



The Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916 on Mill Street invite you to join them in remembering the 10th anniversary of the attacks on September 11th. The Post will be open to the public on September 11th from 8:00 to 11:00 for public remembrance. A light breakfast will be served at no cost.



On Friday, September 16, the Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916 at 204 Mill Street will hold an open house at 5:00 in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day. A ceremony will follow in Mamie Davis Park at 6:30. All citizens are invited.

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MAYOR'S LETTER

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation as the town weathered Hurricane Irene. Hopefully this will be our last major storm of the year. In a few weeks the town will again host our annual fall Arts and Crafts Show, which takes place this year on September the 24th and 25th. Revenues from the show provide virtually all the funding for town capital projects and deferred maintenance, so please encourage friends and family members to attend. We once more expect some first time vendors, and the show, of course, is a great place to do some early Christmas shopping. Also in September, VFW Post 7916 will be commemorating the anniversary of September 11th and then on the 16th, POW/MIA Remembrance Day. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

I also want to take a moment to thank all the members of the ARB Task Force. They have worked intensely over the past several months to review the sign regulations for the historic district, research alternatives, and recommend a variety of changes. There is a special council meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m., at which the Task Force will present its recommendations, the ARB will make its own suggestions, and at which the public will be able to offer comment. The date of this special meeting is not yet confirmed, so please make sure to check notice postings at the Post Office and the Mamie Davis Park kiosk. In the meantime, you may review the main body of the report on the town web site at www.occoquan.org. Appendices mentioned in the report may be reviewed at Town Hall.

Please also note that the Town Council has moved its regular meetings from the second Tuesday of each month to the first Tuesday of the month. Consequently, the next regular Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. Finally, as some of you know, our former Town Treasurer, Tony Burke has moved to Thailand. His successor is Ms. Abigail Breeding; please join me in welcoming Abigail (Abi) to Town. Once more, I appreciate everyone's continued support, and please feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns.

Ernest W. Porta, Jr.

At the August 2011 meeting, the Council voted to:

- ◆ be an official sponsor of the Occoquan Historic Society's 2011 Gala
- ◆ adopt an ordinance to change the regular Council meetings dates to the first Tuesday of each month
- ◆ adopt a Resolution honoring Anderton "Tony" Burke for his service as Treasurer

THE OCCOQUAN FALL ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

STREET CLOSINGS

The historic district portions of Mill, Commerce, Washington, Union, and Ellicott streets will be closed to vehicles from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., September 24 and 25. Vehicles parked on streets in the show area that are not removed by 6:00 a.m. on both days may be towed at the owner's expense. We ask your cooperation in keeping traffic to a minimum. For safety reasons, vehicles cannot be permitted in the show area.

CRAFT SHOW PARKING

Parking permits will be issued to merchants and residents living and/or working in the historic district for parking under the Route 123 bridge from 10:00 p.m., Friday, September 24, until 6:30 p.m., Sunday, September 25. Because of the limited parking spaces, only one permit per business or family - first come, first served - will be issued. Permits will be available at Town Hall beginning Monday, September 19.

The Town Appearance Committee

There will be a meeting on September 13th at 6:00 p.m. at 310 Mill Street and a Fall clean-up starting at Mamie Davis Park on September 10 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Monthly Town Council Meetings

Make a note on your calendar. The monthly Town Council Meeting is now the **first** Tuesday of the month, instead of the second Tuesday; the time remains at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on September 6, at Town Hall located at 314 Mill Street. These meetings are open to everyone, not just town residents. Come join us!



SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
4	5 Labor Day Town Hall Closed 	6 7:00 Town Council	7	8 5:00 - OHS 	9	10 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
11 	12	13 6:30 PC Cancelled 7:30 ARB	14 7:00 The Hollows HOA 	15 7:00 Special Town Council Meeting (Tentative)	16	17 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
18	19	20	21	22 	23	24 10:00 - 6:00 Fall Arts & Crafts Show 
25 10:00-5:00 Fall Arts & Crafts Show 	26	27	28 	29	30	