

## 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.

- Approve the Waters End Brewery contract to operate at Discover Occoquan and the Spring Arts and Crafts Show
- Made Blocking Intersections a Civil Violation to Speed up Ticketing
- Click It or Ticket Program to Begin Encouraging Residents to Always Use a Seatbelt
- Set a Not-to-Exceed amount of \$900 for Fence Repair Project

### 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).

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#### TOWN COUNCIL

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## Mayor's Letter

June is a busy month in Occoquan and it kicks off with our annual spring Arts and Crafts Show, which will take place on Saturday, June 1, and Sunday, June 2. As most of you are aware, the fall and spring arts and crafts shows are an important component of our revenue base, serving as the primary funding source for Town capital projects. Consequently, please attend if you are able, and encourage family and friends to do so as well.

On the following Saturday, June 8, Occoquan will once again be the site of the annual Duck Splash Race, now in its twelfth year. Hundreds of rubber ducks will be dropped from one of the Town's bridges and race to the Town docks. Prizes range from \$20 to \$500, and all the net proceeds will benefit the 501(c)(3) Occoquan nonprofit, Patriots for Disabled Divers. You can adopt a duck for \$5 between now and June 8 at *Patriot Scuba*, at the Arts & Crafts Show, and online at [www.occoquantourism.com](http://www.occoquantourism.com).

June is also the month when the Town Council adopts the budget, capital plan, and tax rates for FY 2020. The public hearings on each have already taken place and the Town Council is scheduled to adopt the FY 2020 tax rates, budget, and capital plan at its meeting on Tuesday, June 4. Finally, I would like to note that on Friday, June 14, WTTG Fox 5 will be holding one of its Zip Trips in Occoquan. More information will be forthcoming. That also happens to be Flag Day, and accordingly, I would like to encourage everyone in Town to fly our country's flag on that day.

I hope everyone has a wonderful start to the summer. Thank you as always for your support, and please feel free to contact me at [eporta@occoquanva.gov](mailto:eporta@occoquanva.gov) with any comments, questions or concerns.

## Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget in Review

On June 4, 2019 the Town Council will vote on 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 new budget document coming to a vote on June 4th, we look forward to another great year in Occoquan. The FY 2020 Proposed 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.)

**June 1-2: Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show**  
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**June 4: Town Council Meeting**  
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

**June 7: Music & Movies on Mill**  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park  
Up All Night (Rock)

**June 8: 12th Annual Duck Splash**  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Mamie Davis Park

**June 15: Music & Movies on Mill**  
Begins at Sundown approx. 8:35 p.m., River Mill Park -Back to the Future (Movie)

**June 18: Town Council Work Session**  
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

**June 20: May 2019 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due**

**June 25: Planning Commission**  
6:30 pm, Town Hall  
**Architectural Review Board**  
7:30 pm, Town Hall

### Spring Arts and Crafts Show, June 1 & 2

#### STREET CLOSINGS

The following roads will be closed from 8 am to 7:30 pm on June 1 and 2: 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, May 31, until 6:30 pm, Sunday, June 2. 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 28, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Town Hall will observe extended hours until 6:00 pm on May 28, 2019.

#### VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

We still need a few good volunteers for craft show weekend! If you're interested, please call (703) 491-2168, or email [jlittle@occoquanva.gov](mailto:jlittle@occoquanva.gov). Visit [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov) for more information about the event.