

6th Annual Duck Splash Race

The 6th Annual Duck Splash Race will be Saturday, June 16, at 12:30. Watch all of the rubber ducks drop from a bridge and race along the Occoquan River! Tickets to "adopt" a duck are \$5.00, and you have a chance to win one of ten cash prizes ranging from \$20 to \$500. Net proceeds benefit the 501(c)(3) *Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition*. Please visit www.pwtsc.org to purchase tickets and find out more about this dedicated non-profit organization.



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MAYOR'S LETTER

As is often the case, June in Occoquan will be very busy. The annual spring Arts and Crafts Show will take place on June 2-3. Our craft shows are an important part of the town's revenue base, providing the main source of funding for town capital projects. So, if you are able, please attend and encourage your friends and family to do so as well. On Sunday, June 10, the Washington Regional Transplant Community will hold its *Race to Donate Life* 5K in Occoquan. This is a great opportunity to show your town spirit by cheering on the participants, or to get some exercise and support a great cause by participating. Information on registering for the 5K has been posted and is available from various merchants in town. Both the *Garden Kitchen* and *The Blue Arbor Café* are offering discounts to participants on race day. Then, on Saturday, June 16, Occoquan will be the site of our sixth annual Duck Splash Race, when thousands of rubber ducks will race from one of the town's bridges to the town docks. Prizes range from \$20 to \$500. You can adopt a duck for \$5 between now and June 16 at various locations in town and online at www.pwtsc.org.

There will also be a number of town council meetings in June. On June 5, the Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting with an unusual twist. Weather permitting, the meeting will be held outdoors on the property of Vulcan Materials in conjunction with the transit of Venus, a rare astronomical event that occurs roughly once a century in pairs eight years apart. This is the last chance to view such a transit until 2117. A telescope with solar filters will be available for public viewing from the start of the transit at approximately 6:00 p.m., until the Sun sets after 8:00 p.m. The council meeting will begin at its usual time of 7:00 p.m. Tables and chairs will be set up nearby. Later in the month, on June 19, the Council will hold a hearing on the FY 2013 tax rates, followed immediately by a special meeting to adopt the budget and tax rates for the coming year.

Last, June 14 is Flag Day, and I would like to encourage everyone in town to fly our nation's flag on that day. Instructions on how to do so properly were developed with our local VFW Post several years ago as part of our Flag Appreciation Campaign and may still be found on the town web site (www.occoquan.org) and on the town bulletin board. Let me end this month by expressing my gratitude for your confidence in electing me to another term as Mayor. It is an honor. As always, please feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns.

Race to Donate Life

The Washington Regional Transplant Community is proud to sponsor its **3rd Annual Race to Donate Life** to raise awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation and to encourage individuals to register as donors. The race will start at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 10. Register for the 5K today at www.BeADonor.org/Race.

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At the May 2012 meeting, the Town Council voted to:

- ♦ adopt an ordinance to vacate a portion of the streets and lot lines shown on the 1804 Plat
- ♦ notify Westwynde Homes that the town will not extend the project completion date
- ♦ authorize Mike Harrison to remove the dead tree at Furnace Branch Park
- ♦ adopt the Northern Virginia Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution
- ♦ award the trash recycle and removal contract to First Choice Disposal



JUNE 2012

THE OCCOQUAN SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Congratulations to Kelly Campbell, owner of Kellys' Artbox, for winning the T- shirt design contest! The T-shirts will be on sale during the craft show at the information booth.

The Spring Arts and Crafts Show will be on Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3, this year. Mill, Commerce, Union, and Washington Streets will be closed on those days from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., as will Ellicott Street from Mill Street to Center Lane, so please coordinate movers or deliveries accordingly.

The Occoquan Historical Society annual membership meeting will be held on June 14th at 6:30 at the Garden Kitchen (404 Mill Street). Please bring your favorite appetizer to share with your friends. We are looking for new members, so if you would like to find out how to become more involved, please join us. We would love to see you!

From the Architectural Review Board

The ARB is looking for two volunteers; one to serve as a permanent member and the other as an alternate. If you would like to be considered, please leave your name and contact information at Town Hall. The June meeting of the ARB will be Thursday, June 7, so all applications must be submitted to Town Hall by Monday, June 4.

Brenda Seefeldt, Chairman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 to 6:00 Occoquan Arts & Crafts Show
3 10:00 to 5:00 Occoquan Arts & Crafts Show	4	5 7:00 Town Council	6	7 7:30 ARB (rescheduled)	8	9 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market
10 9:00 Race to Donate Life	11	12 6:30- Planning Commission	13	14 6:30 - OHS at the Garden Kitchen Flag Day	15	16 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market 12:30 Duck Splash
17 Father's Day	18	19 7:00 Public Hearing-Tax Rates and Budget	20 Summer Begins	21 7:00 - Hollows	22	23 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market