

ARB News — Chalkboard Signs

Did you know that chalkboards are the favored temporary sign in Occoquan? Specific details regarding chalkboard temporary signs may be found in Chapter 66, Section 367 of the Occoquan Town Code, which states the following: 1. Sign size shall not exceed two feet by three feet; 2. Sign frames shall be either wood or metal and may be black, natural wood tone, or similar historic color; 3. The chalkboards shall not have a pre-printed logo of any type; 4. Chalkboard signs must be placed away from doorways and the public right-of-way, and if leaning or standing, may not project more than two feet from the building; 5. Signs shall not be placed within any portion of the right-of-way; 6. Signs may be hung on the exterior of the building with hooks and eyes, leaned against the building independently or mounted on a stand.

There are many chalkboards in use around Occoquan. If you are a merchant using one, please check that yours abides by all six of these requirements.

Order Your 'Friend of the Occoquan' License Plate TODAY!

Show your pride for the Occoquan River and order your official 'Friend of the Occoquan' license plate through Occoquan River Communities. For more information, visit www.occoquanrivercommunities.org.

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MAYOR'S LETTER

Let me begin my first newsletter by thanking you for electing me to serve as your Mayor. My husband, Erik, and I moved to Occoquan in 2007 and were immediately welcomed into this special community. I knew almost immediately that I wanted to contribute to its success, and I thank you for giving me that opportunity.

I would like to thank Council Members Dr. Jim Walbert and Denise Bush for their service of nine and six years, respectively, on the Town Council. They represent the spirit of public service and volunteerism that exists in our town. Without this ethos, so prevalent in our small community, we would not have accomplished so much in past years. And, of course, we must thank Mayor Earnie Porta for his leadership over the last eight years. Though he is moving on, I am confident he will stay involved in many ways. He has been a champion for the town, and I know that he will continue to be an ambassador for Occoquan as he continues his journey. Also this month, we welcome incoming Council Members Tyler Brown, Matt Dawson, and Dr. Jim Drakes. Please join me in welcoming them to Council.

Thank you to all who volunteered for the many events held in Town during the month of June. We had a timely visit from the Fox 5 morning news team the day before our spring Craft Show kicked off, and beautiful weather for the entire weekend. Special thanks to Craft Show Director, Pat Thomas, as well as Kirstyn Barr, Chief Sheldon Levi, Bucky Brill, Candi Best, Karen George, and all who made the Craft Show run so smoothly.

I am pleased to announce that the Town Council, at the June 17 Council Meeting, adopted the tax rates, budget, and capital plan for the fiscal year 2015. While there was much discussion about the ability to meet future needs at the current real estate tax rate of \$0.11 per \$100 of assessed value, the Council determined that the FY2015 expenditures could be managed without increasing the rate. As the town looks beyond FY2015, toward new programming opportunities for the highly anticipated River Park, and continues to address items of the town's appearance and deferred maintenance, the incoming Council and Town Manager will face difficult decisions. I am confident that they will do what is best for our exceptional town and keep Occoquan a special place to live in, work in, and visit.

Thank you, again, for putting your trust in me.

Elizabeth A. C. Quist

Town Council Actions: June 3, 2014

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

- Approved the Preliminary Site Plan for Kiely Court. (Approved, 3-2)
- Approved the referral of the draft VSMP Ordinance to the Planning Commission to schedule a joint public hearing; appointed the Town Manager as the VSMP Administrative Officer; gave the Town Manager the authority to designate a second Administrative Officer; and allowed the Town to collect the full VSMP review fee and forward the required portion to the DEQ.
- Adopted the revised engineering fee schedule.
- Approved a fence request for 1421 Occoquan Heights Court.
- Approved the purchase of two 'v' style entry signs for the corners of Commerce Street and Route 123, and Tanyard Hill Road and Old Bridge Road.
- Approved the purchase of 40 replacement lighted holiday wreaths.
- Adopted a resolution confirming the position of the Town Manager as supervisor of Town Staff and accepted the proposed organizational structure.

Fireworks Displays in Prince William County

OLD TOWN MANASSAS: The City of Manassas celebrates the 4th of July with an Independence Day party with live music, rides, an Apple Pie Baking Contest, carnival foods, face painting, a children's bicycle rodeo and a watermelon eating contest in Historic Downtown Manassas. Events kick off at 3 p.m., with live music at 7 p.m. and fireworks scheduled for 9:15 p.m. Free admission. Visit www.visitmanassas.org for more information.

WOODBIDGE: Watch the Potomac Nationals play against the Myrtle Beach Pelicans on July 4, at Pfitzner Stadium and then stick around for a fireworks show after the game! Purchase tickets in advance. Firework shows will be performed following the games on July 4, 5 and 6, 2014. Visit www.facebook.com/potomacnationals for more information.

MANASSAS PARK: Watch a free fireworks show at Signal Hill Park, 9300 Signal View Drive, in Manassas Park on July 4; show begins at approximately 9:15 p.m. Gates open to the public at 5:30 p.m. Free admission. Visit www.ManassasParkCommunityCenter.com for more information.

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July 2014 Town Meetings and Events

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

Tuesday, July 1: Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Swearing In of Newly Elected Council

Friday, July 4: Independence Day, Town Hall Closed

Tuesday, July 8: Planning Commission Meeting, 6:45 p.m.; Architectural Review Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9: Town Council Orientation, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15: Town Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m.

Trash and recycling is collected each **Wednesday** in the Town of Occoquan.

Trash and Recycling Collection Reminders:

Please place refuse to the curb **no earlier than 4 p.m.** on Tuesdays and remove your containers as quickly as possible after collection.

Do not place household refuse in Town-owned trash receptacles.

Please do not block public sidewalks and right of ways with refuse containers. Please ensure there is a pedestrian path available at all times.

Our Deepest Sympathy: William "Bill" Seymour Lynn

The Town is saddened by the loss of William "Bill" Lynn, who passed away on June 2, after his battle with cancer. Bill was born and raised in Occoquan and throughout his life was active in the local community through community service and as a business owner. In addition, he served on the Town of Occoquan Town Council as both a member and Mayor during the late 1960's. He is survived by his three sons Fred Lynn, Kelly Lynn and Chris Lynn, one grandson Spencer Lynn, two sisters Becky Casagrande and Letty Lynn, and his significant other Patricia Evans. A service was held at Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 11, followed by internment at Pohick Cemetery.