

# OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S LETTER

Thank you to all of those who chose to make their purchases from our town businesses during the recently completed holiday season. This is a particularly important time of year for our merchant community and I know that they very much appreciate your support. I also want to thank everyone who volunteered during the holiday season. Whether it was supporting a town event or simply decorating your home or business, your efforts helped make Occoquan a pleasant place to live, work, and visit during the holidays. The Occoquan Historical Society recently received a gift that exemplifies this spirit. As those of you who get my e-newsletter or the *News and Messenger* have already seen, council member Dr. James Walbert has designed and handcrafted a fantastic model of the town's 18th-century mill, which can be viewed at Town Hall during normal business hours.

As we enter the heart of winter, I would like to briefly touch on the subject of snow. The streets within town boundaries are a hodgepodge of VDOT, town, and HOA property. Consequently, snow removal responsibilities can be confusing. I therefore encourage everyone to review the town street maintenance map, which is posted at the Post Office and can be found on the town web site at [www.occoquan.org](http://www.occoquan.org), to familiar themselves with snow removal responsibilities. The main streets in the historic district are plowed by VDOT. It is important for businesses, however, to remember that VDOT does not guarantee that it can preserve on-street parking when it plows; its primary responsibility is to clear the roadways for traffic.

Another important issue affecting the town will occur on January 10, when the Prince William Board of County Supervisors will vote on a rezoning request that would permit a commercial development on Tanyard Hill Road. Please read the enclosed insert on this important issue.

I would like to close by thanking the town residents, businesses, and staff for their support during the past year. And, in particular, I want to especially recognize and thank the members of the town council for all of their efforts. Happy New Year to everyone, and please do not hesitate to contact me at [eporta@occoquan.org](mailto:eporta@occoquan.org) with any comments, questions or concerns.

## *From the Occoquan Post Office*

*The Occoquan Post Office would like to express our appreciation for all the kind words and gifts we received during the holiday season from residents and town merchants. Happy New Year!*

*Judy, Sandie, and Eleanor*

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### TOWN OF OCCOQUAN

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314 Mill Street  
P.O. Box 195  
Occoquan, VA 22125

**CARRIER ROUTE  
OCCOQUAN, VA 22125**

Presort Standard  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Occoquan, VA  
Permit No. 19

**At the December 2011 meeting, the Town Council voted to:**

- ♦ appoint Deborah Cruz as an alternate member of the ARB
- ♦ appoint Lisa McMahon as an auxiliary police officer
- ♦ hold a Joint Public Hearing of the Town Council and the Planning Commission to discuss the draft amendment to the Signs and Advertising Ordinance.



**Occoquan Merchants' Mill**

Council Member Dr. James Walbert has designed and handcrafted a model of Occoquan Merchants' Mill and donated it to the Mill House Museum. The model is at a scale of 1/4"=1' and will be on display for the public to view in Town Hall, Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 3:30, until it is moved into the Museum.

**"Untrim-A-Tree"**

I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's "Untrim-A-Tree" project. All the children's wishes were fulfilled and presents delivered. Also, thank you to those who donated items for the homebound seniors and teen mothers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Betsy Merklein, OMA

**Christmas Tree Disposal**

Christmas trees should be placed at your curb for Wednesday's normal trash pick-up. If you have further questions, please contact 1st Choice Disposal at 703-441-8880.



**JANUARY 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  New Years Day	2	3 6:30 - PH Drought Resolution 6:40 - PH Sign Ordinances 7:00 Town Council	4 	5	6	7
8	9	10 6:30 - PC (Cancelled) 7:30 - ARB 7:30 - Oaks III issue before the PWC Board of Supervisors	11 	12 6:30 - OHS	13 Lee-Jackson Day  Town Hall Closed	14
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day  Town Hall Closed	17	18 	19 7:00 - Hollows	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31				