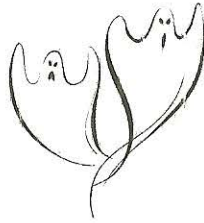


Ghost tours are presented by the Occoquan Merchants' Association and are available most Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tours begin at Mamie Davis Park, and the price of admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and younger. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance by calling 703-910-7059 or 571-334-7357.



ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW - SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help and *have fun* collecting bus fees, greeting show attendees, booth-sitting, and other interesting jobs too numerous to mention. There will be a sign-up sheet in Town Hall, or you may call the craft show office at 703-491-2168, so please consider volunteering an hour or two of your time. We sincerely appreciate your support!

Pat Thomas, Director

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MAYOR'S LETTER

As some of you are aware, our Town Treasurer, Tony Burke, will soon be moving to Thailand. Tony has done a superb job as Treasurer and we have all benefited greatly from his expertise, dedication, and good humor. Please join me in wishing Tony a fond farewell. Thank you for everything, Tony. You will be missed.

I reported in last month's newsletter that the hearing before the Board of County Supervisors on the Oaks III proposal for the corner of Tanyard Hill and Old Bridge roads was postponed until October. In the interim, we are continuing to negotiate with the developer and the county to achieve a resolution that will adequately protect the town from stormwater, traffic, and other adverse impacts. We hope to be able to provide a more detailed report on the matter sometime within the next month.

Please note that, despite the heat, our Farmers' Market continues every Saturday from 8:00 to noon for the next several months. I urge you to consider patronizing these vendors who have been loyally serving Occoquan for the past several years. Pat Thomas, our Craft Show Director, is also looking for volunteers for the fall Arts and Crafts Show. The show is our primary funding source for town capital projects, so if you can spare to donate an hour or two for the show, see the information on volunteering contained in this newsletter.

Last, the heat and humidity have definitely arrived, so please take steps to guard against heat-related health concerns, and watch for the telltale signs amongst your friends and neighbors. As always, thank you for your continued support, and feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions, or concerns.

Earnest W. Porta, Jr.

At the July 2011 meeting, the Council voted to:

- ♦ release the Occoquan Reach performance bonds, contingent upon confirmation that noted deficiencies are not bondable items
- ♦ accept maintenance of the Occoquan Reach sidewalks which front Washington Street, Edgehill Drive, and Mount High Street
- ♦ appoint James Phelps to oversee the creation of a new concept plan for the proposed Occoquan Park
- ♦ adopt a Charter for and appoint members to a Strategic Planning Committee



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Wild creatures are roaming at night!

As a reminder, Town Code section 30-33 requires that residential refuse be stored in watertight metal or plastic cans, equipped with handles and tight-fitting covers. Plastic bags may be used but must be filled in such a manner as to prevent ripping or tearing of bags and tightly secured at the top. Cans must be removed from the curblin as soon as possible after trash pickup and shall be stored in the rear of the building or in a screened or enclosed trash receptacle storage area.

Each business establishment shall be equipped with adequate refuse containers or storage areas. All containers, except those for storage of bulky refuse, shall be vermin-proof and waterproof, of non-corrosive material, and equipped with tight lids which shall be kept closed at all times except when filling or emptying the container. Containers and storage areas shall be emptied regularly and cleaned sufficiently often to keep them free of obnoxious odors and vermin.

OCCOQUAN MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL "FILL THE SCHOOL BUS" DRIVE



August 1 - 14 will be the annual "Fill the School Bus" drive for local needy children. Donations of new school supplies, such as binders, backpacks, paper, pens, pencils, etc., may be made at any of the drop-off points, which will have a large cut-out school bus as a marker. Drop-off points will be the Riverwalk shops and Tastefully Yours on Mill Street, the Pink Bicycle Tea Room on Commerce Street, and Sew Easy on Washington Street.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 6:30 - Planning Commission - CANCELLED 7:30 - ARB | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 8 - Noon Farmers' Market |
| 7 | 8 | 9 7:00 Town Council | 10 | 11 5:00 - OHS | 12 | 13 8 - Noon Farmers' Market |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 7:00 The Hollows HOA | 19 | 20 8 - Noon Farmers' Market |
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