

Town Council Actions: November 8, 2017

The following items are extracts of recent Town Council actions and are not official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes and agendas are available online at www.occoquanva.gov. All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

- Approved Site Plan for 113 Poplar Lane, pool improvement project.
- Approved Subdivision Plat for 205 Union Street.
- Set a Not-To-Exceed amount of \$4,500 for Installation and Maintenance of Holiday Wreaths and Repairs to Electrical Outlets on Dominion Poles.
- Approved a Not-To-Exceed amount of \$5,000 for Manufacture of Hardware and Installation of Light Facilities on Pedestrian Bridge.
- Reappointed Brenda Seefeldt and Carol Bailey to the Architectural Review Board, effective November 8, 2017.
- Approved to no longer have the Town administer or enforce Building Code, allowing Prince William County to do so, pursuant to the Virginia State Code. *Approved, 4-1, Dawson voting Nay.*

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Mayor's Letter

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the holiday tree lighting at Town Hall the Friday before Thanksgiving. This annual tradition is a great way to usher in the season and it was wonderful seeing so many of you there enjoying the evening. As always, December is a busy month in Occoquan. On December 2nd, the Business Guild brings Santa Claus to the Occoquan Town Dock by boat at noon, and he will travel down Mill Street and greet children of all ages at Town Hall. On Sunday, December 3rd, Pastor Lundy and Ebenezer Baptist Church will once again open their doors for a holiday service at 5:30 pm. Immediately following the service will be a candlelight blessing in Mamie Davis Park and the Town Holiday Party at Madigan's, sponsored by Earnie Porta's Occoquan Tourism Company. All are welcome, and RSVP's are appreciated at www.occoquanva.gov or (703) 491-1918.

The third annual WinterFest comes to Occoquan on December 9th, from 4 to 7 pm. Part of a daylong, family-friendly celebration of the winter season that kicks-off at 11:00 with Santa's Lake Ridge Parade on Harbor Drive, visitors to Historic Occoquan will enjoy fire pits with marshmallow roasting, strolling holiday carolers and musicians, children's craft activity at the Mill House Museum, OWL Volunteer Fire Department touch-a-truck, free hot chocolate (while supplies last!), and a special visit from Santa Claus. Many of the Town's unique restaurants, shops and boutiques will be open late for you to complete your holiday shopping. Please remember to "Shop Small" this holiday season and support your neighbors and local Occoquan businesses now and throughout the year!

Finally, please consider participating in our annual "Untrim-a-Tree" program by signing out a gift tag from our tree inside Town Hall and purchasing a gift for a local child in need. Unwrapped gifts may be returned to Town Hall or Personally Yours by December 10th.

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season!

Elizabeth A.C. Quist

Town Blessing and Holiday Party, December 3

The Town invites the public to attend the annual Town Blessing on Sunday, December 3, 2017. The evening will begin with a sermon at Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, located on the corner of Commerce and Washington Streets, at 5:30 p.m. and immediately followed by a candlelit blessing at Mamie Davis Park on Mill Street. After the blessing, the community is invited to the annual Holiday Party at Madigan's Waterfront Restaurant, sponsored by Earnie Porta's Occoquan Tourism Company. Seating is limited; please RSVP online at www.occoquanva.gov or call (703) 491-1918.

Building Official Services in Occoquan Provided by Prince William County

The Town of Occoquan no longer provides building official services through Town Hall. All permits, plan reviews, and other building official services for those working within the Town of Occoquan will be issued by Prince William County's Building Development Division. **Zoning and land development permits will continue to be issued by the Town of Occoquan and will be required prior to issuance of building or trade permits by Prince William County.** If you are planning on doing any work within the Town of Occoquan, please contact Town Hall first to obtain zoning approval prior to requesting permitting from Prince William County.

Building/Trade Permits and Plan Reviews

Prince William County Building Development Division
5 County Complex Court
Prince William, VA 22191
(703) 792-6930

Counter Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Automated 24-hour Telephone Plan Review Status and Inspection Scheduling/Status Line: 1-866-457-5280 | **Email:** BDD@pwcgov.org | **Website:** www.pwcgov.org/BDD

Untrim-A-Tree Through December 10

Participate in the Untrim-A-Tree Project and stop by Town Hall to select a gift tag from the tree and make a child's holiday wish come true. To participate, sign up at Town Hall and return new, unwrapped gifts to Town Hall or Personally Yours during normal business hours by December 10, 2017. Sponsored by the Business Guild of Occoquan and Volunteer Prince William. For more information, contact (703) 494-8683.

December 2017

Town Meetings and Events

(All meetings are held at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, unless otherwise noted.)

December 2: Santa arrives at Mamie Davis Park, followed by Santa at Town Hall, 12:00 p.m.

December 3: Town Blessing and Holiday Party 5:30 p.m., Ebenezer Baptist Church

December 5: Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting

December 9: WinterFest Historic District, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

December 12: Planning Commission Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
Architectural Review Board, 7:30 p.m.

December 20: November 2017 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due

December 25 and 26: Observing Christmas Holiday; Town Hall Closed

WinterFest in Occoquan, December 9, 4 - 7 p.m.

The third annual WinterFest will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017! A full day of events are planned throughout the region beginning with the return of Santa's Lake Ridge Parade at 11 a.m., a holiday arts market at Tackett's Mill, Second Saturday Art Walk at the Workhouse Art Center, evening of shopping and dining in Historic Occoquan, and ending with a fireworks show between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., sponsored by Prince William Marina, and viewable from the Town, Occoquan Regional Park, and Hoffmaster's Marina.

From 4 to 7 p.m., Historic Occoquan will host fire pits and marshmallow roasting, strolling carolers and musicians, an OWL fire truck with Santa, kids' crafts, and free hot chocolate (while supplies last!). Come out for an evening of shopping and dining where stores will be open late, and you'll enjoy a family-friendly holiday atmosphere. For more information, visit www.occoquanva.gov.

Santa Comes to Occoquan, December 2

The Business Guild of Occoquan will welcome Santa Claus to Town on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Santa will arrive by boat at Mamie Davis Park at 12:00 p.m. After being escorted up the river by Rivershore Charters, Santa will talk with all the visiting children at the Occoquan Town Hall, 314 Mill Street. Bring your camera! For more information, contact the Business Guild of Occoquan at (703) 201-8499.