

Town Council Actions: July 2022

- Approved the SLFRF Spending Plan.
- Approved Participation in NOVA Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement of 2022.
- Set a Public Hearing Date of August 2, 2022 at 7 pm for Zoning Text Amendments to add Definitions to Town Code § 157.008 and to add a Section Numbered 157.013 Generally Relating to Solar Facilities.

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

Saturday, August 6: 257th Army Band

Saturday, August 20: Collective

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. For cancellations, visit occoquanva.gov.

Music
ON Mill

OCOCOQUAN'S FREE
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

National Night Out: August 2, 2022 | 6pm-9pm

Join the Occoquan Police Department for National Night Out on August 2, 2022 from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Route 123 bridge parking lot on Mill Street. Meet and chat with members of the Occoquan Police Department. National Night Out is a national community-building campaign that provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together!



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Mayor's Letter

A variety of construction projects in town continued apace last month, and some, like the paving of VDOT streets, will largely bring to completion a planned year-long series of road projects that included pedestrian intersection improvements, the paving of a Town alley/street, and the milling, repaving, and remarking of most of the major streets of town in addition to Tanyard Hill Road. More construction projects are anticipated as a result of the Town Council approving last month the general allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds (referred to formally as SLFRF). Likely projects include a sidewalk on McKenzie Drive, as well as a variety of stormwater-related projects. Stayed tuned for more information.

August is a month packed full of recreational activities in town, many of which will be associated with our annual Discover Occoquan event. More information on this is contained elsewhere in this newsletter, but a sampling includes a scavenger hunt, a taste of Occoquan, a sip-and-stroll and shop late, our annual Duck Splash fundraiser, a cornhole tournament, a dedication of a memorial commemorating the 50th anniversary of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Agnes, and the rededication of the Occoquan Town Hall in honor of June Randolph and Mamie Davis. Of course, we also have our monthly trivia night, two concerts in River Mill Park, plays in the park at the end of the month, and our Neighborhood Night Out. In short, we've worked hard to provide a range of offerings so that there is something for almost everyone. We sincerely hope you will find something you enjoy during the month.

Last, as those who get my e-newsletter know, long-time resident Boyd Alexander passed away last month. Boyd was a kind and dear friend who loved the town and chronicled its events with beautiful photography. Please keep his family in your thoughts. As always, thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me at epor-ta@occoquanva.gov with any comments, questions, or concerns.

Earnest W. Porta, Jr.

Town Hall Rededication: August 13

Join us at Town Hall on **August 13 at 3:00 pm** for a Town Hall rededication ceremony in honor of late, long-time residents Ms. June Randolph and Ms. Mamie Davis. On October 8, 1991, the Town Council designated Town Hall as the Davis-Randolph Building in recognition for their contributions to the Town of Occoquan.

The Taming of the Shrew:

August 26 - 28 & September 2 - 4



Join us in River Mill Park for a lively battle of wits and wills between the sexes in this fun Shakespearean comedy! Set in the 1980s, this show will surely have you nostalgic for that defining decade of pop culture. More information, including show times and tickets can be found at occoquanva.gov/town-events.

Trivia Nights at River Mill Park: Friday, August 19

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 8-person team, camp chairs or blankets, and a packed picnic. Team registration is \$30.



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

August 2022 Trivia Night Theme is "All Around the World." Visit occoquanva.gov/trivia for the full schedule and to register.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

August 2

Town Council Meeting

7:00 pm

National Night Out

6 pm—9 pm

Mill Street, 123 Bridge Parking

August 6

Music on Mill Presents:

257th Army Band

(Traditional)

7 pm – 9 pm, River Mill Park

August 13 - 21

Discover Occoquan Week

August 19

Trivia Night

6:30 pm, River Mill Park

August 20

Music on Mill Presents:

Collective (Rock)

7 pm – 9 pm, River Mill Park

August 22

Meals and Transient

Occupancy Taxes Due

August 23

Planning Commission

6:30 pm

Architectural Review Board

7:30 pm

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

Discover Occoquan: August 13 - 21, 2022

Celebrate our town businesses with a week of activities including interactive classes and free demonstrations hosted by town merchants, plus a Scavenger Hunt, Taste of Occoquan, and Sip & Shop event! Plus, Trivia Night, our famous Duck Splash, a corn hole tournament, a concert, and more! Visitors are invited to browse the town's unique shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants, and cafes to experience all that Occoquan has to offer. Details and schedules can be found at visitoccoquan-va.com/discover.



Events Throughout the Week

Scavenger Hunt

During Discover Occoquan Week, visit businesses throughout Occoquan and answer questions about town history on your scavenger hunt passport form (available at all participating businesses).

Taste of Occoquan

August 18 - 21: Treat your tastebuds with flights of food as you experience international dishes from award winning restaurants in Occoquan.

Sip & Stroll and Shop Late

August 20: One-day only from **4:00-8:00pm!** Order adult beverages at participating restaurants and walk through the historic district of Occoquan while browsing the shops and galleries or attending the free concert (7-9 pm) in River Mill Park!

Duck Splash

August 14, at 12:00 pm: Adopt a numbered rubber duck from Patriot Scuba, then join us Sunday, August 14 to watch it race along the Occoquan River with hundreds of other ducks! \$5 to adopt your duck. Winners receive \$20-500 depending on their place in the race. All proceeds benefit Patriots for Disabled Divers. Buy your tickets online at occoquantourism.com/2022-duck-splash.

Corn Hole Tournament

August 20, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Cost: \$30 or \$25 if you bring your own boards. Pick up a beverage and snacks before you play.

Agnes Artwork Unveiling

August 20, 11:00 am: This ceremony in River Mill Park includes the unveiling of an original piece of artwork commemorating the 50th anniversary of Hurricane Agnes' effects on the Town of Occoquan and the surrounding area.