

A MESSAGE FROM  
THE OCCOQUAN MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION



The farmers market will return to the Mill Street lot adjacent to the Route 123 bridge beginning Saturday, April 28, and will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon every Saturday through October 27, excluding the weekends of the June and September craft shows. For more information, e-mail [www.occoquanfarmersmarket.org](http://www.occoquanfarmersmarket.org) or call Salt & Pepper Books at 703-491-4411.

## OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

### TOWN OF OCCOQUAN

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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## MAYOR'S LETTER

I want to start with a special thank-you to everyone who attended the Town Council meeting last month and expressed their gratitude for town efforts on the Oaks III issue. It was a complete and much appreciated surprise to all of the Town Council members. Thank you also to everyone who was able to participate on the 25th of February in the town's continuing commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. Both the lecture and re-enactment were well-attended, particularly for a blustery February day. We look forward to additional such events in the future. One will occur on Saturday, March 31, when we thank Town Council Member James Walbert for his donation of a wonderful scale model of the town's 18<sup>th</sup>-century mill. To date, the model has been on display in Town Hall, but on the 31<sup>st</sup>, after a presentation on the model's construction, it will be unveiled at a public reception at the Occoquan Historical Society's Mill House Museum. Keep on the lookout for additional details.

The Town Council continues to discuss the potential impact of the Oaks III project at the corner of Tanyard Hill and Old Bridge Roads. At a February meeting, the Town Council passed a resolution asking the county to use all available measures to require the developer to undertake as soon as possible relevant storm water remediation efforts he promised in his rezoning application. Our concern, of course, is that what the county identified as "uncontrolled run-off" from the developer's Oaks II property will continue to damage Ballywhack Creek until such time as the developer implements the promised remediation.

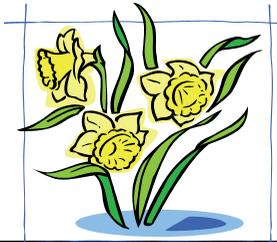
As mentioned last month, construction is taking place at several locations in town. The Prince William County Service Authority is replacing the Occoquan Lift Station, which is currently housed in the small brick building near the BB&T ATM machine. In addition, during the first week of the month the town is replacing speed humps and doing some patch work on Center Lane and Poplar Alley. Last, some housing projects approved years ago are now proceeding; one on Ellicott Street and another outside of town on Washington Street. Please keep particularly alert when driving in these areas while construction is underway.

Once again, I appreciate your our continued support, and please do not hesitate to contact me at [eporta@occoquan.org](mailto:eporta@occoquan.org) with any comments, questions, or concerns.

*Earnest W. Porta, Jr.*

**At the February 2012 meeting, the Town Council voted to:**

- ♦ adopt amendments to the Signs and Advertising ordinance
- ♦ adopt a Resolution to the PWBOCS regarding The Oaks III
- ♦ release the Brookside II bonds
- ♦ award a contract for installing speed humps on Center Lane and Poplar Alley
- ♦ renew the Tourist Information Center lease through June 30, 2014
- ♦ renew the town's membership in Occoquan River Communities



# MARCH 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 7:00 Town Council	8 	9 6:30 - OHS	9	10
11	12	13 6:30 - PC 7:30 - ARB	14 	15 7:00 - Hollows	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 
18	19	20 First day of Spring	21 	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 	29	30	31

### 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 15.

Application forms for these programs are available at the PWC Real Estate Assessments Office or by mail. You may also request an application form by calling 703-792-6780.

This is an election year for the positions of Mayor and Town Council members. Anyone wishing to be a candidate may obtain the necessary filing forms by contacting the Office of the General Registrar, 9252 Lee Avenue, Manassas, (703) 792-6470, or by downloading the forms from the State Board of Elections website ([www.sbe.state.va.us](http://www.sbe.state.va.us)) and going to "Candidate Information."

Voting will take place at Town Hall from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. You must be registered by April 9th to vote in this election. Please contact the Registrar's office if you have additional questions.