

## 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](http://www.occoquanva.gov). All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

- Adopted FY 2020 Budget at Current Tax Rates
- Discussed the outline of RiverFest 2020
- Voted to Sell former Police Department SUV
- Contracted Quist & Associates, LLC to provide On-Call Financial Consulting Not-To-Exceed \$5,000

## OCQ ALERTS

In an effort to increase communication between the Town, residents, businesses, and visitors, 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](mailto:info@occoquanva.gov).

## OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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Patrick A. Sivigny, Vice Mayor  
J. Matthew Dawson  
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Laurie Holloway  
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### TOWN HALL STAFF

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

## Mayor's Letter

I would like to start out this month by thanking Julie Little and all the Town staff and volunteers who contributed to our most recent Spring Arts and Crafts Show. Additionally, I want to thank all who patronized show vendors. Together you contributed to what was another successful Town event. As some of you are probably aware, changes are in the works for the spring 2020 show, which will include attractions in addition to arts and crafts vendors and is tentatively being called "RiverFest." We look forward to updating you on these changes as detailed plans take shape. Let me also thank those of you who participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Duck Splash Race on June 8, which raised funds for Occoquan's Patriots for Disabled Divers.

As we move into summer, we of course have additional events planned. On both July 5 and July 20 our "Music and Movies on Mill" series continues with the bands "The Sidleys" and "JD and the Rhythm Section," respectively. On July 19-20, our business community will again sponsor the Lemonade Stroll, which has become a popular annual event.

June is also the month for the adoption of financial plans for the coming fiscal year, and accordingly on June 4, the Town Council adopted the tax rates, budgets, and capital plan for FY 2020. There were no changes to any of the Town's tax rates. More details are available in this newsletter as well as on the Town website.

Last, it is with sadness that I inform those who are unaware that Billy Williams passed away last month. Thank you to everyone who helped Billy in Town over the years and to those of you who were able to attend the wonderful funeral service at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. In particular, I would like to thank Denise Ormsby and JoAnn Barney for their work and words upon Billy's passing. Let me end by wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. As always, thank you for your contributions to our community, and please feel free to contact me at [eporta@occoquanva.org](mailto:eporta@occoquanva.org) with any comments, questions or concerns.

*Earnie W. Porta, Jr.*

## Fiscal Year 2020 Adopted Budget in Review

On June 4, 2019 the Town Council passed the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which will run from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

		FY 2019	FY 2020	Difference	Increase/ (Decrease)
General Fund	Revenues	\$755,920	\$902,612	\$146,692	%19
	Expenditures	\$755,920	\$902,612	\$146,692	%19
Craft Show Fund	Revenues	\$203,950	\$181,000	(\$22,950)	(11%)
	Expenditures	\$101,954	\$108,393	\$6,439	6.3%
Mamie Davis Fund	Revenues	\$2,600	\$600	(\$2,000)	(77%)
	Expenditures	\$2,600	\$0	(\$2,600)	(100)%
Capital Improvement Fund	Revenues	\$446,300	\$254,476	(\$191,824)	(43%)
	Expenditures	\$606,100	\$254,476	(\$351,624)	(58%)

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 FY2019 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 FY2020 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 2020 include stormwater management, street side and curb striping, gaslight banner replacement, and implementing the Parking Management Plan. 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 budget now adopted we are on our way to another great year in beautiful Occoquan. The FY 2020 Adopted Budget is available on the Town's website at [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov) and the full budget is available at Town Hall during normal business hours.

## Town Meetings and Events

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

### July 1-5: Town Hall Closed

### July 5: Music & Movies on Mill

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park  
The Sidleys (Rock/Soul)

### July 9: Planning Commission

6:30 pm., Town Hall  
(Rescheduled from June 25<sup>th</sup>)

### July 16: Town Council Meeting

7:00 p.m., Town Hall

### July 17: Town and Business Partnership Meeting

6:00 p.m., Town Hall

### July 19-20: Lemonade Stroll

11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Historic District

### July 20: Music & Movies on Mill

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park  
JD and the Rhythm Section, July 20  
(Blues/Soul/Funk)

### July 20: May 2019 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due

### July 23: Planning Commission

6:30 pm, Town Hall  
**Architectural Review Board**  
7:30 pm, Town Hall

## SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

What a spectacular two days to have the Spring Arts and Crafts Show finale! A profound thank you to residents, businesses, vendors, visitors, and volunteers who always do so much to make both Arts and Crafts Shows what they are. Next year will be the inaugural run of RiverFest and we are hard at work to create a wonderful experience for visitors and residents alike. We are also looking forward to this year's annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show on September 28th-29th!

## TOWN HALL CLOSED

From July 1<sup>st</sup>- July 5<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall will be closed in observance of the Independence Day. Payment of tickets and submission of applications can be placed within the drop box in the front of Town Hall. Enjoy your Independence Day responsibly!

## INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

- Historic Downtown of Manassas 9:15 p.m., 9431 West S., Manassas, Va.
- Pfitzner Stadium, Northwest Federal Field After the Game., 7 County Complex Ct. Woodbridge, VA
- Fairfax High School, after Live Entertainment., 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, Va.