

Town Response Plan

- Town Hall to remain open to the public with an adjusted schedule, encouraging the public to conduct public business on-line, via phone or drop box
- Maintaining Council Meeting Dates on the Budget Calendar/Regular Schedule to complete FY 2021 Budget Development Process, and conduct essential Town Business
- Closed Town Hall facilities to the public for community group meeting space
- COVID-19 General Orders developed by Police Department
- Enhanced cleaning procedures for Town facilities
- Work from Home Guidelines for Staff (Section 3.20 of Administrative Manual)
- Providing signage to reserve parking spaces for restaurants to facilitate carry out dining
- Cancelling/postponing events (Peep Show, Discover Occoquan, Music/Movies on Mill, RiverFest)
- Cancelling Board/Commission Meetings-Planning Commission/ Architectural Review Board
- Extension of BPOL Tax payment deadline from 5/31 to 6/15/20

Town Facilities

Town Hall remains open with an **adjusted schedule** for providing in-building public assistance (Below). It is no longer available for use for community group meetings. Staff has reached out to groups with existing reservations to let them know, including groups scheduled for the duration of the Governor's Stay-At-Home Order until June 10th.

Adjusted Schedule

- **Town Office Public Hours:**
 - **Monday through Thursday-9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**
- **Friday (Staff Telework Day)**

Visitor Center in Town (operated by Prince William County) is currently closed until further notice.

Mill House Museum (operated by the Occoquan Historical Society) is currently closed until further notice.

River Mill Park remains open during normal park hours (7:00 AM to 7:00 PM).

River Mill Park Restrooms are currently closed to the public.

Mamie Davis Park remains open during normal park hours (7:00 AM to 7:00 PM).

Events

May 5th Town Elections: Town elections have been postponed to **Tuesday, May 19th**, following an executive order from the governor. The Prince William County Office of Elections strongly encourages absentee voting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Absentee ballots must be requested by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 12th, and must be received by the Office of Elections by 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 19th. Town staff will continue working with PWC Elections staff on the logistics of the Town election and will provide updates as they become available. Voting hours in Town Hall will be between the hours of 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and social distancing measures will be implemented. Visit <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/> or <https://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/vote/Pages/default.aspx> for additional information.

The Occoquan RiverFest & Craft Show will be held 9/26 and 9/27 (originally the dates for the Fall Craft Show). This event will include an Artisan's Walk, Vendor Marketplace, along with activities such as live entertainment, food courts, and a beer garden. Vendors that have applied and been accepted into the June event have the option to defer their spring payment and be transferred to the fall event. Vendors not wishing to participate in the fall show will have their fees refunded via check. Vendors have been asked to contact the Town with their decision by April 30th. Staff continues working on the logistics for making this change.

Discover Occoquan will be moved from May 16th to August 1st.



COVID-19 Update

April 30, 2020

General Resources

Prince William County

- <https://emergency.pwcgov.org/>

Northern Virginia Region

- <https://www.coronavirus-novaregion.org/>
- Dashboard: <https://www.novaregiondashboard.com/coronavirus>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- COVID-19 Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>
- Health Alert Network (HAN): <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020.asp>

The Occoquan Marketplace is up and running on Facebook. This is a group where you can view and purchase items from Occoquan merchants, all from your comfort of your couch.

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shopoccoquan/>

A space for those who live and work in Occoquan to organize and provide support to others within our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- https://www.facebook.com/groups/1234263820271838/?fref=gs&dti=2356079957&hc_location=group
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As of 4/28/20, 82,753 people have been tested¹ in the Commonwealth, with 14,339 positive cases confirmed among those tested, 2,165 people hospitalized and 492 deaths.² (1,449 confirmed cases and 20 confirmed deaths in Prince William County)

Town Response

Public Safety and Administration

The Town Police Department is continuing to provide daily coverage of the Town and have developed a contingency plan for if officers are unable to cover their assigned shift. Town Hall will remain open to the public with an adjusted schedule. The local Court system is currently closed, which will impact current and future court dates. Sergeant Foreman has been assigned as the contact for the Prince William EOC and will be responsible for providing any update information from the Town. The Town Manager will continue serving as the contact for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) and other area jurisdictions.

¹ Test results received by Public Health from All Reporting Labs-Virginia Department of Health

² Virginia Department of Health www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus .