

Town Council Actions: December 2019

- Update on the Kayak Ramp Project
- Set 2020 Council Meeting/Holiday Schedule

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: 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.

WORD TO THE WISE:

The Police Department plans to ramp up Vehicle Licensing Fee decal enforcement in January. Town residents who have not purchased their 2020 vehicle decals may be ticketed!

Message from the Occoquan Post Office: Thank you for the kindness and generosity we received from the community during the holiday season. Happy New Year!

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P.O. Box 195
Occoquan, VA 22125

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Kathleen Leidich, Town Manager
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Katy Nicholson, Town Clerk
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Mayor's Letter

Once again I would like to start the New Year off by thanking everyone for their support and generosity of spirit over the past year. Serving as your Mayor is an honor and I am encouraged every day by your engagement and your kind words.

I also want to take a moment to thank all of you who have volunteered your time and expertise over the past year. Whether serving on one of our boards or committees, or volunteering for one of our numerous Town events, your efforts are a critical part of making Occoquan the special community that it is.

Last, I want to thank everyone who patronized our business community over the past year. We're lucky to be a jurisdiction where revenues generated by the business community – BPOL license fees, meals taxes, and commercial real estate taxes – are the largest source of revenue in the Town operating budget. In other words, our robust business community helps keep residential real estate taxes lower than they otherwise would be. Your support of Town businesses is an important part of this success story.

We've been lucky with winter weather thus far this year, but as we enter the season in earnest it is important to be prepared for snow and ice. Streets in Town are a hodgepodge of VDOT, Town, and HOA property, and snow removal obligations can thus often be confusing. I encourage everyone to review the town street maintenance map to familiarize themselves with snow removal responsibilities. The map may be found on the town website under the Town Maps section of the Government tab. Town Code section 93.05 also outlines property owner responsibilities for snow and ice accumulation on adjoining sidewalks.

I would like to close this month by thanking all of the Town staff for their efforts. In particular, I want to introduce and ask you to join me in welcoming our new Town Clerk, Katy Nicholson. Ms. Nicholson comes to us from OmniRide and has already proven herself to be an outstanding addition to the Town staff. As always please do not hesitate to contact me at eporta@occoquanva.gov with any comments, questions, or concerns, and I wish you all a very prosperous and happy New Year!

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Emergency Snow Removal Routes

We've dodged the snow so far, but winter is just beginning! As a reminder, the Town has established snow emergency routes.* When snow is expected, on-street parking will not be permitted on the following roads to allow for snow removal:

- ❄ Commerce Street
- ❄ Ellicott Street
- ❄ Mill Street
- ❄ Union Street
- ❄ Washington Street

During inclement weather, if you normally park on-street, please consider parking under the Route 123 bridge. For more information, visit occoquanva.gov.

* *Occoquan Town Code Chapters 76 and 77*



Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 8**, when the Occoquan Merchants' Guild will sponsor a Chocolate Walk from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event will feature Valentine's chocolate tastings and treats, shopping, and a chance to win a \$500 Occoquan Shopping Spree!

Start the journey at Town Hall, where you will receive your Chocolate Walk Passport and instructions. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit occoquanguild.org.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

JAN 1
New Year's Day
Town Hall Closed

JAN 7
Town Council Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

JAN 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Town Hall Closed
Meals and Transient Occupancy Taxes Due

JAN 21
Town Council Work Session
7:00 p.m.

JAN 28
Planning Commission
6:30 p.m.
Architectural Review Board
7:30 p.m.

JAN 29
Town and Business Partnership Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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

Holiday Greenery Recycling

Give your greenery a new life after the holidays! Christmas trees, wreaths and other cut greenery can be transformed into compost, mulch, or wild-life habitat. Ornaments, decorations, tinsel, nails and tree stands must be removed before greenery items are taken to the following locations to be composted or repurposed:



- **Prince William County Landfill**, 14811 Dumfries Rd., Manassas
- **Balls Ford Road Compost Facility**, 13000 Balls Ford Rd., Manassas
- **Leesylvania State Park Shelter 2**, 2001 Daniel K. Ludwig Dr., Woodbridge
- **Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative**, 5399 Wellington Branch Rd., Gainesville

For more recycling information, visit pwcgov.org/trashandrecycling.

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 by January 31.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police – Emergency	911
Police – Non-Emergency (Prince William County)	703-792-6500
Occoquan Town Government	703-491-1918
Animal Control (Prince William County)	703-792-6465
Bates Trucking Trash Removal – Special Pickup	800-840-6454 ext. 331
Landfill (Prince William County)	703-792-5750
Service Authority (Prince William County)	703-335-7950 (water & sewer)
Washington Gas	703-750-1000
Dominion Virginia Power	888-667-3000
Virginia Department of Transportation	703-383-8368