

Town Council Actions:

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.

- Appointed Ryan Dillard to the Architectural Review Board
- Appointed Darryl Hawkins to the Planning Commission
- Adopted Amendments to Special Use Permit Section 157.123 (Setback Regulations)
- Adopted Amendments to Special Use Permit Section 157.124 (Height Regulations)
- Adopted Amendments to Section 157.010 (Home Occupation Certificate)

2019 Military Tribute Banners

Sign up now to sponsor a 2019 military tribute banner to honor your family member, ancestor, or friend for their military service! Go to www.militarytributebanners.org, find Current Programs on the menu bar, select "Occoquan, VA" from the list that appears, and follow the instructions. Military tribute banners will be displayed in Occoquan from approximately mid-May through mid-November. Stop by Town Hall or VFW Post 7916 for more information

OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

WWW.OCCOQUANVA.GOV • INFO@OCCOQUANVA.GOV

TOWN OF OCCOQUAN

314 Mill Street
P.O. Box 195
Occoquan, VA 22125

CARRIER ROUTE
OCCOQUAN, VA 22125

Presort Standard
U.S. Postage Paid
Occoquan, VA
Permit No. 19

OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

VOLUME XXVI, ISSUE IV

(703) 491-1918

APRIL 2019

TOWN COUNCIL

Earnie Porta, Mayor
Patrick A. Sivigny, Vice Mayor
J. Matthew Dawson
Cindy Fithian
Laurie Holloway
Eliot Perkins



TOWN HALL STAFF

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

Mayor's Letter

April is the month when the town begins preparing in earnest for spring. Staff has begun scheduling the repair of signs, posts, sidewalks, etc., that have been damaged by the winter weather. Supplementing those efforts, on Saturday, April 13, the Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) will hold their semi-annual cleanup, with Occoquan once again serving as a host site. Those interested in participating in the cleanup should meet at Town Hall during cleanup hours, which will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Cleanup supplies will be provided. Additionally, the Town is looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with various beautification projects in Town. The first of these projects is scheduled to take place between April 15 and May 15 and will involve, among other things, scraping, sanding, and painting adjacent to one of the Town's entrances. If you are interested in being put on the volunteer contact list for beautification projects, please email me directly at epor-ta@occoquanva.gov.

Last, on Saturday, April 20, 2019, the Occoquan Business Guild will host the 6th Annual Peep Show and Community Peeps Contest. In this popular, family-friendly event, Occoquan businesses display creative dioramas using Easter peeps. This year the Town again invites the community to participate in crafting and displaying their own Peep diorama creations by entering the 2nd Annual Town of Occoquan Community Peeps Contest. Contest winners are announced on April 20 at noon and will receive a \$25 gift certificate to spend at any business in town. For more information about the contest periodically check the Town web site (www.occoquanva.gov) or contact the Events Director at 703-491-2168.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and please feel free to contact me at epor-ta@occoquanva.gov with any comments, questions or concerns.

2019 Occoquan Spring Arts and Crafts Show! Saturday, June 1 & Sunday, June 2, 2019

The Spring Craft Show is just around the corner!

In-town businesses wishing to participate in the Arts and Crafts Show receive the special discounted price of \$100 for a 10'X10' booth space. Apply before the deadline of May 1, 2019 to receive a space in front of or near your storefront. Applications available at Town Hall or are downloadable here: www.occoquanva.gov/vendor-registration.html.

Volunteers Are 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.

Discover Occoquan is May 18!

The Town of Occoquan and the Occoquan Merchants' Guild host Discover Occoquan Day in downtown Historic Occoquan. This event features a full day of free activities for everyone, including interactive classes and free demonstrations hosted by Occoquan businesses, Art on the Block, a scavenger hunt, historic tour, silent auction, live performances, and more! This year the town hosts a beer garden in River Mill Park, featuring Water's End Brewery and special guest, award-winning Nashville singer, songwriter Cheley Tackett! See the town's website for a growing schedule of activities: <http://www.occoquanva.gov/discover-occoquan.html>.

OCQ ALERTS

In an effort to increase communication between the Town, residents, businesses, and patrons, the Town is establishing a program to send important information via emails and text messages. We encourage you to complete the survey below by following this link or going to the Town website homepage where the link will also be provided.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JDDW3P9>

For any questions or to receive a hardcopy of this survey, please contact Town Hall at (703) 491-1918 or email at info@occoquanva.gov.

April 2019

Town Meetings and Events

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

April 2: Town Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting

April 13: FOTO Spring Clean-up Day
9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Historic Occoquan

April 16: Town Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Work Session, Public Hearing on FY 2019 Proposed Budget

April 17: Town & Business Partnership Meeting
6:00 p.m., Town Hall

April 20: March 2019 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due

April 20: 6th Annual Peep Show
11 a.m.-4p.m., Historic District
Occoquan Community Peep Contest Winners Announced
12:00 p.m., Town Hall

April 23: Planning Commission
6:30 p.m., Town Hall
Architectural Review Board
7:30 p.m., Town Hall

2019 Music & Movies on Mill

Reserve YOUR seat at River Mill Park this summer!

Friday, May 3: Maggie Shot Burns (*90's Covers*)

Saturday, May 18: Cheley Tackett (*Americana*)

Friday, June 7: Up All Night (*Rock*)

Saturday, June 15: Movie Night: Back to the Future (*begins at sundown, approx. 8:30pm*)

Friday, July 5: The Sidleys (*Rock/Soul*)

Saturday, July 20: JD and the Rhythm Section (*Blues/Soul/Funk*)

Friday, August 2: Movie Night: Mary Poppins Returns (*begins at sundown, approx. 8:15pm*)

Saturday, August 17: James Drakes with special guest, The Lone Pines (*Acoustic Rock*)

Friday, September 6: Livin' The Dream (*Classic Rock*)

Saturday, September 21: Movie Night: Breakfast at Tiffany's (*begins at sundown, approx. 7:00pm*)

Special events also at RMP :

Kids' Summer Kickoff!

Sunday, June 23: In conjunction with several kids' summer fun activities in town, we welcome Rocknoceros back for some kids rock, from 3-5pm.

The Band of the Nation's Capital

Saturday, August 10: 257th Army Band (Traditional) comes back to River Mill Park for an upbeat and heartwarming concert, from 7-8:30pm.