

## Trivia Nights at River Mill Park: Friday, June 24

Test your knowledge during our outdoor Trivia Nights in River Mill Park! Play six rounds of brain busters for your chance to win a \$100 gift card Grand Prize! Bring your up to 6-person team, camp chairs or blankets, and a packed picnic. Team registration is \$30. This year, you can purchase season tickets for all dates and get the final night free!

**6:00 pm Doors Open | 6:30 pm Start**

June 2022 Trivia Night Theme is "Power Plays". Visit [occoquanva.gov/trivia](https://occoquanva.gov/trivia) for the full schedule and to register.

*Music  
ON Mill*

occoquan's FREE  
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

**Music on Mill** is a free summer concert series featuring family-friendly entertainment. Join us in River Mill Park for a lovely evening down by the river from 7 pm to 9 pm. These events are free and open to the public. Bring your camp chairs or a blanket, and don't forget your picnic basket.

### 2022 Schedule

Saturday, June 18: Mystery Machine DMW (Rock)

Saturday, July 16: Up All Night (Covers)

Saturday, August 6: 257th Army Band (Traditional)

Saturday, August 20: Collective (Rock)

Cancellations: Visit [occoquanva.gov](https://occoquanva.gov) for weather updates or call 703-491-1918 two hours before the event for information.

To view the official meeting minutes for the Town of Occoquan, visit [occoquanva.gov/government/agenda-and-minutes](https://occoquanva.gov/government/agenda-and-minutes). The Occoquan Town Council meets regularly on the first Tuesday of the month, and the third Tuesday of some months. Meetings start at 7pm at Town Hall and are open to the public.

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#### TOWN COUNCIL

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## Mayor's Letter

I start this month with the sad news that June Randolph passed away on May 23 at the age of 101. June first moved to Occoquan in 1954 and during her many decades here served in every office available in town, including Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Town Council member, ARB member, Planning Commission member, and Town Mayor. She was also a founding board member of the Occoquan Historical Society in 1969. Last week I sent out an e-newsletter that summarized June's legacy of service and there will be an obituary for her in the *Washington Post*. At her request, no formal funeral has been scheduled. We are, however, planning to honor her contribution to Occoquan later this summer.

At our Town Council meeting on June 7, the Town Council will be voting on the tax rates and town budget for FY 2023. No increase in rates is being considered. More information may be found on the town website.

We have a number of events in Town this month. In addition to a town concert on June 18 and Trivia Night on June 24, on June 4-5 we will be holding the Occoquan RiverFest & Craft Show, which is our pandemic-delayed reimagining of our traditional spring craft show. In addition to craft vendors the event will include a variety of water and conservation-related activities and booths. There is still a need for volunteers to help with the event, so please check elsewhere in this newsletters for more details. Last month we dedicated in River Mill Park an historic marker on Valentine Peyton, donated by the Peyton Society of Virginia. This month we will be dedicating the new bench swing in the park generously donated by late town resident Petra Casipit.

In closing, please join me in welcoming our new Town Clerk, Philip Auville. As always, thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me at [epor-ta@occoquanva.gov](mailto:epor-ta@occoquanva.gov) with any comments or questions.

*Earnest W. Porta, Jr.*

# FY2023 Proposed Budget in Review

On June 7, 2022, the Town Council will vote on the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Capital Improvement Program, which will run from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

		FY 2022	FY 2023	Difference	+ / (-)
General Fund	Rev	\$1,070,940	\$1,227,546	\$156,606	14.6%
	Exp	\$1,070,940	\$1,227,546	\$156,606	14.6%
Events Fund	Rev	\$272,490	\$256,870	(\$15,620)	(15.7%)
	Exp	\$177,442	\$196,223	\$18,781	10.6%
Mamie Davis Fund	Rev	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.0%
	Exp	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	150.0%
E-Summons Fund	Rev	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000	-
	Exp	\$0	\$3,150	\$3,150	-
Capital Improvement Fund	Rev	\$5,000	\$181,000	\$176,000	3520.0%
	Exp	\$153,900	\$266,000	\$112,100	72.8%

The General Fund budget is based on maintaining the Real Estate Tax Rate of \$0.12 per \$100 of assessed value, and the local meals and transient tax rates of 3% and 7%, respectively. The Proposed Budget continues the provision of quality services and programs to the community and addresses the rising costs of service delivery and goods. The Capital Improvement Program focuses on needed town building maintenance, sidewalk repairs, and stormwater planning and improvements. This Proposed Budget does not include the one-time funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds are accounted for separately and a spending plan is currently under development for Council review and community input. For more information on the budget and to view the full proposed budget, visit [occoquanva.gov/budget](http://occoquanva.gov/budget).

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**JUNE 4 & 5**  
**RiverFest and Craft Show**  
 10 am to 5 pm

**JUNE 7**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
 7:00 pm

**JUNE 18**  
**Music on Mill Presents: Mystery Machine DMW (Rock)**  
 7 pm – 9 pm  
 River Mill Park

**JUNE 20**  
**Meals and Transient Occupancy Taxes Due**

**JUNE 21**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
 7:00 pm

**JUNE 24**  
**Trivia Night**  
 6:30 pm  
 River Mill Park

**JUNE 28**  
**Planning Commission**  
 6:30 pm  
**Architectural Review Board**  
 7:30 pm

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

## Occoquan RiverFest & Craft Show: June 4 & 5

**When:** Saturday, June 4—Sunday, June 5  
**Open:** 10 am—5 pm  
**Where:** Historic District, Occoquan, VA  
**Admission:** FREE  
**Shuttles:** \$5 Round Trip, 12 and under Free



### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**Craft Show Open** 10 am—5pm: over 200 booths of artisans, crafters, food vendors, and many local businesses will line the streets. While you're here, visit **Conservation Alley** and participate in the **Junior Passport Program, Tour the Sea Dog Lab** at the Town Dock and **rent a Kayak and Paddleboard** to explore the river.

#### Saturday, June 4:

9 am & 1:30 pm: SUP & Kayak Race  
 1:30 pm: River Clean Up  
 12 pm—4 pm: Live Music in River Mill Park  
 12 pm—5 pm: Beer & Wine Garden in River Mill Park

#### Sunday, June 5

10:45 am—5 pm: SUP and Land Yoga Classes  
 1:30 pm: River Clean Up  
 12 pm—4 pm: Live Music in River Mill Park  
 12 pm—5pm: Beer & Wine Garden in River Mill Park

More information can be found at [occoquanva.gov/town-festivals/riverfest](http://occoquanva.gov/town-festivals/riverfest).

## There's Still Time to Volunteer for Riverfest!

This two-day event draws thousands of people to town and is successful due to the support of our businesses and volunteers! To volunteer, use the easy sign up link and pick your shift at [occoquanva.gov/town-festivals/riverfest](http://occoquanva.gov/town-festivals/riverfest).

### STREET CLOSINGS

The following roads will be closed from 8 am to 6:30 pm on June 4 and 5: Mill, Commerce, Union, Washington Streets, as well as Ellicott Street from Mill Street to Center Lane. During this time, please coordinate movers or deliveries accordingly.

### RIVERFEST PARKING - Event Area Residents and Businesses ONLY

Permits will be available to residents and businesses living or working in the historic district for parking under the Route 123 bridge from 10:00 pm, Friday, June 3, until 6:30 pm, Sunday, June 5. Due to limited parking spaces, **only one permit per business or family** - first come, first served - will be issued. Permits will be available at Town Hall beginning Tuesday, May 31, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Town Hall will observe extended hours until 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Passes must be picked up in-person; no holds.