

## Town Council Actions: March 6, 2018

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.

\*Councilman Drakes was absent at the March 6, 2018 Town Council meeting.

- Approved Fiscal Year End June 30, 2017 Financial Report
- Approved the development and mailing of a 2018 Town Election Newsletter (Approved 3-1, McGuire voting Nay)
- Approved \$5,000 to purchase an IBR system license for the Occoquan Police Department
- Approved \$5,000 for financial consulting services with Minor and Associates, PLLC
- Approved \$2,500 for critter removal and electrician services at Mill House Museum

### With Sympathy

The Town would like to express its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Sergeant Major (USA RET) Grady Thomas Gilbert, who died on March 26, 2018. He was a life member at V.F.W. Post 7916 and served as the House Committee Chairman here in the Town of Occoquan. We are saddened by the loss of such an amazing individual that devoted so much of his life to the service of others. Our hearts and thoughts go out to his family and friends during this difficult time.

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#### TOWN COUNCIL

Elizabeth A.C. Quist, Mayor  
Patrick A. Sivigny, Vice Mayor  
J. Matthew Dawson  
Jim Drakes  
Cindy Fithian  
Joseph McGuire



#### TOWN HALL STAFF

Kirstyn Jovanovich, Town Manager  
Adam Linn, Chief of Police  
Chris Coon, Town Clerk  
Carla Rodriguez, Town Treasurer  
Julie Little, Events Director  
Bucky Brill, Maintenance Supervisor  
Pam Holbert, Administrative Asst.

## Mayor's Letter

After an unexpected snowfall last week, it is safe to say we are all ready to usher in the warmer weather of Spring. As usual, Occoquan comes alive in April with the annual Peep Show on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Town Hall joined the fun this year, hosting a "for the public" Peep Diorama contest with prizes of \$25 each for the winners in three categories. While Easter weekend may have passed as you are reading this, winning dioramas will be on display at Town Hall through April 6<sup>th</sup>.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Town will host Friends of the Occoquan for their annual *Spring Clean Up* event from 9 a.m. to noon. This event is Rain or Shine and needs your support! Sponsored by the Town of Occoquan and three other sites along the river (Occoquan Regional Park is closed for construction), this event combines efforts of hundreds of volunteers and community organizations each year to remove tons of trash and recyclables from the watershed. Join us at Town Hall to volunteer. Refreshments will be served.

That same day, Keep Prince William Beautiful (KPWB) will be cleaning litter from a 13-mile stretch of Route 1, from Occoquan to Quantico. Following that event will be a community celebration at Rippon Lodge. Visit [www.KPWB.org](http://www.KPWB.org) to volunteer. And, the KPWB fun continues on Arbor Day, April 28<sup>th</sup>, when Occoquan will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Run for the Earth 5K & Tree Planting in honor of our new designation as a Tree City USA (see website for details).

Finally, you may have read in the paper or heard through the Occoquan grapevine that I will not seek re-election as Mayor. While it has been an honor to serve on the Council for eight years, including the last four as Mayor, I have made the very difficult decision to not run again. I will instead focus on my tax practice, serving the not-for-profit community in northern Virginia and beyond. I am incredibly proud of the work that we have done on behalf of this community, and of the staff that serves the Town of Occoquan so loyally. I encourage you all to come out and vote for Council and Mayor in May. We have a very special community, and I thank you for putting your trust in me as Occoquan Mayor.

*Elizabeth A.C. Quist*

## Town Election Day: May 1, 2018



Occoquan's Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. All voting will take place at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Occoquan voters will elect a Mayor and five Councilmembers who will begin new two-year terms on July 1, 2018.

The candidates for Mayor are: Earnie W. Porta, Jr. and Steven V. Vonderheide.

The candidates for Town Council are: Krystyna M. Bienia, J. Matthew Dawson, Cindy J. Fithian, Laurie E. Holloway, Joseph E. McGuire, Jr., Eliot R. Perkins, Patrick A. Sivigny, and Johnathan W. Torres. A Special Candidate Information Newsletter will be distributed by April 6, 2018 and available at Town Hall or online at [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov).

## FY 2019 Proposed Budget

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the Proposed FY 2019 Budget on **April 17, 2018** and on the Proposed FY 2019 Tax Rates on **April 24, 2018**, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. The public is invited to attend and provide their input regarding the budget and proposed tax rates.

Fund	Revenues	Expenditures	Budget in Brief: Proposed FY 2019 Budget
General Fund	\$755,920	\$755,920	The FY 2019 Proposed Budget is based on a maintaining the Town's Real Estate Tax rate of \$0.12 per \$100 of assessed value. There is an estimated 6.5% increase in real estate assessments resulting in an estimated revenue increase of \$14,140.
Craft Show Fund	\$203,950	\$101,954	
Mamie Davis Fund	\$2,600	\$2,000	
Capital Improvement Fund	\$446,300	\$606,100	

The Proposed Budget also includes maintaining the Meals Tax Rate of 3% and the Transient Occupancy Tax Rate of 2%.

The full FY 2019 Proposed Budget is available online at [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov) and at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.

## April 2018

### Town Meetings and Events

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

**April 3: Town Council Meeting**  
7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting

**April 10: Planning Commission**  
6:30 p.m., Town Hall  
**Architectural Review Board**  
7:30 p.m., Town Hall

**April 17: Town Council Meeting**  
7:00 p.m., Work Session, Public Hearing on FY 2019 Proposed Budget

**April 20: March 2018 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due**

**April 21: FOTO Spring Clean-up Day**  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Historic Occoquan

**April 24: Town & Business Partnership Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Town Hall

**April 24: Town Council Meeting**  
7:00 p.m., Public Hearing on FY 2019 Proposed Tax Rates

**April 28: KPWB 2nd Annual Run for Earth 5k**  
8:30 a.m., Historic Occoquan  
9:45 a.m., Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony, Commerce Street

### Support Events at the Park

The Music on Mill Concert series, outdoor movies, and other free events at River Mill Park, are made possible through the support of sponsors and community donations. There are several ways you can help support Occoquan parks and free programming in our community:

- **Become a Friend of River Mill Park!** [www.occoquanva.gov/friends-of-river-mill-park.html](http://www.occoquanva.gov/friends-of-river-mill-park.html)
- **Purchase a Commemorative Brick Paver!** [www.occoquanva.gov/buy-a-brick-program.html](http://www.occoquanva.gov/buy-a-brick-program.html)
- **Sponsor an Event!** [www.occoquanva.gov/summer-concerts.html](http://www.occoquanva.gov/summer-concerts.html)

By contributing through one of these donation programs, you are helping provide quality programming for our residents, visitors, and businesses, and ensuring Occoquan remains a vibrant and thriving community. For questions about these programs, events in Occoquan, or to learn how you can help, contact Julie Little, Events and Community Development Director, at (703) 491-2168 or [jlittle@occoquanva.gov](mailto:jlittle@occoquanva.gov).

### Friends of the Occoquan Cleanup Day: April 21

Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) will host the Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To volunteer to help cleanup the Occoquan River and the Town, stop by Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on April 21. Wear comfortable shoes and weather appropriate attire; supplies and refreshments will be provided. For more information please visit: [www.friendsoftheoccoquan.org/upcomingevents.html](http://www.friendsoftheoccoquan.org/upcomingevents.html)