

The Farmer's Market

The farmers market will return to the Mill Street lot adjacent to the Route 123 bridge on Saturday, April 28, and will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon every Saturday through October 27, excluding the weekends of the June and September craft shows. For more information, e-mail www.occoquanfarmersmarket.org or call *Salt & Pepper Books* at 703-491-4411.

Yard Sale at the VFW

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, April 21, starting at 8 a.m. If you would like to donate items, please drop them off at the VFW. Proceeds from the sale will go to various military support groups.

The Ladies Auxiliary is also collecting Campbell's soup can labels and tabs from aluminum cans for the National Children's Home.



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MAYOR'S LETTER

We appear to be moving rapidly into the spring season. Accordingly, we are exerting special efforts to make the town look its best for residents, merchants, and visitors alike. Our street sweeper operates every Friday and Monday in the Historic District, so if you live or work there and are able, please consider sweeping your sidewalks Thursday and/or Sunday evenings. Also, if between trash pickups you note a town trash receptacle that is overflowing, please contact Town Hall so that we can have it emptied early. Anything you can do to pick up trash around town yourself is also always appreciated.

Part of the town's spring cleanup ritual is the annual Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) river cleanup, which will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 14. This cleanup has blossomed into a very large event that covers almost the entire Occoquan River and now has numerous co-sponsors. In addition to the traditional cleanup that kicks off from Town Hall, I am responsible for being on the river to support canoers and kayakers who are cleaning up the stretch of the river from the Town all the way to Mason Neck. So, if you are interested in getting out on the river that day, the clean-up also offers a water option!

A host of other events are coming up quickly in town, as well. The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 7916 is having a yard sale on April 21 and is collecting Campbell's Soup labels for the National Children's Home. On April 28, our Farmers' Market kicks-off from 8:00 am. to noon near the Route 123 bridge. Inside the newsletter today there is an insert about the exciting new 5K race coming to Occoquan on June 10. And finally, this month tickets will go on sale in town for the annual Duck Splash Race, which will be held on June 16. There are always lots of things to do in Occoquan. I look forward to seeing you at some of them.

Thank you for your continued support, and please feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns.





Earnest W. Porta, Jr.

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

- ◆ adopt the Bull Run ASAP Policy Board Resolution
- ◆ authorize the Mayor to sign the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release in the Lynn/Casagrande matter
- ◆ direct Vice-Mayor Brunsvold to review documents related to the Occoquan Walk sidewalk maintenance
- ◆ move the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting from May 1 (Election Day) to May 2
- ◆ approve up to \$3,500 for Tourist Information Center plumbing repairs.



APRIL 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:00 Town Council	4	5	6 PASSOVER begins at Sundown	7
8 EASTER 	9	10 6:30 Planning Commission - CANCELLED 7:30 ARB	11 	12 6:30 - OHS	13	14 9:00 - Noon FOTO River Clean-Up
15	16	17	18 	19 7:00 - Hollows	20	21 8:00 - ? Yard Sale at the VFW
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market
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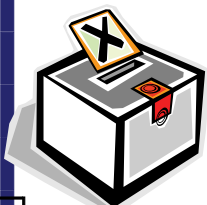
**11th Annual Occoquan River Spring Clean-Up
Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

Join your neighbors and *Friends of the Occoquan* volunteers for the 11th Annual Occoquan River Spring Clean-Up! Meet at Town Hall wearing sturdy shoes; gloves and trash bags will be provided.



"Adopt-a-Spot" Program

The Appearance Committee will present the "Adopt-A-Spot" program to the Town Council at the April 3 meeting and will join the *Friends of the Occoquan* volunteers on April 14th by working in Mamie Davis Park. For information on either of these items, contact Denise Bush at dbush22125@yahoo.com.



The town election will be held in Town Hall from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. You must be registered by April 9th to vote in this election. Please contact the Registrar's office at 703-792-6470 if you have additional questions, or visit their website at www.sbe.state.va.us.