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Mayor's Letter

I'm pleased to announce that we filled two vacant staff positions at Town Hall during the month of August. Greg Holcomb joins us as Town Clerk. He has more than seven years' experience in local government, and an extensive knowledge of records management. Greg has long had a passion for public administration and is a welcome addition to the Town Hall staff.

Our new Craft Show Director is Krista Forcier. With our Fall Arts & Crafts Show right around the corner, Krista has certainly hit the ground running. As a program manager for the past seven years, she has been responsible for all aspects of marketing and event management of her firm's programs. Krista will certainly bring a fresh perspective to the show and we look forward to our continued reputation as a high quality, family-friendly event. We are very fortunate to have them both on board, and I hope you will join me in making them feel welcome.

The Fall Arts and Crafts Show will take place on September 27 and 28, 2014. As many of you know, our Arts and Crafts Shows provide the funding for our Town capital projects, such as road improvements, building maintenance and equipment purchases. Volunteers contribute directly to the success of our shows, so we are looking for people to work shifts on Saturday and Sunday in a variety of logistical and customer service positions. Email the Craft Show office at craftshow@occoquanva.gov or call (703) 491-1918 to sign up.

Elizabeth A.C. Quist

Town Council Actions: August 5, 2014

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.

- Held a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on the proposed Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) ordinance.
- Referred a proposed zoning text amendment to address ramps, structures and equipment for emergency services access to the Planning Commission.
- Endorsed the River Park concept plan and project schedule.
- Adopted an ordinance to amend Section 2-124 of the Town Code, Treasurer attendance at Town Council Meetings.
- Approved the purchase of a digital recording system to replace the current meeting recording system for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.
- Approved not-to-exceed limits for the Fall Arts and Crafts Show.

Trash and Recycling Collection Reminders:

Please place refuse to the curb **no earlier than 4 p.m.** on Tuesdays, but **before 7 a.m.** on **Wednesdays**, and remove your containers as quickly as possible after collection. Ensure there is a pedestrian path available at all times by not blocking public sidewalks and rights of way with refuse containers.

Do not place household refuse in or next to Town-owned trash receptacles.

Did you know that you do not have to sort your recycling in Occoquan? Place all the materials in the recycling bin and set it next to your other refuse. In addition to common items like paper, plastic bottles and cardboard, you can also recycle hard back books, plastic lawn chairs, pie pans, paper milk/juice cartons, and empty aerosol cans. If you need a bin contact Town Hall and we can have one delivered to your home.

Annual Fall Cleanup Day October 18, Save the Date!

Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) will host the annual Fall cleanup day on Saturday, October 18. 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 Sonia@friendsoftheoccoquan.org.

September 2014

Town Meetings and Events

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

Monday, September 1: Labor Day, Town Hall closed.

Tuesday, September 2: Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9: Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Architectural Review Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16: Town Council special meeting and public hearing, 6:45 p.m.; Town Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 27: Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 28: Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Our Deepest Sympathy: Richard Henry Bell

The town is saddened by the loss of long time resident Richard Henry Bell, age 94, who passed away on August 10, 2014. Richard and Madeline H. Bell were married for 51 years and called Occoquan home for many years.

Richard was born in Marshall, VA, later moving to Occoquan where he and his wife resided in her birth home. He retired from the Defense Supply and served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II.

A funeral was held on August 15 at Mount Castle Turch Funeral Home and his final resting place is at Quantico National Cemetery.

The Occoquan Fall Arts and Craft Show September 27 & 28, 2014

Permits will be available 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 27, until 6:30 p.m., Sunday, September 28. Due to 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 22, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

ARB News: Outdoor Merchandise Displays

Outdoor merchandise displays are allowed in the Historic District but there are parameters which should be followed.

Merchandise is to be displayed only during business hours and must be stored inside when the business is closed. No rack, table, display or storage apparatus can be in the public right-of-way or blocking an architectural feature (such as a railing, column, etc). Permanent display tables or racks are prohibited outside of buildings. In addition, no signs may be placed upon or hung from outdoor merchandise. For more information on outdoor merchandise displays, see Section 66-373 of the Town ordinances available at www.Occoquanva.gov.

Please Pick Up After Your Pet

When walking your dog in our community, please be sure to use a leash. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Be sure to take a baggie with you or use one of the Town's pet stations that are located throughout the town. For more information on the town's leash requirement and disposal of pet waste, reference Chapter 6 of the Town Code, available at www.occoquanva.gov.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you are contributing to the beautification of our community, protecting the environment, and the elimination of a nuisance.

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