

Architectural Review Board – Did You Know?

New Business Signs in Occoquan

One way to update the exterior of a business is with new signage. Businesses in Occoquan wishing to add or change their signs should refer to Section 66-401 of the Town Code for the application process. This information, as well as the application forms, are available on the Town website at www.occoquan.org. The ARB meets at 7:30 pm on second Tuesday of each month to review applications.

Trash Collection Reminders

Please be sure to place your refuse to the curb no earlier than 4 pm on Tuesdays and remove your containers as soon as possible after trash pick-up on Wednesdays. Also, please ensure lids are placed securely to prevent loose debris and animal activity. Finally, do not place household refuse in Town owned trash receptacles; please utilize the curbside collection program and place your trash at the curb on collection day.

Town Election Results

Mayor and Council will be sworn in on Tuesday, July 1, at 7 pm in Town Hall. The following individuals will begin new two-year terms on July 1, 2014:

Mayor: Liz Quist

Councilmembers: Tyler Brown, Matthew Dawson, Jim Drakes, Joe McGuire and Pat Sivigny

With Our Sincerest Sympathy of the Recent Passing of Betty J. Hope.

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Elizabeth Quist, Vice-Mayor
Denise M. Bush
Joe McGuire
Patrick A. Sivigny
James N. Walbert



TOWN HALL STAFF

Kirstyn L. Barr, Town Manager
Abigail Breeding, CPA, Treasurer
Peggy Blackwell, Town Clerk
Sheldon E. Levi, Chief of Police
Bucky Brill, Maintenance Supervisor
Patricia Thomas, Arts and Crafts Show Director

MAYOR'S LETTER

June is, as usual, a busy month in Occoquan. Our annual spring Arts and Crafts Show takes place on June 7 and 8. As most of you are aware, our fall and spring shows are an important part of the town's revenue base, serving as the primary funding source for our capital projects. Consequently, please attend if you are able, and encourage family and friends to do so as well. On the following Saturday, June 14, Occoquan will once again be the site of the annual Duck Splash Race, when thousands of rubber ducks will drop from one of the town's bridges and race on the river. Prizes range from \$20 to \$500, and all the net proceeds benefit the 501(c)(3) Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition and the Optimist Club of Occoquan, Woodbridge, and Neabsco. You can adopt a duck for \$5 between now and June 14 at selected Occoquan businesses, online at www.pwtsc.org, as well as at the Arts and Crafts Show and on the day of the event.

June is also the month when the Town Council adopts the budget, capital plan, and tax rates for FY 2015. The hearing on the tax rates will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, at Town Hall. Immediately thereafter that same evening, the Town Council will hold a special meeting at which the rates, budget, and capital plan will be formally adopted.

In closing, this is my last monthly newsletter. As you know, I did not seek re-election in May, and consequently my term as your Mayor will formally come to an end on June 30. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you – residents, business owners, current and former council members and town staff, as well as friends of Occoquan in the larger community – for your support and fellowship over the past eight years. It has truly been an honor to work with you. Let me also offer my congratulations to Mayor-elect Quist and the incoming Town Council members. You all have my very best wishes.

Have a wonderful summer!

At the May 2014 meeting, the Town Council voted to:

- Approve letter of opposition to the plan to install wind turbines on top of the Lorton Landfill;
- Approve the Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show bus contract for the Fall 2014 Arts and Crafts Show;
- Approve Bryan A. Reese as a member of the Town Planning Commission;
- Approve to refer River Park draft zoning district text to Planning Commission to schedule a joint public hearing;
- Approve Rivertown Overlook, Plat Recordation contingent on accomplishing specified requirements;
- Approve the Town to “opt in” to the Virginia Stormwater Management Program;
- Approve to reduce the three sureties currently posted for Occoquan Heights;
- Approve \$1,180 to purchase 20 sets of brackets to complete the banner installation in the Town’s historic district;
- Approve \$8,280 for the cost of using law enforcement officers for the Spring Arts and Crafts Show security and traffic detail; and
- Approve setting public hearing dates for May 27, 2014, for the FY 2014-2015 budget, and June 17 for FY 2014-2015 tax rates.



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NOTICE: The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the FY 2015 proposed tax rates on Tuesday, June 17, at 6:30 pm, at Town Hall. The proposed budget is available on the Town’s website at www.occoquan.org or at Town Hall. Town Council will adopt the FY 2015 Budget and tax rates during a special meeting on June 17, following the public hearing.

The Occoquan Spring Arts and Crafts Show

The Spring Arts and Crafts Show will be on Saturday, June 7, 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday, June 8, 10 am to 5 pm, in Historic Occoquan. We hope everyone will come out for this great two-day event! This year, we are excited to inform you that as of May 30, we have over 55 new vendors participating in the spring show!

You may pick up your parking pass at Town Hall beginning Wednesday, June 4, at 9:00 am. Remember, only one pass per household.

Volunteers are still needed – please sign up in Town Hall!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:00 pm Town Council Meeting	4 	5	6	7 10 am to 6 pm Occoquan Arts & Crafts Show
8 10 am to 5 pm Occoquan Arts & Crafts Show	9	10 7:30 pm Architectural Review Board	11 	12	13	14 12:30 pm Duck Splash
15	16	17 6:30 pm PH on FY 15 Tax Rates 6:35 pm TC Special Meeting, FY 15 Tax Rates 6:45 JPH - River Park Draft Zoning Text	18 	19	20	21 First Day of Summer
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