

With Sympathy

The Town would like to express its condolences to the family of Bruce Eades, who passed away earlier this month. Mr. Eades had been a town resident since 2011.



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 12:00 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

We had several successful events and a great many people to thank in June. I want to start by expressing my gratitude to our Craft Show Director, Pat Thomas, as well as Vice-Mayor Ken Brunsvold, Chief Sheldon Levi, Bucky Brill, Candi Best, and all the other volunteers who helped the spring Craft Show run so smoothly. As many of you no doubt noticed, we also had approximately 700 runners participate in the *Race to Donate Life* 5K in Occoquan sponsored by the Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC) on June 10. The course apparently generated a little confusion for some of the runners/walkers and residents alike, but most seemed to enjoy themselves, and the WRTC did a great job cleaning up promptly after the race's conclusion. I look forward to having them here again next year. Finally, on June 16, we hosted the annual Duck Splash Race, the net proceeds of which support the Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition. This year there was a bit of added fun when, in anticipation of the often glacial pace of the ducks, Vice-Mayor Brunsvold managed to insert a motorized entry to the delight of the crowd on the town docks!

At the end of June we also bid farewell to a town friend, our Town Hall Administrative Assistant, Janet Quenzer, who is retiring. Janet has been a stalwart presence in Town Hall for a number of years, and her pleasant and helpful attitude will be missed. Please join me in wishing Janet well in all her future endeavors—we hope you keep in touch, Janet.

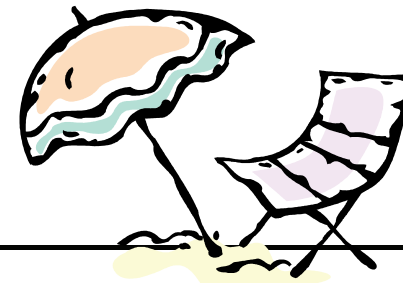
Last, I am pleased to announce that on June 19, the Town Council adopted the tax rates, budget, and capital plan for fiscal year 2013. There are no tax rate increases.

I hope everyone enjoys the 4th of July holiday, and if you are traveling, please do so safely. Thank you for your continued support, and please feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns.



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

- ◆ adopt the Line-of-Duty Act Opt-out Resolution
- ◆ appoint Bobbie Frank as an alternate member of the ARB
- ◆ maintain the current meals tax rate of 2%
- ◆ maintain the current transient occupancy tax of 2%
- ◆ maintain the current real estate rate of \$0.10 per \$100.00 of assessed value
- ◆ adopt the FY13 operating budget, as advertised
- ◆ adopt the Capital Improvement Project budget, as advertised
- ◆ adopt the Mamie Davis Park budget, as advertised
- ◆ adopt the Craft Show budget, as advertised
- ◆ sign a non-cost consulting agreement for services for the Strategic Planning Committee



JULY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:00 Town Council	4  Town Hall Closed 	5	6	7 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
8	9	10 6:30 - Planning Commission 7:30 - ARB	11 	12 6:30 - OHS	13	14 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
15	16	17	18 	19 7:00 - The Hollows	20	21 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
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Fireworks Displays in Prince William County

Woodbridge - The Potomac Nationals have home games at Pfitzer Stadium on July 2, 3, and 4th, with fireworks after each game. The games begin at 6:35 p.m. Go to www.potomacnationals.com for more details.

Manassas - The Old Town Manassas Train Depot on 9431 West Street will host music, hayrides, and other activities starting at 4:00 p.m. Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m. Visit www.visitmanassas.org for additional information.

Manassas Park - Signal Hill Park will be open 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; fireworks begin at dark. Admission is free but parking at Signal Hill is \$5.00. Call 703-335-8872.

Quantico - Lunga Recreational Area will have live music and other entertainment throughout the day. The gates open at 7:00 a.m., and fireworks will start at 9:15 p.m. Visitors to the base must have a valid form of identification, and vehicles must have current registration and insurance.

The town's trash service, 1st Choice Disposal, LLC, merged with Bates Trucking Company on June 1, 2012. For over 50 years, Bates has provided waste and recycling services throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. Bates/1st Choice is excited to continue servicing the town's needs and looks forward to providing excellent service to you. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bates at (703) 212-9395 or Mr. Waggy at (703) 441-8880. As a note, they **will** provide service to the town on July 4.