

## Town Council Actions: August 6, 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.

- Endorsed the Recommended Design Concept for the Pedestrian Improvements on Mill Street Intersections of Washington Street and Ellicott Street.
- Directed the Events Director to Research Ways to Accept Credit Card Payments at Riverfest.
- Directed Town Staff to Research Automated Systems for Citizen and Zoning Complaints.
- Directed Town Staff to provide a Zoning Administrator and Public Works Report in addition to Staff Reports provided at Town Council Regular Meetings.

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## Mayor's Letter

September, as always, looks once again to be a very busy month in Occoquan. Of course, it features our signature Fall Arts & Crafts Show on September 28-29. This year, as you may be aware, the show will feature a beer garden and live music in River Mill Park. The fall show is a particularly good opportunity for some early Christmas and holiday shopping, so please consider encouraging friends and family to visit. In addition to the Arts and Crafts Show, during September we will close out our summer programming in River Mill Park with music by *Livin' the Dream* on September 6 and the movie *Breakfast at Tiffany's* on September 21. Keep on the lookout for other events during the month as well, including a guided trail walk on the Town's Tanyard Hill Park property on September 14 and our VFW Post 7916's POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony on September 20. Three new businesses will also be holding grand opening ribbon-cuttings in September. These include *Crave Kangen*, *the Tap Room* (at the previous site of the *Down Under*), and *Local Colour*, on September 1, September 7 and September 21, respectively.

We also expect in September to have the first formal public hearing on an applicant's plans to develop the old boat dry dock complex next to the Mill House Museum. The applicant has been working on designs for this project for more than two years and they represent perhaps the largest development project in Occoquan's historic district in a generation. Consequently, if you are interested in the future direction of the historic district I encourage you to stay alert for announcements (there is one in this newsletter) regarding the required public hearings. Your input is critical to the decisions that will need to be made by the Planning Commission and Town Council.

Last, I would like to mention the Town's new web site. The web site redesign is a project begun by the prior Town Council that has recently come to fruition, so take a moment to check it out. As always, let me close by thanking you for your continued support and encouraging you to contact me at [eporta@occoquanva.gov](mailto:eporta@occoquanva.gov) if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

*Earnie W. Porta, Jr.*

# September 2019

## Occoquan Fall Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, Sept. 28 and Sunday, Sept. 29 Event Information: [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov)

Now in its 50th year, this famous festival in the streets of Occoquan, VA features hundreds of vendors with arts and crafts, live entertainment, and plenty of delicious food and fun for the whole family. We're celebrating our 50th with a fantastic Beer Garden & Concert at the Fall Arts and Crafts Show in River Mill Park, featuring local favorite, Water's End Brewery, on both days, from 12pm to 5pm! Just Wanna Play will perform on Saturday and Mars Rodeo will play on Sunday.

### STREET CLOSINGS

The following roads will be closed from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on September 28 and 29: 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

Permits will be available to merchants and residents living or working in the event area for parking under the Route 123 bridge from 10 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29, until 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29. Due to limited parking spaces, only one permit per business or family living or working in the event area - first come, first served - will be issued. If you are unsure if you live or work in the event area, please view the map online at [www.occoquanva.gov/resident-and-business-information.html](http://www.occoquanva.gov/resident-and-business-information.html). **Permits will be available at Town Hall on Tuesday, September 24, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.,** and will be available daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Friday, or until all permits are issued, whichever comes first.

### 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! If you're interested in volunteering for the Arts and Crafts Show, email [jlittle@occoquanva.gov](mailto:jlittle@occoquanva.gov), call (703) 491-2168 or stop by Town Hall to sign up.

## Town Meetings and Events

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

<b>September 1:</b> Ribbon Cutting for Crave Kangen, 2:30 p.m., 206 Union Street	<b>September 21:</b> Ribbon Cutting for Local Colour, 10:45 a.m., 408 Mill Street
<b>September 3:</b> Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m., Town Hall	<b>September 21:</b> Movie Night! 7:00p.m., River Mill Park: Breakfast at Tiffany's
<b>September 6:</b> Music on Mill 6:00 p.m., River Mill Park: Livin' the Dream	<b>September 24:</b> Planning Commission Mill at Occoquan Public Hearing 6:30 pm, Town Hall
<b>September 7:</b> Ribbon Cutting for Taproom 3:00 p.m., 301 Mill Street	<b>September 28 &amp; 29:</b> 50th Fall Arts & Crafts Show Saturday 10-6, Beer Garden 12-5 Sunday 10-5, Beer Garden 12-5
<b>September 21:</b> Movie Night! 7:00p.m., River Mill Park: Breakfast at Tiffany's	

## Mill at Occoquan Development Public Hearing

The formal public review process for the Mill at Occoquan development application will start with the Planning Commission public hearing on 9/24/19 at 6:30 PM. The public hearing is the opportunity for members of the public to provide their comments and concerns regarding the application to the Planning Commission.

The development application consists of three (3) Special Exception Requests to allow 88 condominium units and 235-space integral parking structure on approximately .95 acres of B-1 zoned land located within the Town's Old and Historic District. The application also includes approximately 6,600 net square feet of retail space and removes the existing buildings and metal structure that occupy the site now.

The Mill at Occoquan-Special Exception Request 2019-001 includes the following three (3) applications:

- A request to exceed the height restriction in the B-1 District (35 ft.).
- A request to waive the setback requirement in the B-1 District (5ft.).
- A request to allow a residential use in the B-1 District

The formal application review process includes public hearings by the Planning Commission and the Town Council. The Town Council will make the final decision regarding the approval/denial of the application. For questions regarding the upcoming public hearings please contact the Town Manager at (703) 491-1918