

With Sympathy

The Town would like to express its condolences to the family of Linda Dunnigan, who passed away July 3. Linda served as the town's treasurer from May 2005 through August 2009, and made many friends throughout the town.

We also mourn the loss of Lowell Sawyer, who passed away July 27. Lowell moved to Occoquan in 1967 and served many years as the Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals. He will be greatly missed.



The Occoquan Farmers Market

The Farmers Market is in full swing! Now that summer is here, don't forget to stop by on Saturday mornings between 8:00 and noon and choose from an assortment of fresh fruits, vegetables, kettle corn, fresh baked bread, pastries, cookies, and local honey. The market is located on Mill Street in the parking lot adjacent to the Route 123 bridge.

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MAYOR'S LETTER

As announced in the July newsletter, the town's long-time administrative assistant, Janet Quenzer, retired at the end of last month. Now, joining us in Town Hall just a few days ago, is Margaret (Peggy) Blackwell. The Town Council recently appointed Peggy to the position of Town Clerk. Please join me in welcoming her to Occoquan.

As some of you are also aware, not long ago, Occoquan lost an appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court concerning the Town Council's denial of a special use permit for a proposed townhouse development at 109 Washington Street. Accordingly, the project is moving forward. The site plan for the project will be reviewed at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, August 7. If you are interested in the project, please consider attending. A copy of the staff report is available online at www.occoquan.org.

Please note that 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 participating in our market for the past several years.

August can often seem like the calm before the storm, with vacations and a lull in activity followed promptly by the rush of fall events in town. It is often, however, also one of our hottest months, and a particularly dangerous one for some members of our community, 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, or, of course, if you would like to be added to my Mayor's e-newsletter distribution list.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ernest W. Porta, Jr.".

At the June 2012 meetings, the Town Council voted to:



- ◆ appoint Peggy Blackwell as the Town Clerk
- ◆ appoint Sheldon Levi as the Town's representative to Bull Run ASAP
- ◆ ratify changing Town Hall's Internet service provider from Verizon to Comcast
- ◆ display the historic marker in Walter Bailey's memory at the Mill House Museum

VFW Post 7916 to Serve as a Cooling Station

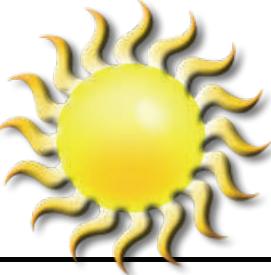
Cool down at the VFW! Our own VFW Post 7916, located at 204 Mill Street, has been designated as a temporary Emergency Cooling Station. When the heat index gets above 95 degrees, the public in the downtown area may come in and cool off. Water and restrooms will be available. The Post can also serve as a prep location if someone requires evacuation. Please contact the Post at 703-491-1884 should you have any questions.



Ghost tours are presented by the Occoquan Merchants' Association and are available Wednesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. The price of admission is \$12.00 for adults and \$6 for ages 6 - 12; children 5 and younger are free. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance via email at www.hauntedoccoquan@gmail.com or by calling 571-572-9410.

Virginia Sales Tax Holiday—August 3-5, 2012

During the Virginia Sales Tax Holiday, shoppers will save five percent on purchases of school supplies costing \$20 or less per item, or clothing and footwear priced at \$100 or less. The sales tax exemption applies to each eligible item, regardless of how many items you purchase at the same time.



AUGUST 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2	3	4 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
5	6	7 6:45 - PH Zoning Map 7:00 - Council 	8	9 6:30 - OHS 7:30 - Occ Reach 	10	11 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
12	13	14 6:30 - Planning Commission 7:30 - ARB 	15	16 7:00 - The Hollows 	17	18 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
26	27	28	29 	30	31	