

Our Deepest Sympathy



Architectural Review Board Chairman and long-time resident, Walter Bailey, passed away in the evening on Tuesday, April 12th. Walter was noted for his volunteer work, and in 2007, the Town of Occoquan Walter D. Bailey Volunteer Award was established in his honor. He will be greatly missed.

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MAYOR'S LETTER

On behalf of the town, I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) river cleanup last month, as well as those of you who were able to attend the first day of our Farmers' Market. New vendors will be joining our market throughout the summer as they harvest various crops. As a reminder, the market is held every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon (with the exception of Craft Show weekends) in the small parking lot near the Route 123 bridge.

In addition to the Farmers' Market, a number of spring season events continue in May. These include the Occoquan Merchants Association (OMA) ghost tours (call 703-910-7059 for reservations) and the kayak and walking historic tours that I lead on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., respectively. The kayak tours leave from Occoquan Regional Park and the walking tours from the Mill House Museum. Among our special events for May is the OMA-sponsored Art Gallery Walk, which will be held on May 14th.

Several tour groups will also be visiting Occoquan in May. Among these are 300 participants in the sold-out 2011 *Ken Burns American Journeys* Civil War Tour, who will be coming to town on May 23, 24, & 25. This is a major tour event, which various groups in Prince William County and, in particular, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, worked to bring to Occoquan. We will be working hard to make the town look its best for all these guests, who we hope will be repeat visitors in the future. While thinking about events, please also mark your calendars for the Spring Arts and Crafts show on June 4-5, the annual Duck Splash race on June 18, and the Occoquan Riverfest on June 25.

Those of you who receive my e-newsletters (email me if you would like to be added) know that with changes in economic conditions, a number of planned subdivisions within and outside of town boundaries are starting to see activity. There is too much information, and it changes too often, to adequately summarize here. Over the next several weeks, however, I will attempt to set up a page on the town web site that explains each of the proposed projects and their status.

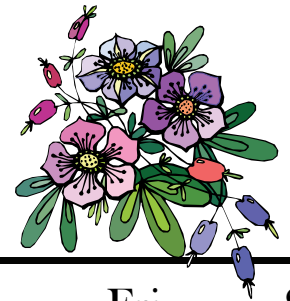
As always, thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns.

At the April 2011 meeting, the Council voted to:

- ◆ appoint Barry Dean as the town's representative to Occoquan River Communities (ORC)
- ◆ appoint Ned Marshall and Matt Williams as Assistant Town Engineers, and Bruce Reese and Matt Williams as Assistant Zoning Administrators and Assistant Subdivision Agents
- ◆ refer the proposed landscape ordinance amendment to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation
- ◆ approve the Mills of Occoquan's request to remove and replace three Leland Cypress and one White Pine from HOA property and replace with four to five "Green Giant" Arborvitae evergreen trees
- ◆ authorize the Mayor to send a letter expressing the town's opposition to the proposed rezoning of property located at the intersection of Old Bridge and Tanyard Hill (Oaks III)
- ◆ adopt the Commercial District Affiliate Program Resolution (Virginia Main Street Program)
- ◆ appoint Denise Bush as the Council Representative to the Architectural Review Board
- ◆ authorize Chief Levi to serve at an activity in Quantico on May 7
- ◆ award the landscaping contract to Hedge Hog



MAY 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 6:30 Planning Commission 7:30 - ARB	4	5	6	7 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
8 Mothers' Day 	9	10 7:00 Town Council	11	12 5:00 - OHS	13	14 8 - Noon Farmers' Market Art Walk
15	16	17	18	19 7:00 The Hollows HOA	20	21 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
29	30 Memorial Day Town Hall Closed	31				

THE OCCOQUAN SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

STREET CLOSINGS

The Spring Arts and Craft Show will be on Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5, this year. Mill, Commerce, Union, and Washington Streets will be closed on those days from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., as will Ellicott Street from Mill Street to Center Lane, so please coordinate movers or deliveries accordingly.



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, June 3, until 6:30 p.m., Sunday, June 5. 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 Tuesday, May 31.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pat Thomas, our new craft show director, is asking for volunteers to ensure that the spring show runs smoothly. You can reach Pat by calling 703-491-2168 or you may sign up at Town Hall. Your help will be appreciated!