

Town Council Actions: June 2022

- Adopted and Appropriated Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Tax Rates: occoquanva.gov/government/budget
- Adopted a Resolution to Refer Amendments to the Town Code Generally Relating to Solar Facilities to the Planning Commission.
- Held a Discussion on the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Draft Spending Plan: occoquanva.gov/american-rescue-plan-act

The above items are extracts of recent actions and are not official meeting minutes. Minutes and agendas are posted at occoquanva.gov.



Cancellations: Visit occoquanva.gov for weather updates or call 703-491-1918 two hours before the event for information.

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, July 16: Up All Night (Covers)
- Saturday, August 6: 257th Army Band (Traditional)
- Saturday, August 20: Collective (Rock)

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Mayor's Letter

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in some way, shape, or form in our Riverfest and Craft Show on June 4-5. As you know, this is a very important event that helps fund town capital projects. A special thanks, of course, to our Events Director, Julie Little, and all the staff and volunteers who made it possible. June also, of course, included dedications, a concert, trivia night, and other enjoyable activities, and those continue this month with our Music on Mill free concert on July 16, featuring the band "Up All Night." We look forward as well to another popular Trivia Night on July 22—this one with the theme "Beach Party." As usual, both events will be held in River Mill Park. Over the July 4th holiday, while Occoquan does not host its own fireworks display or parade, there are a host of such activities in the area. We have listed some in this newsletter and encourage you to take a moment to check them out (as well as review the rules for private fireworks). More information on town events may be found elsewhere in this newsletter and on the town website.

Last month the Town Council adopted the tax rates and budget for FY 2023, which begins on July 1. There were no rate increases. We are also continuing to evaluate potential uses for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allotted to us and plan another public meeting for feedback in July. The projects under consideration have changed based on feedback at early public sessions, so I encourage those who are interested to stay alert for future announcements on the subject. Also, please note that in this edition of the newsletter we are including a survey related to postal delivery. The impetus for this is explained in the survey itself and we ask you to carefully consider the issues involved and provide us with your opinion.

As we start a new fiscal year, I would once more like to thank all of you for your encouragement and support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at eporta@occoquanva.gov with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Earnest W. Porta, Jr.

Mark Your Calendars: August 2022

Discover Occoquan: August 13-21, 2022

This fun event in August celebrates town businesses and features more than a week of free activities including interactive classes and free demonstrations hosted by Occoquan businesses. Also included in this fun week: the famous Occoquan Duck Splash, A Taste of Occoquan, Trivia Night, cornhole tournament, scavenger hunt, ghost tours, sunset kayak tour, and much more. occoquanva.gov/discover

14TH ANNUAL DUCK SPLASH

Sunday, August 14
Occoquan, Virginia



The 14th Annual Duck Splash! Sunday, August 14 at 12 pm

Buy a duck and win prizes!

1ST PLACE \$500

2ND-5TH PLACE \$100

6TH-10TH PLACE \$20

Ducks race along the Occoquan River

Buy your tickets online at occoquantourism.com/2022-duck-splash

Proceeds from this event benefit Patriots for Disabled Divers; visit patriotsfordisabledivers.org

Trivia Nights at River Mill Park: Friday, July 22

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

July 2022 Trivia Night Theme is "Beach Party." Visit occoquanva.gov/trivia for the full schedule and to register.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

JULY 4

Independence Day

Town Hall Closed

JULY 16

Music on Mill Presents: Up All Night (Covers)

7 pm – 9 pm

River Mill Park

JULY 19

Town Council Meeting

7:00 pm

JULY 20

Meals and Transient Occupancy Taxes Due

JULY 22

Trivia Night

6:30 pm

River Mill Park

JULY 26

Planning Commission Architectural Review Board

7:30 pm

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

SURVEY ON POSTAL DELIVERY ENCLOSED

Submit online at occoquanva.gov/survey or submit the enclosed hard copy at Town Hall.

Riverfest and Craft Show - Thank You!

What a spectacular two days to host the inaugural Riverfest and Craft Show! A profound thank you to residents, businesses, visitors, and volunteers for all of their efforts in helping to make Riverfest a success! We are already planning and looking forward to the annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show on September 24 and 25 - we can't wait to see you all again!

Independence Day Fireworks

- **Workhouse Arts Center:** Saturday, July 2nd, 6pm to 10:30pm, 9518 Workhouse Way
- **Celebrate America, Historic Manassas:** July 4th, 3 pm - 10 pm; fireworks display 9:15 pm
- **Fourth of July Celebration, Manassas Park:** July 4th, 6pm to 10pm, Signal Hill Park
- **Independence Day Parade, Fairfax City:** July 4th, 10 am at 4100 Chain Bridge Road
- **Independence Day Evening Show, Fairfax City:** July 5th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm, Fairfax High School; no public on-site parking available



Safety First for Independence Day!

Not all fireworks are allowed in Virginia. Only fireworks which have been approved by Prince William County may be possessed or discharged within the county. Fireworks that explode, emits flames or travels into the air greater than twelve (12) feet are prohibited. Children should always be supervised around fireworks and fireworks should only be used on a driveway or sidewalk in order to prevent fires. Reminder that fireworks can only be used on private property with the approval of the property owner.

To find safety tips when using fireworks, please visit the Fire Marshal's Office website at pwcva.gov/department/fire-marshals-office/fireworks-safety-tips.

Fall and Holiday 2022 Issue of the Occoquan Visitors Guide Advertisement Spots

Advertisement spots are now open for the **Fall/Holiday 2022 issue of the Occoquan Visitors Guide**. We are pleased to announce the "Occoquan Business" rate has been expanded to include Town of Occoquan residents who may now place ads for their business in the Occoquan Visitors Guide at a discounted rate. Ad space is limited and is sold on a first come, first served basis. **Deadline: Friday, July 22, 2022.** Rates and information can be found at: visitoccoquanva.com/visitorsguide. Contact visitoccoquanva@gmail.com with any questions.