

Town Council Actions: September 4, 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 Occoquan Historical Society Sponsorship Request for \$500
- Accepted DMV National Highway Safety Traffic Administration Highway Safety Grants
- Appointed Councilmember Laurie Holloway as Town ASAP Representative
- Appointed Members for Consideration to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- Approved Equipment Rental for the Craft Show Exploratory Committee

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 250 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 2019!

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Mayor's Letter

As this month's newsletter goes to press, the town is preparing for the Fall Arts and Crafts Show on September 29 and 30. Hopefully many of you were able to enjoy the show and patronize its vendors. We're approaching the 50-year anniversary of the show, and as I often remind everyone, the fall and spring shows have long served as the town's primary source of funding for capital projects, deferred maintenance, and special initiatives, making the shows an especially important town tradition. Please join me in thanking Julie Little, Bucky Brill, Chief Adam Linn, and all the town staff, business owners, and volunteers without whom the show simply could not take place.

Right on the heels of the Arts and Crafts show, October promises to be a very busy time in Occoquan. Throughout the month the Occoquan Business Guild will be sponsoring "Haunt the Town", an annual event in which town business owners decorate for the fall season and festoon porches, benches, and doorways with life-size Halloween characters, providing all sorts of photographic opportunities. On Sunday, October 7, the Occoquan Historical Society will be holding a "Finest Chicken Dinner" contest in River Mill Park. For more information on this fundraiser, visit the Occoquan Historical Society web site. The following Saturday, October 13, Occoquan will once again be one of the sites for the Friends of the Occoquan fall clean-up; volunteers interested in participating should come to Town Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on the 13th. Then, that same evening, Occoquan will hold another "Movie in the Park" event, with the re-scheduled showing of *Avengers: Infinity War* at sundown in River Mill Park. A week later, on Saturday, October 20, the town will be the site of a Fall Family Festival from 12:00-4:00 p.m., followed that evening by VFW Post 7916's "Roctober for the Vets" event featuring the Fringe Benefits band. Finally, on Saturday, October 27, the town's month-end, all-day, "Haunt the Town" event will take place, featuring a costume parade, a community pumpkin carving, a magic show, and a final movie of the season in River Mill Park. As you can see, we have a great deal going on in October that hopefully offers a little something for everyone.

In closing this month, I want to thank everyone who has helped out and remained patient as we deal with the challenging weather of the season. A special thank you, in particular, to Patriot Scuba, who has generously donated sand, sand bags, and labor to assist fellow business owners and residents. As always, thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact me at epor-ta@occoquanva.gov with any comments, questions or concerns.

Earnie W. Porta, Jr.

Occoquan Vehicle License Fee Due

The Town of Occoquan 2019 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 2019 decal must be displayed on your vehicle by November 15, 2018.**

Renewal forms were mailed in September; blank forms are available on the Town's website at 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 7, until 7 p.m.** for your convenience.

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

Public Safety Community Meeting: October 23

The Chief will be hosting a community meeting on **October 23, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Town Hall.** This is your opportunity to meet some of the new officers and ask Chief your questions. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Chief Adam Linn at alinn@occoquanva.gov or (703) 491-1918.

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.

October 2018

Town Meetings and Events

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

October 2: Town Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

October 7: Chicken and Cream
Occoquan Historical Society Fundraiser
4-7 p.m., River Mill Park

October 13: FOTO Clean-up
9:00 a.m., Historic District

October 13: Movie Night
Avengers: Infinity War
7:30 p.m., River Mill Park

October 16: Town Council Meeting Work Session
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

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

October 20: Fall Family Festival and Rocktober Vets
12-4 p.m. and 5-10 p.m., VFW

October 23: Quarterly Town and Business Partnership Meeting
5:30 p.m., Town Hall

October 23: Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. ARB Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

October 27: Haunt the Town
All Day Events, Historic District

Haunt the Town in Occoquan, October 27th

The fourth Saturday of October, the Town partners with the Occoquan Merchant Guild to provide fun all-day activities for the family! This event features a Character Hunt Contest as well as a Carved Pumpkin Contest. A Costume Parade through the town is held later in the afternoon and the day culminates with events at River Mill Park, including a magic show and a movie. For more information please visit occoquanva.gov

Character Hunt Contest	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Carved Pumpkin Contest	12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Costume Parade	4 p.m.
Magic Show	5:30 p.m.
Movie Night: Goonies	6:30 p.m.