

## 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 during 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](http://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](http://www.occoquanva.gov) or at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. There will be a public hearing on the budget on April 4, and a public hearing 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. The public is invited to attend the public hearings and provide their input on the budget and proposed tax rates.

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## Mayor's Letter

It's April in Occoquan and we're gearing up for a spring full of activity. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, join us for the Occoquan Peep Show, where participating shops in the historic district will display creative dioramas using Easter peeps. You can vote for your favorite peep diorama and be entered to win a Peep Swag Bag. Then, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Town will be hosting Friends of the Occoquan for their annual Spring Clean Up event from 9 am to noon (rain date April 23<sup>rd</sup>). Sponsored by the Town of Occoquan and four other sites along the river, this event combines the efforts of hundreds of volunteers and community organizations each year to remove tons of trash and recyclables from the watershed. Join us at Town Hall to volunteer; refreshments will be served.

The fun continues on Earth Day, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, when Occoquan will host Keep Prince William Beautiful for the Run for the Earth 5K & Tree Planting. The race starts at 8:30 am at River Mill Park, and includes vendors and activities for the kids at Mamie Davis Park. Runners can register for \$20 (proceeds to benefit Keep Prince William Beautiful's environmental education programs) at [www.kpwb.org](http://www.kpwb.org), and will receive a complimentary t-shirt. If you cannot run, but would like to assist, volunteer to support the race! More information, including road closures, is available inside this newsletter.

Check out the Town's website at [OccoquanVA.gov](http://OccoquanVA.gov) for a host of other announcements, including the schedule for our FY 2018 budget adoption, open staff positions, and information about the upcoming Spring Arts & Crafts Show. You can also visit our website to apply to serve on a Town Board or Commission. Part of what makes Occoquan a great place to live is the desire of our residents to get involved and meet their neighbors!

*Elizabeth A.C. Quist*



## Remembering Prince William County Clerk of Court Michèle B. McQuigg

On February 15, Prince William County and the Town of Occoquan lost a friend and public servant. Michèle McQuigg, Prince William County's Clerk of the Circuit Court since 2008, passed away after battling an illness. Mrs. McQuigg served as Occoquan District Supervisor from 1992 to 1998, and as the 51st House District Delegate to the Virginia General Assembly from 1998 until 2007.

But, Mrs. McQuigg was more than a politician to the community she served. She knocked on thousands of doors over the years to engage her constituents and went above and beyond to contribute to the success of the region. She was a champion for historic preservation, and belonged to a number of regional groups and associations, including Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association, Prince William County Crime Commission, Action in the Community Through Service, Friends of the Library, and VFW 1503 Ladies Auxiliary.

Personally, I remember Mrs. McQuigg for her steadfast attendance each year at the Occoquan Town Blessing at Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. Her love and support of Occoquan and its progress through the years showed each time she administered the Oath of Office to Mayor and Council. It was evident that she took great pride in her duties, and in serving in this capacity. She will be remembered as a leader, and a woman of great character, who was determined to enrich the lives of the people of Northern Virginia. She will be greatly missed.

### Run for the Earth 5K and Arbor Day Tree Planting

The Town of Occoquan and Keep Prince William Beautiful have partnered to hold the Run for the Earth 5K and fun run on **Sunday, April 23, 2017**, at 8:30 am starting at River Mill Park. To register or to volunteer to support the race, visit [www.kpwb.org](http://www.kpwb.org) or contact Jennifer Medina at [jmedina@kpwb.org](mailto:jmedina@kpwb.org). Race registration is \$20.

#### Road Closures, 8 am to 10 am

Several roads will be closed to vehicular traffic within the Town of Occoquan on Sunday, April 23, 2017 from approximately 8 am to 10 am to ensure the safety of the race participants. Impacted roads include: Poplar Lane, Mill Street, Washington Street, Mount High Street, Edgehill Drive, Union Street, Commerce Street, Ellicott Street, Center Lane, and Poplar Alley. Please visit [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov) for more detail.

#### Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony

A special tree planting ceremony will be held at **11 am at Mamie Davis Park on April 23**. Please join us in celebrating Arbor Day and recognizing the Town's efforts to promote tree conservation within the community.

## Town Meetings and Events

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

#### April 4: Town Council Meeting

Public Hearing on Proposed FY 18 Budget  
7:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Town Hall

#### April 11: Planning Commission

6:45 pm, Town Hall

#### Architectural Review Board

7:30 pm, Town Hall

#### April 15: Occoquan Peep Show

11 am – 4 pm, Historic Occoquan  
(703) 201-8499

#### April 18: Town Council Meeting

7:00 pm, Work Session, Town Hall

#### April 20: March 2017 Meals Taxes Due

#### April 22: FOTO SPRING Cleanup Day

9 am – 12 pm, Check-in at Town Hall  
Wear comfortable shoes and weather appropriate attire; supplies will be provided.  
[www.friendsoftheoccoquan.org](http://www.friendsoftheoccoquan.org)

#### April 23: Run for the Earth 5K

8:30 am, Starts at River Mill Park, [www.kpwb.org](http://www.kpwb.org)  
11 am, Arbor Day Tree Planting at Mamie Davis Park

#### April 25: Public Hearing on Proposed FY 18 Tax Rates

#### May 2: Adoption of FY 2018 Budget and Tax Rates

7:00 pm, Town Hall

## Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Update Community Meeting, April 20

The Town has contracted with Burns and McDonnell to assist the Town in performing a comprehensive review and update of the Town's Zoning and Subdivision ordinances, Chapters 66 and 54 of the Town Code. As part of this process, a community meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 20, at 7:00 pm** at Town Hall to gather input from the community on changes they would like to see occur within these sections of the Town Code. For questions regarding the update process, please contact the Town Manager at (703) 491-1918 or [kjovanovich@occoquanva.gov](mailto:kjovanovich@occoquanva.gov).

## Town Council Actions: March 7, 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](http://www.occoquanva.gov). All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.*

**Note:** Councilmember Drakes was absent from the March 7, meeting.

- Approved Construction and Maintenance Agreement for 430 Mill Street.
- Awarded Contract to Prince William County Public Works Department for installation of a drainage system at River Mill Park.