Town Council Actions: July 12, 2016

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. All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

- Held Joint Public Hearing with Planning Commission on 2016-2026 Comprehensive Plan
- Held Public Hearing on Zoning Text Amendment Regarding Child Care Centers
- Approved Request to Adopt an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 66, Zoning of the Town Code, to Permit Child Care Facilities in the B-1 Zoning District with Special use Permits
- Approved Not to exceed Amount of $34,000 for Town Hall Renovations and Equipment
- Approved FY 2017 Refuse Collection Contract for $53,298
- Approved FY 2017 Landscaping Contract Amendment for $17,375
- Approved Volunteer Recognition Event Contract for $1,500
- Appointed Christopher Coon, Town Clerk, as the Town's FOIA Officer
- Appointed Cindy Fithian as the Town's representative on the Occoquan River Communities (ORC) Board
- Approved the revised Facility Use Agreement and Fee Structure, effective July 12, 2016
- Approved Town Administrative Manual, effective July 1, 2016
- Approved $3,498.30 from CIP to purchase Electronic Locks for River Mill Park

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Mayor's Letter

At last month's Volunteer Appreciation Night, I had the pleasure of presenting Barbara "Bobbie" Frank with the Town of Occoquan Walter D. Bailey Volunteer Award. In addition to her official roles as former Council Member and Craft Show Director, Ms. Frank has volunteered in a variety of capacities over the last twenty years. She has also served on the Occoquan Architectural Review Board, the Occoquan Historical Society Board, and the Town's Beautification Committee. Furthermore, Ms. Frank also supported the Town Dock and Riverwalk project, and the Mill Street Enhancement project, the latter of which brought brick sidewalks and gaslights back to the historic district in the late 1990's. We are proud to bestow this award on Ms. Frank in recognition of her dedicated service and commitment to the Occoquan community.

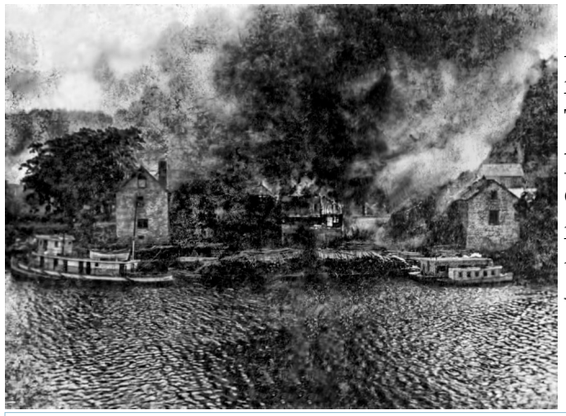
Occoquan's new summer concert series, Music on Mill, kicked off on July 30th with the River Mill Park Grand Opening celebration at 10am. Please plan to join us from 5-7 pm for our Saturday night series, featuring a variety of family friendly bands from August 6th through September 3rd. Many of our local restaurants have designed special picnic themed menus for takeout, so check them out or pack your own and join us as we enjoy our newest Occoquan green space. A special thank-you to our concert series sponsors – The Polka Dot Divas, Puzzle Palooza, Man Overboard, Westminster at Lake Ridge, Bottle Stop Wine Bar, The Blue Arbor Café, Edgemoor Art Studio, Nazbro Chocolates, So Bohemian and Ozzie's Authentics. Be sure to bring a blanket or chairs.

In this new fiscal year, the Town Council is tackling a number of new initiatives impacting the Town of Occoquan, including the development of a Community Plan, recodification and legal review of the Town Code, review of the Zoning and Subdivision ordinances, and awarding the contracts for FY17 capital improvements. As always, we welcome your attendance at all Council and committee meetings, and encourage you to stay involved in your community.

Elizabeth A.C. Quist

August 2016

Remembering the 1916 Fire



August 26, will mark 100 years since the 1916 fire that caused significant damage to the Town and forever changed the waterfront properties. Many of the buildings in town today are structures that were rebuilt after the fire. For more pictures and information, visit the Occoquan Historical Society's website at www.occoquanhistoricalsociety.org.

River Mill Park Grand Opening: July 30

River Mill Park will open to the public on Saturday, July 30, at 10 a.m. and feature a ribbon cutting ceremony, free concert, face painting and kid's activities. Be sure to join us every Saturday evening from 5 pm to 7 pm, August 6 through September 3, for Music on Mill, a free outdoor concert series at River Mill Park. For more information, visit www.occoquanva.gov.

Town Hall Renovations

In late August, Town Hall will undergo renovations to improve the main level office and meeting space. As a result, there will be limited in-person service available at Town Hall during that time. Once the renovation schedule is set, office hours will be posted on the Town's website, at Town Hall and the Post Office. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our public buildings and spaces. For more information, visit www.occoquanva.gov.

With Sympathy

The Town would like to express its condolences to the family of Ronald Houghton, who passed away on July 24, 2016. He and his late wife Joy, were long-time Occoquan residents that purchased and restored Rockledge Mansion in the mid-1980's. The Town is grateful for his contributions and he will be missed.

Town Meetings and Events

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

August 2: Town Council Meeting
7:00 pm, Regular Meeting

August 6: Accidental Red—Jazz
5:00pm-7:00pm, River Mill Park
Sponsor: Westminster at Lake Ridge

August 9: Planning Commission
6:30pm
Architectural Review Board
7:30pm

August 13: Jason Masi—Acoustic Soul/R&B
5:00pm-7:00pm, River Mill Park
Sponsor: Bottle Stop Wine Bar/Blue Arbor Cafe

August 20: Rocknoceros—Family/Pop/Rock
5:00pm-7:00pm, River Mill Park
Sponsor: Edgemoor Art Studio

August 27: Feel Free - Reggae/Rock
5:00pm-7:00pm, River Mill Park
Sponsor: NazBro Chocolate/So Bohemian

Sales Tax Holiday/Tax-Free Weekend
August 5-7, 2016

According to Virginia Department of Taxation legislation enacted by the 2015 General Assembly combined Virginia's three sales tax holidays into one three-day holiday beginning the first Friday in August at 12:01 am and ending the following Sunday at 11:59 pm

During the sales tax holiday period, consumers can purchase qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star™ and WaterSense™ products without paying sales tax. This includes qualifying items purchased online, by mail or over the phone.

Town Newsletter Survey

The Town of Occoquan wants residents, business owners, and property owners to let us know what they think about the Town's Newsletters. The survey is only five questions and will help the Town make important decisions about what you want to see. Follow the Survey Monkey link below or get up to date Town information fast by signing up for Occoquan's E-Newsletter at www.occouqanva.gov/newsletter.html

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