Acting Town Manager's Corner .....

Recently we had a situation at a commercial building in Town and we had issues trying to contact the building owner due to a lack of information. All business owners and landlords are asked to please provide emergency contact information to the Town Clerk Peggy Blackwell (pblackwell@occoquan.org) as soon as possible. This information will ONLY be shared with Town staff and emergency personnel as needed; NEVER sold or otherwise distributed. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us serve you better.

From the Occoquan Post Office

The Occoquan Post Office would like to express our appreciation for all the kind words and gifts we received during the holiday season from residents and town merchants. Happy New Year!

Judy and Eleanor

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MAYOR'S LETTER

I would like to start 2014 by thanking everyone for your kind words and support over the past twelve months. In particular, I would like to thank those who volunteered during the course of the year, whether by assisting with an event, or serving on a formal body like the Planning Commission, ARB, or other committee. Additionally, thank you to those who were able to fill some of your holidays needs with town businesses. Each of these things, as well as your many other types of contributions, help make Occoquan an attractive place to live, work, and visit.

This month the Town will be hosting two of six planned public input sessions on the town's draft strategic plan. The town chartered and appointed a Strategic Planning Committee in July of 2011, and after approximately 18 months of research, public meetings, and site visits, the Committee issued its report, which has been adopted by the Town Council as a framework for potential town initiatives over the next 5-10 years. Determining which proposed initiatives in the plan will be pursued will depend in large measure on input from residents and business owners. Consequently, if you are able to attend any of the sessions, I encourage you to do so. Our first session will be on January 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Occoquan Pointe/Barrington Point club house. A second session will be held on January 17 at 9:00 a.m. at the Secret Garden Café. Both sessions will include an overview of the plan and then time for questions and comments. Refreshments will be provided. Additional sessions will be held in February and March. Information about the plan is available on the town web site at www.occoquan.org.

As always in January, I feel compelled to address the subject of snow. The streets within town boundaries are a hodgepodge of VDOT, town, and HOA property. Consequently, snow removal obligations can be confusing. I therefore encourage everyone to review the town street maintenance map to familiarize themselves with snow removal responsibilities. The map is posted at the Post Office and can be found on the town web site at www.occoquan.org.

I would like to close by thanking former council member Barry Dean for his years of service to the town, and by welcoming our newest council member, Joe McGuire. As always please do not hesitate to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns, and I wish you all a very prosperous New Year!

Earnest W. Porta, Jr.

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

- Adopt Version B of the Deck Ordinance—to Amend the R-3 Zoning District to Loosen the Restrictions on Decks;
- Adopt a Vending Machine Ordinance in the Historic District of the Town of Occoquan
- Adopt a Resolution which Supports Simultaneous Processing of Fairfax Water's Demolition Permit and Site Plan

REMINDER
2013 REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS
DUE FEBRUARY 14, 2014

If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at 703.491.1918, ext. 1

Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees may be placed at your curb for Wednesday's normal trash pick-up. If you wish to recycle your Christmas tree, you may take it to the Prince William County Landfill (703-792-4670) or to Leesylvania State Park.

JANUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Town Hall Closed NEW YEAR'S DAY	**2**	**3**	**4**
5	**6**	**7** 7:00—Town Council Mtg.	**8**	**9** **6:30—OHS 7:30—Strategic Plan Public Mtg. Occoquan at Barrington Pointe**	**10**	**11**
12	**13**	**14** 7:30-ARB	**15**	**16**	**17** **TH Closed -** Lee Jackson Day **9am—Strat.** Plan Public Mtg.-Sec.Gard	**18**
19	**20** **Martin Luther King Day** **Town Hall Closed**	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**
26	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**	
					DRIVE SAFELY! WATCH OUT FOR BLACK ICE IN WINTERY CONDITIONS.	