

# OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S LETTER

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday Open House sponsored by the Business Guild on November 19, as well as those who attended the town tree lighting that same evening. In addition to the organizations and merchants who helped arrange the event, I also want to extend a special thanks to the many volunteers—too numerous to mention here—who helped decorate both the town itself and the town tree, and who served as Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign bell ringers. It was a wonderful way to kick off the holidays in Occoquan!

On November 27, thanks to the efforts of the OMA, Santa Claus again made his annual trip to Occoquan by boat and met with children at Town Hall. He will be visiting town again, first on Saturday, December 4, when the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 7916 will host a children's Christmas party at 11:00, and once more on December 18, when the OMA will host two seatings of Breakfast with Santa at *Pink Bicycle Tea Room*. The party at the VFW is free and open to the public; for the breakfast on the 18<sup>th</sup>, however, reservations are required, and can be made by calling 703-491-5216. Our holiday celebrations will continue on Sunday, December 5, at 5:00 p.m., with a service and Town Blessing at Ebenezer Baptist Church, followed promptly by the free town holiday party at Madigan's Waterfront Restaurant.

As you know, our town merchants depend heavily on the holiday season, so I ask that you once again please consider favoring them for your holiday shopping needs. The OMA is sponsoring a drawing at noon on December 11 in front of Town Hall for those who shop at participating stores in town between now and the 11<sup>th</sup>. Many merchants will also be staying open late every Saturday until Christmas, so please encourage friends and relatives to visit. And, as we have in the past, Occoquan's holiday celebrations will also remember the less fortunate. The OMA is sponsoring an "Untrim-a-Tree" program for needy children, and *Simply Country* is sponsoring the annual "Tree of Hope" drive to benefit the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center's Resident Rent Fund. Details on both initiatives are contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please enjoy a safe and joyous holiday, and do not hesitate to contact me at [eporta@occoquan.org](mailto:eporta@occoquan.org) with any comments, questions or concerns.

*Earnest W. Porta, Jr.*



## TOWN BLESSING and HOLIDAY PARTY

Please join your friends and neighbors for the annual Town Blessing at Ebenezer Baptist Church this Sunday, December 5, at 5:00 p.m. Immediately following the blessing will be the town's party at Madigan's Waterfront Restaurant. We hope to see you there!

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### TOWN OF OCCOQUAN

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At the November 2010 meeting, the Council voted to:

- ♦ not fill the position of Building Official
- ♦ appoint Cathy Campbell, Lorraine Cramer, Bobbie Frank, Cynthia Green, and Sharon Helton to the Town Appearance Committee
- ♦ adopt the Significant Affirmative Governmental Act (SAGA) ordinance



# December 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sundown - Hanukkah begins 	2	3	4  11:00 - Children's Party with Santa at VFW 7916
5 5:00 Town Blessing and party 	6	7 6:30 - Planning Commission 7:30 - ARB Canceled	8	9 5:00 - OHS	10	11 OMA Shopping Spree - Drawing at Town Hall at Noon
12	13	14 7:00 Town Council	15	16 7:00 The Hollows HOA	17	18  Breakfast with Santa! at Pink Bicycle Tea Room (Reservations are required - 491-5216)
19	20	21	22	23	24 Town Hall Closed	25 Christmas Day 
26	27 Town Hall Closed	28	29	30	31 Town Hall Closed	 JANUARY 1

## 12TH ANNUAL "TREE OF HOPE"



Please join us again this year in supporting the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center Resident Rent Fund by purchasing an ornament at Simply Country, 311 Mill Street, for a minimum donation of \$5 or \$10 (depending on the size of the ornament) now through December 30. After the ornament is purchased, the purchaser may sign and date it, then hang it on the tree in front of Town Hall.

The Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center Resident Rent Fund assists families with rent and utility deposits. The goal is to help as many as possible move into a home and prevent the necessity of having to move from shelter to shelter.

For additional information, please contact Gail Saunders at (703) 680-5403.

## "UNTRIM-A-TREE"

The annual "Untrim-A-Tree" tradition of selecting a gift tag from the tree in Town Hall or The Garden Kitchen and buying a present for a less fortunate child is underway. All gifts are to be returned, unwrapped and with the gift tag, to Town Hall, The Garden Kitchen, or Personally Yours no later than December 10.

