

Occoquan's Farmers' Market



The farmers' market will return to the Mill Street parking lot adjacent to the Route 123 bridge beginning Saturday, April 23, and will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon every Saturday through October 29, excluding the weekends of the June and September craft shows. For a list of participating farmers, go to www.occoquanfarmersmarket.org.

10th Annual Occoquan River Spring Clean-Up Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Join your neighbors and *Friends of the Occoquan* volunteers for the *10th Annual Occoquan River Spring Clean-Up*. Meet at Town Hall wearing sturdy shoes; gloves and trash bags will be provided.



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MAYOR'S LETTER

A wide variety of events are in the works for the month of April. On Saturday, April 9, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, the Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) will hold their annual spring river clean-up. This year, the event is again paralleling a larger clean-up that will cover the Occoquan River from the Lake Jackson Dam to the Potomac. Our town is one of the traditional venues for the clean-up, and we have several areas that need particular attention. So, if you are able, please come to Town Hall on the morning of the 9th and donate some time.

Our town farmers' market, organized by the Occoquan Merchants Association (OMA), also kicks off this month on Saturday, April 23. The market is located in the small parking lot at the east end of Mill Street, and will be held every Saturday (except craft show weekends) from 8:00 a.m. to noon through October 29. It took quite some time to get the market started in Occoquan, so please take some time to patronize the market vendors. Also in April, starting on the 22nd, the OMA will launch its ghost tour season. More information on the ghost tours can be found on the OMA website (www.occoquanmerchantsassociation.com). Finally, in April, I will also start once again offering free Saturday kayak and walking historic tours of the town (weather permitting). Kayak tours will leave from the Occoquan Regional Park at 10:00 a.m., and walking tours will leave from the Mill House Museum at 1:00 p.m.

Several meetings of interest to residents and merchants are scheduled for April, as well. At its regular meeting on April 5, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) will once again discuss proposals related to the historic district's sign regulations. We have also tentatively scheduled a public meeting for 7:00 p.m. on April 13 to discuss closing Center Lane and Poplar Alley between Washington and Union Streets to through traffic. Last, Prince William County has released proposed redistricting maps for supervisory districts. These maps are available at www.pwcgov.org/redistricting, and the Board of County Supervisors will be holding a public hearing on redistricting on April 5, at 7:30 p.m., at 1 County Complex Court.

Once more, thank you for your continued support, and please feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions, or concerns.



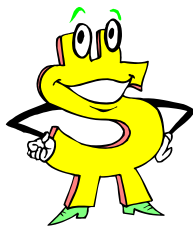
At the March 2010 meeting, the Council voted to:

- ♦ adopt an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Deed and other documents necessary to convey real property to PWCSA
- ♦ approve the site plan for 107 Poplar Lane
- ♦ approve the subdivision plat and associated Letter Agreement for Vistas at Occoquan
- ♦ retain Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates to perform the FY2011 audit
- ♦ appoint Pat Thomas as the Craft Show Director



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Tax Relief Programs for Elderly and Disabled Persons



Senior citizens and disabled persons who meet certain criteria may be granted relief from all or part of real estate and personal property taxes. Tax Relief is granted on an annual basis, and a renewal application **must be filed each year by April 15th.**

Applications for these programs are available at the Real Estate Assessments Office, by mail, or by calling 703-792-6780.

Store Security Seminars for Occoquan Businesses

Officer John Nagel, a Prince William County Crime Prevention Specialist, will present two store security seminars for Occoquan businesses. The first will be Wednesday, April 20, at 5:30 p.m., and the second on Thursday, April 21, at 9:00 a.m.; both will be held at Town Hall. Please call Denise Bush at 703-492-2323 with any questions. She hopes to see you all there for a very informative meeting.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 6:30 Planning Commission 7:30 - ARB	6	7	8	9 9:00 - Noon FOTO River Clean-up
10	11	12 7:00 Town Council	13 6:30 - Finance Committee 7:00 Public Meeting on Alley Closure	14 5:00 - OHS	15	16
17	18	19 7:00 - Finance Committee	20	21 7:00 The Hollows HOA	22	23 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
24 Easter 	25	26 7:00 - Finance Committee and Town Council	27	28	29	30 8 - Noon Farmers' Market