

## Town Council Actions: August 2022

- Continued a public hearing on zoning text amendments to add definitions to Town Code § 157.008 and to add a section numbered §157.013 generally relating to solar facilities.
- Approved the McKenzie Drive Sidewalk Project and set a not-to-exceed amount of \$140,000.
- Accepted the resignation of the Town Manager Kirstyn Jovanovich effective close of business September 26, 2022.
- Appointed Adam Linn Interim Town Manager effective immediately during any absence of the Town Manager.

*The above items are extracts of recent actions and are not official meeting minutes. Minutes and agendas are posted at [occoquanva.gov](http://occoquanva.gov).*

## The Taming of the Shrew: 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. Directed by Jill Jago. Performed by Castaways Repertory Theatre.

September 2, 2022 at 7pm **General:** \$15  
September 3, 2022 at 7pm **Package:** 2 Patrons for \$25  
September 4, 2022 at 2pm **Senior:** \$10  
**Kids 12 and under are free**

Tickets are transferrable to alternate dates and are available at: [occoquanva.gov/plays](http://occoquanva.gov/plays).

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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Jenn Loges, Vice Mayor  
Cindy Fithian  
Laurie Holloway  
Robert Love  
Eliot Perkins



### TOWN HALL STAFF

Kirstyn Jovanovich, Town Manager  
Adam Linn, Chief of Police  
Manuel Casillas, Town Treasurer  
Philip Auville, Town Clerk  
Julie Little, Events Director  
Bucky Brill, Maintenance Supervisor  
Matt Whitmoyer, Management Fellow

## Mayor's Letter

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in or found the time to participate in any of our various Discover Occoquan activities last month. As many of you know, we follow that up in September with one of our largest and most important events of the year, the fall Arts & Crafts Show, which will take place September 24-25. A major source of funding for town capital projects, we rely heavily on volunteers for its success. If you are able to volunteer for a shift, please see elsewhere in this newsletter to find out how. Other events coming up include performances in River Mill Park by the Castaways Repertory Theatre of an adaption of *The Taming of the Shrew* on September 2-4. Our popular monthly Trivia Night on September 16, and the semi-annual Friends of the Occoquan river clean-up on October 1.

Although punch list items remain, the scheduled intersection improvements and street paving/stripping have been completed. We appreciate everyone's patience during the several weeks of work required. Additional, more modest, capital projects are in the offing for the fall and we will provide more information on those as plans develop. I would also like to take a moment to thank those who participated in our postal delivery survey. More than 200 box owners participated and more than 82% expressed a preference for retaining the post office in town. While we continue to work with postal staff on delivery issues, we encourage you to speak with them directly regarding vendors who refuse to accept box numbers (or variations) on addresses.

In closing this month I ask you to join me in wishing the best to our departing Town Manager, Kirstyn Jovanovich, who has accepted another position elsewhere in Virginia and will be leaving us at the end of the month. We appreciate her service to the town. The Town Council has appointed Adam Linn Interim Town Manager. As always, thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact me at [eporta@occoquanva.gov](mailto:eporta@occoquanva.gov) with any comments, questions, or concerns.



## Calling All Youth Artists!

Announcing the first **Imagination Alley Youth Art Challenge** at the Fall Arts & Crafts Show on September 24 & 25! Local youth artists in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade from around the area are encouraged to submit their best works.

The jury will select award winners in the following categories: painting, drawing, digital (including photography), and sculpture. Winning artists will receive a \$50 gift card to use in Occoquan.

All accepted entries will be displayed at the Fall Arts & Crafts Show on September 24 & 25, with a drop off window of September 19-22. Display only, not for sale. Artists will be asked to staff the booth space during the show for a two-hour period over the course of the weekend. All work picked up by September 30. **Firm deadline for submitting all work: September 22, 2022 at 4pm.** Questions? Contact Julie Little at [jlittle@occoquanva.gov](mailto:jlittle@occoquanva.gov).

## Trivia Nights at River Mill Park: Friday, September 16

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**

September 2022 Trivia Night Theme is "Heroes & Villains." Visit [occoquanva.gov/trivia](http://occoquanva.gov/trivia) for the full schedule and to register.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**September 2-4**

**Taming of the Shrew**

River Mill Park

**September 5**

**Labor Day**

Town Hall Closed

**September 6**

**Town Council Meeting**

7:00 pm

**September 16**

**Trivia Night**

6:30 pm, River Mill Park

**September 20**

**Town Council Meeting**

7:00 pm

**September 20**

**Meals and Transient  
Occupancy Taxes Due**

**September 24 & 25**

**Fall Arts & Craft Show**

**September 27**

**Planning Commission**

6:30 pm

**Architectural Review Board**

7:30 pm

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

## Fall Arts & Crafts Show: September 24 & 25, 2022

The **Fall Arts & Crafts Show** is coming to Historic Occoquan **September 24 & 25, 2022**, from 10 am to 5 pm each day and featuring over 200+ artisans, makers and creators in over 20 categories. You'll have the opportunity to meet emerging and experienced artisans, indulge in festival fare and enjoy live music in the beer & wine garden. Kids will want to stop by Imagination Alley to create their own art through demonstrations and workshops, or paint on our community mural! The Fall Arts & Crafts Show is free admission, though shuttle service is \$8, round trip. More information can be found at [occoquanva.gov/thecraftshow](http://occoquanva.gov/thecraftshow).



## Volunteers Needed!

This two-day event draws thousands of people to town and is successful due to the support of our businesses and volunteers! To volunteer, email [jlittle@occoquanva.gov](mailto:jlittle@occoquanva.gov) or sign up here: [occoquanva.gov/fall-craft-show-volunteer-sign-up](http://occoquanva.gov/fall-craft-show-volunteer-sign-up). A Volunteer meeting will be held at Town Hall on September 21, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

## Street Closings

The following roads will be closed from 8 am on September 24 to 8 pm on September 25: Mill, Commerce, Union, and Washington Streets, as well as Ellicott Street from Mill Street to Center Lane. During this time, please coordinate movers or deliveries accordingly.

## Fall Arts & Crafts Show 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, September 23, until 6:30 pm, Sunday, September 25. 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, September 20, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Town Hall will observe extended hours until 7:00 pm on September 20.