

## CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 4

Please watch out for children getting on to school busses in your neighborhood!



## The Occoquan Farmers Market—Support your Local Vendors



Don't forget that the Farmers Market is on Saturday mornings between 8:00 and noon until October 27. The market is located on Mill Street in the parking lot adjacent to the Route 123 bridge. A current list of vendors can be found at [www.occoquanfarmersmarket.org](http://www.occoquanfarmersmarket.org).

**Curb Your Dog:** We have four Dogipot Dispensers with biodegradable bags strategically placed around town. Please use the bags and be cognizant of your neighbors. Remember, Occoquan Town Ordinance Section 6-2 requires all dog owners to immediately pick up after their dogs when walking on a public right-of-way or on any property other than the dog owner's property. Section 6-4 states that any person violating this provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.



## OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S LETTER

I hope everyone has enjoyed the relatively rain-free summer. As the temperatures cool, in a few weeks the town will once again host our annual fall Arts and Crafts Show, which this year takes place on September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Net revenues from our two arts and craft shows provide almost all of the town's funding for capital projects and deferred maintenance needs, so please encourage friends and family members to patronize the show's vendors. And the show is, of course, always a great place to do some early Christmas shopping. Fall is also the time when we experience an increase in bus tour groups stopping in Occoquan. On the morning of September 6<sup>th</sup>, MARS Tours will be bringing two groups totaling approximately 50 people to Occoquan. Please extend a warm welcome to these visitors. Several more such bookings are scheduled. Finally, note that Friday, September 21, is POW/MIA Recognition Day. Accordingly, please keep an eye out for information on the commemorative activities held that day by our own VFW Post 7916.

For those of you who do not actively use email, I would like to take a moment to highlight information disseminated electronically during the past month on a couple of issues. First, the town council recently adopted a new Zoning District Map and a new Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas Map. Both may be viewed on the town web site at [www.occoquan.org](http://www.occoquan.org). Second, as some of you may have seen from press accounts, there have been some developments regarding the Oaks III project at the corner of Old Bridge and Tanyard Hill roads. Apparently, the developer, Ken Thompson, has decided not to proceed with the project himself – something many opponents of the rezoning anticipated would occur. As a result, the property is now for sale. To the best of our knowledge, there has not yet been any attempt to petition the county for a removal of the restrictions proffered in return for the rezoning. Third, and last, the Town Council approved the site plan for the project at 109 Washington Street. This site plan may also be viewed on the town web site at [www.occoquan.org](http://www.occoquan.org).

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [eporta@occoquan.org](mailto:eporta@occoquan.org) with any comments, questions, or concerns. Have a good September!

*Earnest W. Porta, Jr.*

**At the August 2012 Meeting, the Council voted to:**

- ◆ The Council approved the Site Plan and Subdivision Plat for the subdivision at 109 Washington Street. A copy of the staff report on the site plan, including a final grading plan map may be accessed on the town web site.
- ◆ The Council adopted a Zoning District Map and a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas Map that may be viewed on the town web site, also.

**THE OCCOQUAN FALL ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW**

**STREET CLOSINGS**

The historic district portions of Mill, Commerce, Washington, Union, and Elliott streets will be closed to vehicles from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., September 29 and 30. Vehicles parked on streets in the show area that are not removed by 6:00 a.m. on both days may be towed at the owner's expense. We ask your cooperation in keeping traffic to a minimum. For safety reasons, vehicles cannot be permitted in the show area.

**CRAFT SHOW PARKING**

Parking permits will be issued 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 28 until 6:30 p.m., Sunday, September 30. Because of the 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 24.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are in need of volunteers to ensure that the Fall Show runs smoothly. Please stop in at Town Hall and sign up or call Pat Thomas, Craft Show Director, at 703.491.2168. Thanks, in advance, for your help.



# SEPTEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
2	3 Labor Day - Town Hall Closed 	4 7:00 Town Council	5 6:00 SPC 	6	7	8 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
9	10 7-9:30 ORC Riverfest	11 6:30 PC 7:30 ARB	12 	13 6:30 OHS 7:30 OCC Reach HOA	14	15 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
16	17	18	19 6:00 SPC 	20 7:00 Hollows HOA	21	22 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
23	24	25	26 	27	28	29 10:00 - 6:00 Fall Arts & Crafts Show 
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