

## Manager's Corner. . . .

Have a problem? Who do you call? Questions or concerns about the Town and its operations should be directed to Town Hall at 703-491-1918; extension 1 for Town Clerk Peggy Blackwell, extension 2 for Acting Town Manager Sheldon Levi. Emergency police or fire department assistance call 911, non emergency 703-792-6500. Please remember ALL police and fire department calls for service should go through Prince William County communications. PWC is the dispatcher for the Occoquan Police Department.

As we progress towards the winter months and the daylight hours continually shorten, please be alert when driving, especially at dawn and dusk, and when the trick or treaters are out on Halloween. The return to Eastern Standard Time will occur on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 02:00 am, please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.



### 2014 Vehicle Decals to be Displayed by November 15

Section 62-37 of the Town Code requires any vehicle normally garaged, stored, or parked in the Town to display a Town decal. Purchases may be made by mail (enclosing a check for the proper amount), at Town Hall from 9:00 to 3:30, Monday through Friday, or on Saturday, November 2, from 10:00 to noon.

## OCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

### TOWN OF OCOQUAN

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OCTOBER 2013

### TOWN COUNCIL

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### TOWN HALL STAFF

Sheldon E. Levi, Acting Town Manager  
And Chief of Police  
Abigail Breeding, CPA, Treasurer  
Peggy Blackwell, Town Clerk  
Bucky Brill, Town Maintenance Supervisor  
Patricia Thomas, Arts & Crafts Show Director

## MAYOR'S LETTER

As this goes to press, the town is getting ready for the Fall Arts and Crafts Show on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully many of you were able to attend the show and patronize its vendors. As I always try to remind everyone, the fall and spring shows are our primary source of funding for town capital projects and special initiatives, and I want to especially thank Pat Thomas, Candie Best, Sheldon Levi, Bucky Brill, and all the rest of the town staff and volunteers who help put it together.

A number of special events will occur in October, many of them Halloween-themed. On Sunday, October 6, from 11:00 – 4:00, the Business Guild of Occoquan will sponsor an *Occoquan History Hunt*. Entry sheets will be available at businesses displaying orange balloons on the day of the event. Throughout the month the Guild will also reprise its *Haunting of Occoquan* event – participating businesses will display life-size Halloween figures with whom visitors can have their photographs taken. Additional business owners are also working together to make Occoquan look like a Halloween town as we approach the end of the month. On Saturday, October 26, more than twenty business owners are sponsoring a Halloween Parade with prizes for the best children and adult costumes. The parade will start underneath the Route 123 bridge and proceed to the cul-de-sac at the end of Mill Street. Everyone in costume is welcome in the parade; participants should gather no later than 10:30 a.m. at the parking lot underneath the Route 123 bridge.

Other events cover a diversity of subjects. On October 4, at approximately 4:00 p.m., the town will welcome two Army veterans who are traveling across the country from Washington State to Washington, D.C. on a tandem bicycle. As a stop on the Comfort for America's Uniformed Services (CAUSE's) inaugural "Warrior Ride" to raise awareness for PTSD, TBI, and service injuries, the town will be hosting the pair at Mamie Davis Park with a brief ceremony and free hot dogs and hamburgers. Town residents, business owners, and visitors are all invited. The next day, on October 5, from 10:00 to 4:00, Sentara Hospital will have a mobile mammogram vehicle in town. Additional events include the fall Friends of the Occoquan clean-up, as well as visits from several travel writers sponsored by Discover Prince William & Manassas. These visitors are all an important part of the Occoquan community, who we hope will return often in the future, so please extend them every courtesy and help make their visit an enjoyable one. Thank you again for your continued support and please feel free to contact me at [eporta@occoquan.org](mailto:eporta@occoquan.org) with any comments, questions or concerns.

*Ernest W. Porta, Jr.*

**At the September 2013 Meeting, the Council voted to:**

- delegate to Prince William County regulatory obligations regarding state storm water management requirements
- approve a “Day to Serve” Resolution
- approve a Public Hearing on October 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall regarding an ordinance to change the date of Town elections from May to November.

**THE OCCOQUAN FALL ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW**

Thanks to all the volunteers for your help in making the 44th Fall Annual Arts and Crafts Show such a success — we could not have done it without you!

If you want to purchase either the “Eat & Explore Virginia Cookbook” or the Occoquan Baseball Cap, please contact Pat Thomas by email at [Director@occoquanandcraftshow.org](mailto:Director@occoquanandcraftshow.org) or by phone at 703.491.2168.

**ARB— Did You Know**

When decorating for the holidays, Occoquan appears even more charming and appealing to everyone, especially shoppers. The merchants in Town always make jaws drop and eyes pop with their outstanding displays and decorations. The residents appreciate the extra work they do to make Occoquan a wonderland. Please be reminded that these types of displays, which normally begin in October, are not considered permanent and cannot remain longer than 30 days from the original installation date. The only exception to this rule is during the Winter Holiday season which begins on November 1 and ends on January 15. Let's try and keep the jack-o-lanterns, turkeys, and Santa's elves slightly separate. In addition, please note that generic or non-holiday-specific strings of colored lights outlining property lines, sales areas or any portion of a structure are not allowed except during the Winter Holiday season.

**Please Note:** We have one opening on the Architectural Review Board. This is a volunteer position with responsibilities to protect the Historic District. If you are interested or want to know more about this opportunity, please contact Town Hall.



**OCTOBER 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 Public Hearing 7:00 TC Mtg.	2 	3	4 4:00 Warrior Ride Ceremony— Mamie Davis Park	5 8 - Noon Farmers' Market 10-4 Sentara Mobile Mammogram
6 11 - 4 Guild Occoquan History Hunt	7	8 7:30 ARB	9 	10 6:30-8:00 OHS	11	12 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
13	14	15	16 7:00 BZA 	17	18	19 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
20	21 6:30-9 ORC	22 7-8 TC & Strategic Planning Cmte.	23 	24	25	26 10:30 Halloween Parade 8 - Noon Farmers' Market 
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