

Town Council Actions: August 2, 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.

- Approved the 2016-2026 Town of Occoquan Comprehensive Plan, with amendments.
- Approved the site plan for the ADA Accessible Canoe and Kayak Launch and Riverwalk Boardwalk extension.
- Awarded a contract to replace Town Hall's sound system in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.
- Awarded a contract for River Mill Park Restroom cleaning.
- Set a not to exceed amount of \$900 and authorized the purchase of signage for the new LOVE sign in River Mill Park.
- Approved a request to allow Chief to attend annual Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police Conference/Training in September.

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Mayor's Letter

Occoquan has been bustling with activity this summer, between the *Music on Mill* concert series in our new River Mill Park, increased recreational activity on the river, and an influx of Pokémon Go trainers filling the streets and sidewalks. The kids may be heading back to school, but we're not slowing down just yet! The Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for our Fall Show, taking place the last weekend in September, from 10 am-6 pm on Saturday the 24th and 10 am-5 pm on Sunday the 25th. As always, our Craft Show team is looking for volunteers to staff the Town's information booth and bus stops, and assist with logistics and customer service for visitors and vendors alike. Contact Donna Brown at craftshow@occoquanva.gov or (703) 491-1918 to sign up.

Additionally in September, the Town of Occoquan is partnering with Occoquan VFW Post #7916 and Commander Chuck Wilson to perform the National POW MIA ceremony on September 16th. The VFW has been a part of the Occoquan community for **70 years**, and joins veterans across the country each year to honor prisoners of war and those missing in action in our nation's wars going back to World War I. We are honored to have the Post, as well as the JAFROTC Cadets from Hylton High School, and several of the Post's chartered Scout troops assisting with the effort. Community engagement and honoring our veterans are part of what make Occoquan a special community. Please join us on September 16th to remember our POW's and MIA's. Further details can be found by visiting www.vfwpost7916.org.

And finally, please join me in extending a warm welcome to Occoquan's newest business, Hometown Go.

Elizabeth A.C. Quist

Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show

September 24 and 25, 2016

Event Information: www.occoquanva.gov



STREET CLOSINGS

The following roads will be closed from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on September 24 and 25: 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. 23, until 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25. 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 beginning Tuesday, September 20, at 9 a.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 dbrown@occoquanva.gov, call (703) 491-2168 or stop by Town Hall to sign up.

Town Newsletter Survey Results

In August, we asked for your feedback on the Town's newsletter including what's in it and how often it is sent out:

Frequency: Once a Month 83%; Once a Quarter 13%; Never 3%

Content: Town Events 94%, Regional Events 45%, Town Council Actions 83%, Town Code Reminders 64% (Other requests included: election information, project updates, crime reports, business events and features, community group information, and volunteer opportunities)

Distribution: Electronic 45%, Hardcopy 18%, Both 27%

We will be reviewing the newsletter, and developing and implementing a refreshed version in the coming months. If you would still like to provide your input, visit SurveyMonkey.com/r/Q6YQ58P. Thank you to those that have already participated!

September 2016

Town Meetings and Events

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

September 3: The Kris Abe Band
5 p.m. – 7 p.m., River Mill Park
Sponsor Ozzie's Authentics

September 5: Labor Day
Town Hall Closed

September 6: Town Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting

September 13: Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
Architectural Review Board, 7:30 p.m.

September 16: National POW/MIA Ceremony, Hosted by VFW Post 7916. More information, www.vfwpost7916.org.

September 20: Town Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Work Session
August 2016 Meals Taxes Due

September 24 & 25: Fall Arts and Craft Show;
Sat., 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Adopt-A-Spot of Occoquan!

The Town has partnered with Keep Prince William Beautiful (KPWB) and are seeking an individual, business, HOA or community group to adopt a spot in Occoquan! Adopting a spot simply means that you make a commitment to keep your spot free of litter and debris on a regular basis for a minimum of two years - all training and supplies are provided! After a short evaluation period, a sign will be installed with your name on it identifying your adopted spot! Spots available for adoption include:

1. River Mill Park
2. Mill Street Public Parking Lot and Waterfront (Under Route 123 Bridge)
3. Poplar Alley Public Parking Lot (end of Poplar Alley)

If you are interested in adopting one of these locations, please contact Town Hall at (703) 491-1918, Ext 2 or email kjovanovich@occoquanva.gov. Spots can be adopted by individuals, families, organizations and businesses! By adopting a spot, you will help keep Occoquan clean and beautiful, and help protect and preserve our watersheds. For more information on the Adopt-A-Spot program, visit www.kpwb.org.

Thank you, Gaslight Landing! The homeowners of Gaslight Landing adopted Mamie Davis Park and boardwalk and have been removing trash, taking care of plants and helping maintain the area over the last year. Thank you for adopting the park and helping to keep Occoquan beautiful!

