

EVENTS TO REMEMBER IN MAY!!!!

FARMERS MARKET IS BACK: MAY 4, 8 AM to NOON

ART ON THE BLOCK: MAY 11, 1 to 5PM

CELEBRATE RIVER FEST 2013 ON THE OCCOQUAN: MAY 18, 10 AM to 5 PM



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Dog Owners — Please Read

Since the weather is finally getting warmer and you may be taking your dog(s) on longer walks, please immediately pick up after your pet when walking on a public right-of-way or on any property other than your own. Please be responsible and help keep our Town clean!



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MAYOR'S LETTER

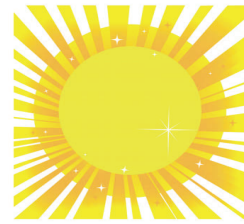
I want to start this month by expressing my appreciation to everyone who participated in the Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) river clean-up last month, as well as those of you who were able to attend the first day of our Farmers' Market. The latter will be held every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon (with the exception of Craft Show weekends) in the small parking lot near the Route 123 bridge. Also, I would like to thank the members of the Town Gala Committee (Jen Berta, Kim Deal, Julie Marshall, Kristyn Gleason, Barb Porta, Marge Shaffer, Betty Dean, and Susan Lee-Merrow), who put on a fantastic event last month to raise more than \$5,000 for the Occoquan Historical Society. Thank you, as well, to all of you who were able to attend.

There are a number of enjoyable events taking place in town during the month of May. On May 9, the next installment of the Occoquan Historical Society's bi-monthly lecture series will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Secret Garden Café. Kathleen Pablo will be giving a lecture on the history of the suffragists imprisoned at the Occoquan Workhouse. The restaurant's normal food and drink menu will be available for purchase during the lecture. Four galleries with over 60 artists will be holding their *Art on the Block* event on Saturday, May 11, from 1-5 p.m. Enjoy watching artists while they work, participate in receptions at each of the galleries, and sign up for special drawings. Also on the 11th, I will again be leading historic tours by kayak out of Occoquan Regional Park. Tours begin at 11:00 a.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month, and the park charges \$10 for kayak rental. Last, on May 18, Occoquan Regional Park's Occoquan River Fest will again include the town, and the Prince William Public Library System Foundation will host a "Speakeasy" fundraiser at Rockledge Mansion. For more information on all of the above, check out the "Events" page on the town web site (www.occoquan.org).

Finally, mark your calendars for a variety of events in June, including the Spring Arts and Crafts Show on June 1 and 2 and the annual Duck Splash race on June 15. Thank you as always for your support and please feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns.

At the April 2013 meeting, the Town Council voted to:

- ♦ approve the Fire Marshal Ordinance
- ♦ approve the Resolution to appoint the Prince William County Fire Marshall and Assistant Fire Marshalls as the Town fire marshals
- ♦ approve the purchase of four commemorative survey markers for the proposed Town boundary line adjustment
- ♦ authorized the submission of the river station park plans to Fairfax Water
- ♦ award the landscaping bid to Hedge Hog Landscape
- ♦ authorize the Mayor to sign the Northern Virginia Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement after review by the town attorney



MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 .	2	3	4 8-noon Farmers Market
5	6	7 7:00 - Town Council Mtg	8 	9 6:30pm - OHS lecture at the Secret Garden Cafe 	10	11 8-noon Farmers Market 1-5pm 
12	13	14 6:30 - PC 7:30 - ARB	15 	16	17	18 8-noon Farmers Market 10am-5pm Occoquan Riverfest
19	20	21	22 	23	25	25 8-noon Farmers Market
26	27 Memorial Day Town Hall Closed 	28	29 	30	31	(June 1 & 2 - Craft Show)

THE OCCOQUAN SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW — JUNE 1 AND 2

STREET CLOSINGS

The Spring Arts and Craft Show will be on Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3, this year. Mill, Commerce, Union, and Washington Streets will be closed on those days from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., as will Ellicott Street from Mill Street to Center Lane, so please coordinate movers or deliveries accordingly.

CRAFT SHOW PARKING

Parking permits will be issued to merchants and residents living and/or working in the historic district for parking under the Route 123 bridge from 10:00 p.m., Friday, June 1, until 6:30 p.m., Sunday, June 3. Because of the 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 29.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pat Thomas, our craft show director, is asking for volunteers to ensure that the spring show runs smoothly. You can reach Pat by calling 703-491-2168, or you may sign up at Town Hall. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!