

## Town Council Actions: September 5, 2017

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.

- Adopted Ordinances to Update Chapter 54, Subdivisions and Chapter 66, Zoning for the Occoquan Town Code
- Waived Certification Requirement for Current Planning Commission Members until Reappointment (4-1, McGuire voting Nay)
- Approved the revised BB&T ATM Lease
- Accepted Engagement Letter for FYE2017 Financial Audit Services with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates
- Recognized VFW Post 7916's All-American Status
- Proclaimed September as Blood Cancer Awareness Month and September 15, 2017 as Lymphoma Awareness Day in the Town of Occoquan

### Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show - Thank You!

Thank you to all of our residents, businesses, vendors, visitors and volunteers for a successful Fall Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show! With your support, we were able to host over 300 exhibitors and welcome more than 10,000 visitors to our community. Thank you once again for a great year – we're already looking forward to 2018!

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## Mayor's Letter

As we welcome autumn to Occoquan, I'd like to thank Events Director Julie Little, and everyone who participated for another great Fall Arts & Crafts Show! We had wonderful weather and phenomenal foot traffic, and we greatly appreciate the efforts of Town Staff, volunteers, residents and merchants. As I frequently remind everyone about our Craft Shows, this 48-year tradition is an important part of the Town's overall financial plan. The money we raise over the course of just *four days* each year funds nearly 11% of the Town's total budget, covering all of our standard capital improvements (including street maintenance, building maintenance, equipment replacement, gaslight maintenance, and park improvements), as well as special projects such as FY18's Parking and Cut-through Traffic Study, the Town matching funds for the Canoe & Kayak Launch, and our stormwater system mapping efforts. Thanks for supporting this important Occoquan tradition.

The Occoquan Police Department is seeking community feedback on public safety, and will soon be circulating a confidential survey. The survey seeks public input on department structure and policies, as well as areas of public concern. While the survey is designed to be completed online, there will also be paper copies available at Town Hall. Please sign up for the Town's e-newsletter to ensure that you are receiving timely electronic communications from Town Hall – go to [www.occoquanva.gov/newsletter](http://www.occoquanva.gov/newsletter) and select the appropriate newsletter under "Subscribe to our E-Newsletters".

While the Music on Mill summer concert series is technically over, we can still look forward to one more show that was rescheduled from September due to inclement weather. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, join us at River Mill Park for "Feel Free", a Reggae/Rock concert, from 4-6 pm. Other outdoor events coming our way this fall include:

- Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) River Clean-up on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm (rain or shine); Check-in at Town Hall and participate by land or water.
- Haunt the Town, presented by the Business Guild of Occoquan, between October 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>; pick-up entry forms at participating shops on October 28<sup>th</sup> to find and validate six characters in Occoquan and be entered into a drawing for a life-sized "Elwood Bones".
- On October 28<sup>th</sup>, join us in River Mill Park for a Halloween Magic Show from 4:30-5:30 pm.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome two new businesses to Town – *Toynado Alley* at 310 Mill Street, and *Popp's* – coming soon to 450 Mill Street.

*Elizabeth A.C. Quist*

## Occoquan Vehicle License Fee Due

The Town of Occoquan 2018 vehicle license fees/decals are now on sale at Town Hall. Town Ordinance Section 62-37 requires that owners of any motor vehicle principally stored, garaged or parked in the Town obtain a license decal from the Town. **The 2018 decal must be displayed on your vehicle by November 15, 2017.**

Renewal forms were mailed in September; blank forms are available on the Town's website at [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov) or at Town Hall. Forms and payments can be mailed back to Town Hall or dropped off in person. Town Hall will be open late on **Wednesday, November 8, until 7 pm** for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact Town Staff at (703) 491-1918 or at [info@occoquanva.gov](mailto:info@occoquanva.gov).

### Annual Fall Cleanup Day: Saturday, October 14 Volunteers Needed

Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) will host the annual Fall cleanup day on Saturday, October 14, from 9 am to 12 pm in Occoquan. 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 am on October 14. Tools will be provided and you are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes. For more information contact Renate Vanegas, Friends of the Occoquan, at (703) 674-6659 or [foto@friendsoftheoccoquan.org](mailto:foto@friendsoftheoccoquan.org).

### Fall Confidential Document Shred on October 28

The Prince William County Solid Waste Division will hold a free document shred event for Prince William area residents on Saturday, October 28, from 9 am to 1 pm at two locations: Prince William County Landfill, 14811 Dumfries Road, Manassas and Balls Ford Road Yard Waste Compost Facility, 13000 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, VA.

These events are open to residents only. No business or commercial shredding will be accepted. Residents may bring the equivalent of up to 4 boxes (18"x12"x15" or smaller) of paper for secure shredding at no charge to either of the locations. Only confidential documents such as bank statements and tax returns are accepted. Non confidential documents such as junk mail should be recycled at the curb or citizen drop-off facilities. Paper clips (regular size) and staples do not have to be removed. For other guidelines and restrictions visit [www.pwcgov.org/trashandrecycling](http://www.pwcgov.org/trashandrecycling).

# October 2017

## Town Meetings and Events

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

**October 3: Town Council Meeting**  
7:00 pm, Regular Meeting

**October 9: Columbus Day**  
Town Hall Closed

**October 10: Planning Commission**  
7:00 pm

**October 14: FOTO Fall Town Cleanup**  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Meet at Town Hall

**October 14: Music on Mill Concert, FeelFree (Reggae/Rock)**  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, River Mill Park

**October 17: Town Council Work Session**  
7:00 pm, Work Session Meeting

**October 18: Public Safety Community Meeting**  
5 pm – 7 pm, Survey open through Oct. 23

**October 20: September 2017 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due**

**October 24: Architectural Review Board**  
7:00 pm

**October 28: The Amazing Kevin** (Halloween-themed Magic show), 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, River Mill Park

### Haunt the Town in Occoquan, October 28

During the month of October, the businesses of Occoquan will host Haunt the Town from October 1 -31, where you can enjoy life-size Halloween characters found on shop benches, porches and doorways. On Saturday, October 28, 2017, join the shops of Occoquan in finding and validating six Halloween Characters and be entered in a drawing for a life-size "Elwood Bones." Pick up your entry form at participating shops which will be flying orange and black balloons on October 28.

**After the Hunt, stay for the free show!** On October 28, from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm, see The Amazing Kevin at River Mill Park perform amazing magical feats that will delight and amaze kids of all ages! For more information on these events, visit [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov) or [historicoccoquan.com](http://historicoccoquan.com).

### Public Safety Community Meeting: October 18

The Town is conducting an assessment on its police department and as part of this process, the Chief will be hosting a community meeting on **October 18, from 5 to 7 pm at Town Hall**. In addition, the public is encouraged to complete a public safety survey that will be open October 6 through October 23, and available on the Town's website at [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov). If you have any questions on this process, please contact Chief Adam Linn at [alinn@occoquanva.gov](mailto:alinn@occoquanva.gov) or (703) 491-1918.