

Mill at Occoquan Public Meeting September 23

The Town will hold a public meeting for the proposed Mill at Occoquan project on Wednesday, September 23. The meeting will take place at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m., and the applicant will present renderings and discuss the proposed project. Space will be limited due to physical distancing requirements. The meeting will be available on Zoom, where participants will be able to view the presentation, ask questions and provide feedback. Details will be posted at occoquanva.gov in the coming weeks.

Occoquan Commemorates Women's Suffrage Day

At its August meeting, the Town Council proclaimed August 18, 2020, as Women's Suffrage Day in Occoquan. The 18th marked the centennial of Tennessee's ratification of the 19th amendment, meeting the legal threshold for its implementation nationwide. Today, the Workhouse Arts Center houses the **Lucy Burns Museum**, where one can learn about the struggle of the suffragists imprisoned there in 1917. Additionally, the **Turning Points Suffragist Memorial Association** is raising funds for a memorial at Occoquan Regional Park.

Supervisor Boddye's Newsletter

For those who did not receive it in the mail, Occoquan District Supervisor Kenny Boddye's Summer 2020 newsletter, which include references to the Town, is available in Town Hall.

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Mayor's Letter

September is the month in which we would normally be preparing for the Fall Arts & Crafts Show, but 2020 is a different kind of year. We do, however, have a packed month of activities. On September 4th *Time Warp Rock* will be playing in River Mill Park at 7:00 p.m. and then on the 25th we will be hosting a Trivia Night there starting at 6:30 p.m. For those interested in outdoor activity, on September 26, which is National Public Lands Day, the nonprofit Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition (PWTSC) will be assisting us by sponsoring a trail work day on our Tanyard Hill Park property. This is a great way to help us get the hiking trail there operational. If you are interested in volunteering please email me and I will provide you with the details on the work day as they develop.

Please note that on September 23 we will be holding an eagerly-anticipated public meeting at Town Hall to review and discuss the latest renderings for the proposed Mill at Occoquan project. This is an important project in Town and since seating is limited we will be using Zoom technology so that people can watch and listen to the presentation remotely, as well as ask questions and provide feedback in a structured format. This is not the required formal public hearing and no votes will be taken at the meeting.

We often get recurring inquiries about particular issues in Town related to upkeep and maintenance or construction. To address those we are implementing a status update section on our Town web site that will hopefully provide information on the current status and steps planned to address outstanding issues. The first two status updates cover drainage from 430 Mill Street and construction and other issues on a portion of Center Lane.

Last, I would like to thank our Town Manager, Kathleen Leidich, for her service to the Town and wish her well as she leaves to pursue other opportunities. We are fortunate, however, that our prior Town Manager, Kirstyn Jovanovich, has returned to the area from Colorado with her family and has accepted the position of Town Manager beginning on September 15. I know you all join me in wishing them both the best. As always, thank you for your continued support and efforts and please do not hesitate to contact me at eporta@occoquanva.gov with any questions, comments, or concerns.



Join us on Friday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m., in River Mill Park, for a concert by Time Warp Rock. Make sure to order your To-Go from your favorite OCQ eatery! Social distancing guidelines will be in effect for this event.



OCQ Trivia Night in River Mill Park! Test your trivia skills! Save the date: Friday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner packages will be available to pre-order. Social distancing guidelines will be in effect for this event.

SIGN UP FOR OCQ ALERTS!

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.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1

Town Council Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 4

Concert: Time Warp Rock
River Mill Park
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 15

Town Council Work Session
7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 20

Meals/Transient Occupancy Taxes Due

SEPTEMBER 22

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

SEPTEMBER 23

Mill at Occoquan Public Meeting
7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 25

Trivia Night
River Mill Park
6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26

Tanyard Hill Park Trail Work Day
Time: TBD

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

Patriot Scuba River Clean-Up
Noon Saturday/2:00 p.m. Sunday
Contact merial@patriotscuba.com

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

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- **Town of Occoquan** | Best Tourist Destination
- **Details of Occoquan** | Best Women’s Clothing; Best Children’s Clothing
- **Hitchcock Paper Co.** | Best Office Supplies
- **Mom’s Apple Pie** | Best Bakery
- **Norma Fayak Photography** | Best Photographer
- **Occoquan Optical** | Best Specialist
- **Personally Yours** | Best Home Accessories; Best Antiques; Best Gifts
- **The Reclaimed Treasures** | Best Furniture Store
- **The Secret Garden Café** | Best Outdoor Dining
- **Mill Street** | Favorite Road



“Best of Virginia” — Virginia Living Magazine

- **Mom’s Apple Pie** | Best Dessert
- **Nazbro Chocolates** | Best Chocolatier (2nd)
- **The Reclaimed Treasures** | Best Home Furnishings (3rd)
- **Occoquan Chocolate Walk** | Best Food Festival (2nd)
- **Occoquan Arts & Crafts Show** | Best Non-Food Festival



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- **The Spot on Mill Street** | Best Coffee House

