoquan Spring Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4

STREET CLOSINGS

The following roads will be closed from 8 am to 6:30 pm on June 3 and 4: 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 - Event Area 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 30, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Town Hall will observe extended hours until 7:00 pm on May 30, 2017.

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 jlittle@occoquanva.gov, or stop by Town Hall to sign up.

May 2017

Town Meetings and Events

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

May 2: Town Council Meeting
Includes Adoption of FY 2018 Budget and Tax Rates
7:00 pm, Town Hall

May 9: Planning Commission
6:45 pm, Town Hall
Architectural Review Board
7:30 pm, Town Hall

May 13: Art on the Block
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Historic Occoquan

May 16: Town Council Work Session
7:00 pm, Town Hall

May 20: April Meals and Transient Tax Due

May 29: Memorial Day
Town Hall Closed

May 30: Craft Show Parking Passes for Residents and Businesses in Event Area
Beginning 9 am, Town Hall
Town Hall Open Until 7 pm on May 30



Local artists will be participating in Art on the Block in Historic Occoquan on **May 13, 2017** from 1 to 5 pm. Stroll the streets of Occoquan and support the arts. Also enter to win an Occoquan Town gift basket. Participating galleries will be marked with colored balloons. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/OccoquanArt. Sponsored by the Art Galleries of Occoquan.

Town Council Actions: April 11, 2017

The following items are excerpts 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.

- Awarded Contract for Trail Improvements at River Mill Park
- Approved Parking designations on Ellicott Street
- Appropriate Funding for Business Guild 2017 Ad Request
- Accept FYE 2016 Financial Audit
- Adopted Multi-Jurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan Update
- Proclamation for Arbor Day

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. Place to the curb on the Town's regular scheduled collection day.