

Town Council Actions: August 7, 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. All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

- Approved 113 Poplar Lane Site Plan
- Approved Bond Release Request for 113 Poplar Lane Pool
- Awarded Snow Removal Contract to Virginia Lawn Service and set a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000
- Amended the Town Code Section 30-33
- Accepted VMLIP Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000
- Appointed Johnathan Torres to the Architectural Review Board
- Appointed Jenn Mathis to the Planning Commission

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Mayor's Letter

When September arrives in Occoquan we both bid farewell to summer and gear up for what is generally an activity-filled fall season. In River Mill Park, we close out the summer's programming with a showing of *Avengers: Infinity War* on September 7th and with a concert by James Drakes and the Chris Taylor Trio on September 15th. Then, on the following Friday, September 21st, our own VFW Post 7916 will once again honor National POW/MIA Recognition Day with a ceremony in the park beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by a post reception.

One of the town's signature events also occurs this month, when on September 29th and 30th, we hold our Fall Arts & Crafts Show. As many of you know, net revenues from the town's arts and crafts shows are the primary source of funding for town capital projects, deferred maintenance, and special initiatives. The fall show is also a particularly good venue for some early holiday shopping. Consequently, I hope you will consider encouraging friends and family members to visit during the show and patronize both the vendors and town businesses. Of course, the success of the show depends in great measure on the hard work of town staff and volunteers. Our Events Director, Julie Little, has done an exceptional job of improving show operations and is always looking for volunteers to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Julie at jlittle@occoquanva.gov.

Last, I would like to mention three new businesses opening in Occoquan. One of these – the Occoquan Farm Stand at 202 Union Street – may already be familiar to some of you, with its offerings of fresh local produce. The two additional businesses, each of which plans to open in September, include the Shifting Tides Art Studio & Gallery at 408 Mill Street and the Bann Thai restaurant at 416 Mill Street. Please join me in welcoming and congratulating these new members of our community.

As always, let me close by thanking you for your continued support and encouraging you to contact me at eporta@occoquanva.gov if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

Earnie W. Porta, Jr.

September 2018

Town Meetings and Events

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

September 3: Labor Day
Town Hall Closed

September 4: Town Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

September 7: Movie Night
Avengers: Infinity War
7:30 p.m., River Mill Park

September 15: Music on Mill
James Drakes and the Chris Taylor Trio
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park

September 18: Town Council Meeting Work Session
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

September 20: August 2018 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due

September 25: Route 123 Parking Passes Available
9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

September 25: Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
ARB Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

September 29 – 30: Fall Arts and Craft Show
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Occoquan Fall Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Sept. 30 Event Information: www.occoquanva.gov

STREET CLOSINGS

The following roads will be closed from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on September 29 and 30: 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. 28, until 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30. 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. **Permits will be available at Town Hall on Tuesday, September 25, 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, call (703) 491-2168 or stop by Town Hall to sign up.

Annual Fall Cleanup Day October 13, Save the Date!

Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) will host the annual Fall cleanup day on Saturday, October 13. 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.

Hosting or Operating a Pop-Up Shop?

Did you know that everyone doing business in the Town of Occoquan needs some form of business license? This applies not only to those with a permanent business location but also to "pop-up" shops that may be hosted by Town businesses, also called "itinerant vendors".

From the Town Code: *Itinerant vendor means any person who engages in, does or transacts any temporary or transient business in the town and who, for the purpose of carrying on such business, occupies any location for a period of less than one year.*

Before hosting such a business or event, or asking one to operate in your business location, please contact Town Hall at 703-491-1918 or review Chapter 14 of the Town Code to determine your license requirements.