

## Town Council Actions: July 16, 2019

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.

- Authorized the Mayor to sign the Project Agreements for the Kayak Ramp project on behalf of the Town.
- Awarded a contract for Landscaping Maintenance Services to Virginia Lawn Service in the amount of \$17,700 for one-year term effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- Directed Staff to proceed with recommendations for the Town's Sign Inventory.
- Directed Staff to report back to Town Council with appropriate actions to move forward on Planning Commission recommendations for Parking Study Implementation.

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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## Mayor's Letter

As we all make our way through the heat of the summer, the Town continues its series of free events in River Mill Park for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. On August 2, the park will host the movie *Mary Poppins Returns* beginning at sundown. The following weekend, on August 10, the 257<sup>th</sup> Army Band will play from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Then on August 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Occoquan will host a beer garden in the park featuring craft brews from Water's End Brewery accompanied by musical guests Monallo with James Drakes and the Lone Pines. Hopefully you will be able to find the time to enjoy one or more of these events.

Last month the Town staff received a number of inquiries regarding trash-related issues. We want to remind business owners and residents that public trash cans in the historic district are not designed to be used for the disposal of business and residential trash bags that would normally be picked up at the business or residence by a commercial hauler. Additionally, although placing trash bags outside for pickup is permitted under Town ordinances, we would like to encourage everyone to use to the maximum extent practical the trash bins provided by the Town's trash contractor. If you do not have a trash can or recycle bin, please contact Chris Coon at Town Hall ([ccoona@occoquanva.gov](mailto:ccoona@occoquanva.gov)). Mr. Coon will see to it that the Town's trash contractor provides the required receptacle. Finally, staff is also working with our trash contractor to confirm the latest developments regarding recycling of glass and plastics and will be posting the updated information on the Town web site as soon as possible.

Let me close by encouraging you to take proper precautions in the summer heat and keep an eye out for neighbors who might be in distress. As always, thank you for your continued support and feel free to contact me at [eporta@occoquanva.gov](mailto:eporta@occoquanva.gov) with any comments, questions or concerns.

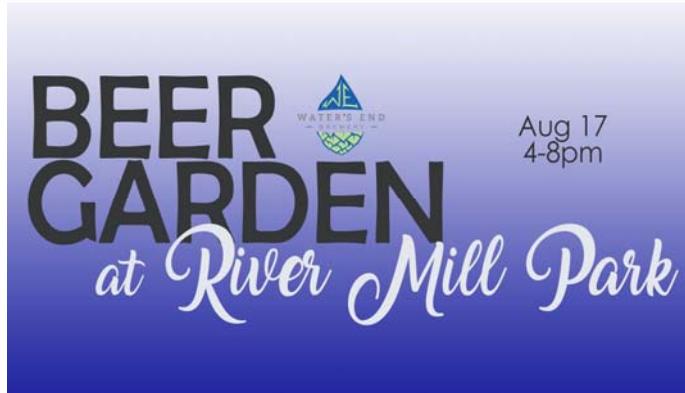
## Sales Tax Holiday/Tax-Free Weekend August 2-4, 2019

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 is Best of Prince William 2019

For the 5th year in a row, the Town of Occoquan won the Best Tourist Destination in Prince William County, as determined by InsideNOVA's readership, which resulted in more than 87,000 votes from 21,300 participants in the 2019 competition. Participants selected their favorites among nearly 220 people, places and businesses from across the county.



Enjoy live music, games, and a beer garden at River Mill Park on Saturday, August 17th, from 4pm-8pm! Our beer garden will feature local craft brews from [Water's End Brewery](#) in Lake Ridge. Musical guests will include a town favorite, [Monallo](#), with James Drakes. Several of our wonderful and renowned local restaurants will be in the park with delicious beer garden fare. Pack a blanket or some lawn chairs and join us for the fun! Free Entry!

# August 2019

## Town Meetings and Events

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

<p><b>August 2: Music and Movies on Mill Mary Poppins 2</b> Begins at Sundown approx. 8:15 p.m., River Mill Park</p>	<p><b>August 17: Music and Movies on Mill James Drakes with Lone Pines (Indie Rock)</b> <i>*With Waters End Brewery</i> 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, River Mill Park</p>
<p><b>August 6: Town Council Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m., Town Hall</p>	<p><b>August 20: July 2018 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due</b></p>
<p><b>August 10: Band of the Nation's Capital</b> Special Presentation of the 257th Army Band 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., River Mill Park</p>	<p><b>August 27: Planning Commission</b> 6:30 pm, Town Hall <b>Architectural Review Board</b> 7:30 pm, Town Hall</p>

## 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.

## Disposing of Yard Waste

It's that time of year for 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. 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.