

# Annual Fall Cleanup Day October 14, Save the Date!

Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) will host the annual Fall cleanup day on Saturday, October 14. The event will focus on town beautification, river cleanup and trash removal. If you would like to volunteer, meet at Town Hall, 314 Mill St., at 9:00 a.m. Tools will be provided and you are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes. For more information contact Sonia Monson, Friends of the Occoquan, at 703-624-7124 or foto@friendsoftheoccoquan.org.

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**Saturday, September 9, 1:00 p.m.:** McCoart Administration Building, 1 County Complex Court

**Monday, September 18, 7:00 p.m.:** Westminster, 12191 Clipper Drive, Woodbridge

**Saturday, September 23, 10:00 a.m.:** Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department, 7190 Yates Ford Road Manassas

More information: 703-792-4643

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## Mayor's Letter

Hope this message finds you all well, and thoroughly enjoying the last fleeting moments of summer. We're gearing up for the Fall Arts & Crafts Show on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and, as always, will be looking for volunteers to work alongside Town Council members and Town Staff to support this event. The Craft Show was once again voted "Best Community Event/Festival" by InsideNOVA's Best of Prince William competition, and continues to supplement our annual Town budget, allowing us to continue to invest in programs, services, and capital improvements. Please e-mail Julie Little at [JulieLittle@OccoquanVA.gov](mailto:JulieLittle@OccoquanVA.gov) to volunteer.

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, before the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting, we will be holding a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission and the Town Council to hear community response to the proposed comprehensive amendments to our Zoning and Subdivision ordinances (Chapters 54 and 66 of the Occoquan Town Code). This process is the next step in our continued effort to align the 2016 adopted Comprehensive Plan with existing Town Code. If you've missed any of the predecessor steps in the process, or would like to view the proposed code changes in advance of Tuesday's meeting, please visit [www.OccoquanVA.gov](http://www.OccoquanVA.gov) to view the documents under consideration. You may also visit Town Hall during office hours.

Recently, the Town partnered with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT) to conduct a parking and traffic study in Occoquan. To reduce contract costs, some members of Town Staff and Council have volunteered considerable time in the Historic Business District collecting data related to parking inventory, occupancy, and turnover. The information collected has been provided to JMT, who will use the data, along with information obtained during the community meeting on September 27, to provide recommendations for both short and long-term solutions to our parking and traffic challenges. Please join us on September 27, to provide your observations, recommendations, and/or concerns.

Finally, a tremendous "thank you" to Laurie Holloway and Deanna Lankford who have adopted the Keep Prince William Beautiful/Town of Occoquan Adopt-a-Spot under the Route 123 Bridge. Laurie and Dee join existing Adopt-a-Spot volunteers, Earnie Porta and the Gaslight Landing community, in taking an active role in conservation and protection efforts in Occoquan. Thank you!

*Elizabeth A.C. Quist*

**Occoquan Fall Arts and Crafts Show**  
**Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24**  
**Event Information: [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov)**

**STREET CLOSINGS**

The following roads will be closed from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on September 23 and 24: Mill, Commerce, Union, Washington Streets, as well as Ellicott Street from Mill Street to Center Lane. During this time, please coordinate movers or deliveries accordingly.

**CRAFT SHOW PARKING**

Permits will be available to merchants and residents living or working in the event area for parking under the Route 123 bridge from 10 p.m., Friday, Sept. 22, until 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 24. Due to limited parking spaces, only one permit per business or family living or working in the event area - first come, first served - will be issued. If you are unsure if you live or work in the event area, please view the map online at [www.occoquanva.gov/resident-and-business-information.html](http://www.occoquanva.gov/resident-and-business-information.html). **Permits will be available at Town Hall on Tuesday, September 19, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.,** and will be available daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Friday, or until all permits are issued, whichever comes first.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Interested in giving back to the community? Consider volunteering your time and talents to the Town's Arts and Crafts Show. This two-day event draws thousands of people to town and is successful due to the support of our businesses and volunteers! If you're interested in volunteering for the Arts and Crafts Show, email [jlittle@occoquanva.gov](mailto:jlittle@occoquanva.gov), call (703) 491-2168 or stop by Town Hall to sign up.

**Town Council Actions: August 1, 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](http://www.occoquanva.gov). All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.*

- Set a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$25,000 for a Parking and Traffic Study
- Set a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$1,800 for Public Safety Ballistic Vests

# September 2017

## Town Meetings and Events

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

**September 1: Music on Mill Concert, FeelFree (Reggae/Rock) Sponsored by Madigan's Waterfront**  
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park

**September 4: Labor Day**  
 Town Hall Closed

**September 5: Town Council Meeting**  
 7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, Town Hall

**September 12: Planning Commission**  
 7:00 p.m., Town Hall  
**Architectural Review Board**  
 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

**September 15: VFW M.I.A./P.O.W. Event**  
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park

**September 16: Music on Mill Concert, James Drakes and the Chris Taylor Trio (Acoustic Rock) Sponsored by Bottle Stop Wine Bar and Betty Dean & Associates**  
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park

**September 19: Town Council Work Session**  
 7:00 p.m., Work Session Meeting, Town Hall

**September 20: August 2017 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due**

**September 23 & 24: Fall Arts & Craft Show**  
 Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Historic District

**September 27: Parking/Traffic Study Community Meeting**  
 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., Town Hall

## Parking and Traffic Study Community Meeting Wednesday, September 27, at Town Hall

The Town of Occoquan is working with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT) to conduct a parking and traffic study and will host a community input session on **Wednesday, September 27, from 5 to 7 p.m.** at Town Hall. JMT will provide a presentation including a brief project overview at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., followed by Q&A. Businesses, residents and visitors are invited to attend to learn about the study and provide input. Initial data from recent parking counts and surveys will be available for review. The final report is expected to be presented to Town Council during the October work session. For those unable to attend on September 27, a survey will be available on the Town's website at [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov).