

FISCAL YEAR 2021 ADOPTED BUDGET

At its June 16 Work Session, Occoquan Town Council adopted the Town's FY 2021 Budget and Tax Rates following two public hearings.

		FY 2020 Adopted	FY 2021 Adopted	Difference	Increase/ (Decrease)
General Fund	Revenues	\$902,612	\$969,831	\$67,219	7.4%
	Expenditures	\$902,612	\$969,831	\$67,219	7.4%
Craft Show Fund	Revenues	\$181,000	\$225,100	\$44,100	24%
	Expenditures	\$108,393	\$156,552	\$48,159	44%
Mamie Davis Fund	Revenues	\$600	\$1,200	\$600	100%
	Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Capital Improve- ment Fund	Revenues	\$281,115*	\$19,411	(\$261,704)	(93%)
	Expenditures	\$444,039*	\$165,896	(\$278,143)	(63%)
TOTAL BUDGET	Revenues	\$1,365,327	\$1,215,542	(\$149,785)	(11%)
	Expenditures	\$1,455,044	\$1,292,279	(\$162,765)	(11%)

*Reflects CIP Budget Amendment #2020-001 approved by Council April 7, 2020

The FY 2021 budget maintains the Real Estate Tax Rate of \$0.12 per \$100 of assessed value. The budget maintains the current meals and transient tax rates at 3% and 2%, respectively. The Adopted Budget is posted at occoquanva.gov.

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Mayor's Letter

I would like to begin this month by thanking two council members, Matthew Dawson and Patrick Sivigny, who chose not to seek re-election and whose terms thus ended on June 30. These are two outstanding individuals who I have known for many years and with whom it was truly an honor to serve. Their consistent, calm, and considerate deliberation of matters in the best interests of the Town were an asset that will always be appreciated. With their departure I would also like to welcome our two new council members, Krystyna Bienia and Jenn Loges.

On June 16, the Town Council adopted our budget and tax rates for fiscal year 2021, which begins on July 1. All tax rates remain unchanged from the prior year. A summary table of the budget and tax rates is contained on the back page of this newsletter, and a more detailed summary may be found on the Town website (www.occoquanva.gov). In FY 2021 the Town will move forward with a micro-grant program for Town businesses that is summarized elsewhere in this newsletter.

This month we are poised to move into Phase 3 of Virginia's public health emergency re-opening plan. The most prominent changes will include additional retail openings and full indoor dining. Please note that both face coverings in certain locations (i.e. when one cannot social distance and when in indoor public venues) and social distancing are still required. There has been a surge in COVID-19 cases elsewhere in the country with an accompanying reestablishment of restrictions, which health officials attribute partly to noncompliance with social distancing and face covering recommendations. So, please help us avoid a similar occurrence by making a good faith effort to social distance and by always having a face covering handy.

As we begin a new Council and a new fiscal year I would like to once again thank you for your support during these difficult times and encourage you to contact me at eporta@occoquanva.gov with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Earnie Porta, Jr.



It only takes hearing award-winning **Cheley Tackett** once to understand why she is one of Nashville's most celebrated emerging artists! Join us on **Saturday, July 25**, at 7 p.m., in River Mill Park as we welcome Cheley back to Occoquan for the third year in a row. Don't forget to order your To-Go from your favorite OCQ eatery! Social distancing guidelines will be in effect for this event.



Play through July 31 for a chance to win great prizes and support local businesses! Play virtually by collecting receipts from businesses listed on the game card. Download a card at occoquanva.gov.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK OCCOQUANVA.GOV OR CALL 703-491-1918 FOR UPDATES.

JULY 3

Independence Day (Observed)

Town Hall Closed

JULY 7

**Town Council
Regular Meeting**

7:00 p.m.

JULY 20

**Meals and Transient
Occupancy Taxes Due**

JULY 21

**Town Council
Work Session**

7:00 p.m.

JULY 25

Concert in the Park

River Mill Park

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

JULY 28

Planning Commission

6:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Board

7:30 p.m.

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

COVID-19 UPDATES

Town Council and staff continue to serve the community while taking appropriate precautions. Our business hours remain temporarily changed: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

How to Contact Us

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Email: info@occoquanva.gov

Mail: P.O. Box 195, Occoquan, VA 22125

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Register for email and/or text message alerts about the latest Town news. Go to occoquanva.gov, scroll to the link for OCQ Alerts and complete the form. Please mark all "occoquanva.gov" addresses as safe senders.

COVID-19 Resources

Prince William County: coronavirus.pwcgov.org or 703-872-7759

Northern Virginia Regional Commission: coronavirus-novaregion.org/

Virginia Department of Health: vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus or 877-275-8343

Northern Virginia Enters Phase Three

Northern Virginia has entered Phase Three of reopening, effective July 1. Face coverings are required in public indoor settings and social distancing is strongly recommended.

- Restaurants and nonessential retail businesses allowed to operate at full capacity, with physical distancing measures
- Personal grooming services may accept walk-ins; masks and distancing required
- Social gatherings limited to 50 percent occupancy or 250 people, whichever is less

Visit coronavirus-novaregion.org for details.

Occoquan Small Business Micro-Grant Program

The Town recognizes the value that small businesses bring to our community. To help support our small businesses, the Town created the Town of Occoquan Small Business Micro-Grant Program to help Occoquan businesses immediately offset some of the economic impacts arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is funded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Eligibility guidelines, terms and conditions, and an application can be found at occoquanva.gov. Deadline to submit an application is **July 15, 2020**. Questions can be directed to the Events and Community Development Director at jlittle@occoquanva.gov or 703-491-2168.