

Town Council Actions: January 2020

- Confirmed 2020-2021 Council Focus Areas
- Presented the Community Partnership Award to Merial and Jeff Curren
- Discussion of the Town's Stormwater Management Work Plan
- Update on Kayak Ramp Project-Change Order

The above items are extracts of recent actions and are not official meeting minutes. Minutes and agendas are posted at occoquanva.gov.

Mill at Occoquan: Public Hearing Date TBD

The formal public review process for the Mill at Occoquan development application will start with a Planning Commission public hearing that will be scheduled for a future date. This will be the opportunity for the public to provide comments to the Planning Commission regarding the application. All documents pertaining to the application are posted at occoquanva.gov.

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Kathleen Leidich, Town Manager
Adam Linn, Chief of Police
Katy Nicholson, Town Clerk
Julie Little, Events Director
Bucky Brill, Maintenance Supervisor
Pam Holbert, Administrative Asst.

Mayor's Letter

This month I would like to begin by asking you to join me in congratulating the inaugural recipients of the Town's Community Partnership Award, Jeff and Merial Curren of Patriot Scuba. Occoquan's Town Council recently established the Community Partnership Award to honor those organizations or individuals that over an extended period of time have consistently and meaningfully partnered with the Town for the betterment of the Occoquan community. Those of you who have worked with Jeff and Merial Curren on Town and other functions know how deserving they are of recognition, and I know you join me in thanking them and continuing to wish them the best.

Mark your calendars this month for Saturday, February 8, when the Occoquan Merchants' Guild will again be sponsoring a Chocolate Walk from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., featuring Valentine's chocolate tastings, treats, shopping, and more. Start the journey at Town Hall, where you will receive your Chocolate Walk Passport and instructions. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, check out the Town website at occoquanva.gov or the Merchants' Guild website at occoquanguild.org.

Last, as some of you may know, a member of our community, Gerel Bayarra, the owner of Angie's Nails, suffered a house fire on New Year's Eve. Her family has established a GoFundMe page for those who would like to provide financial assistance during this difficult time. To access the GoFundMe page to make a donation, go to the Facebook page of AnKa Naran.

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

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Share Your Thoughts:

Summer Movies in the Park

What types of family-friendly movies would you like to see at River Mill Park this summer? Cast your vote at occoquanva.gov.

Join Our Team!

The Town of Occoquan is looking for a new Treasurer. Visit occoquanva.gov for details.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

FEB 4
Town Council
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

FEB 8
Chocolate Walk
Historic District
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FEB 15
Real Estate Taxes Due

FEB 17
Presidents' Day
Town Hall Closed

FEB 18
Town Council
Work Session
7:00 p.m.

FEB 20
Meals and Transient
Occupancy Taxes Due

JAN 25
Planning Commission
6:30 p.m.
Architectural Review Board
7:30 p.m.

Meetings held at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, unless otherwise noted.

Occoquan Real Estate Taxes Due Feb. 15

Town of Occoquan 2019 real estate taxes are due February 15. Please be sure to submit your payment on time.

- If not paid by the due date, an 8% penalty will be assessed.
- Starting March 15, a 10% yearly interest charge will begin to accrue.

If you pay taxes out of escrow, contact your mortgage company with any questions. Otherwise, please remit payment directly to the Town of Occoquan, 314 Mill St./P.O. Box 195.

Join the Occoquan Board of Zoning Appeals

There are currently two vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The BZA hears and decides appeals or variance requests regarding Chapter 157 of the Town Code. If you are interested in joining the board, please complete the application form at occoquanva.gov and return it to Town Hall at 314 Mill St./P.O. Box 195.

Business License Renewal Applications Due March 1

Town of Occoquan Business and Professional Occupational License (BPOL) renewals for 2020 are due March 1. Renewal notices are sent in February to businesses holding a license with the town. Please be sure to submit applications and payments on time.

- A 10% penalty may be added if your **application** is received after March 31.
- A 10% penalty will be added if your **payment** is received after May 31.

The business license fee is based on gross receipts for calendar year 2019. Visit occoquanva.gov or contact the Town Clerk at 703-491-1918 for details.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT OFFICER BRENT BARKER

Officer Barker joined the Occoquan Police Department in 2017. He received a commendation in 2019 for superior police duties and effectiveness for addressing criminal activity in the community. He also received a Howl Hero award as an outstanding companion animal citizen from Loyalty Pet Care.

Prior to joining Occoquan Police, Officer Barker spent eight years in the Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Sergeant. After the Marines, he worked in the insurance adjustment field before joining the Army National Guard as a Medic, a role he fills along with his service to the Town.