

# OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

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## In Memory - Jeffrey S. Sorenson



The Town of Occoquan extends its profound sympathy to the family and friends of Jeff Sorenson. Jeff and his family have been town residents since 2005. He will be missed.

## 2013 Vehicle Decals to be Displayed by November 15

Section 62-37 of the Town Code requires any vehicle normally garaged, stored, or parked in the Town to display a Town decal. Purchases may be made by mail (enclosing a check for the proper amount), at Town Hall from 9:00 to 3:30, Monday through Friday, or on Saturday, November 3, from 10:00 to noon.

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### TOWN OF OCCOQUAN

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Patricia Thomas, Arts & Crafts Show Director

## MAYOR'S LETTER

With any luck, most of you will be receiving this newsletter just before the Fall Arts and Crafts Show on September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you do, I would like to encourage you once more to make a special effort to patronize the show, and to encourage your relatives and friends to do so as well. As many of you know, the fall and spring shows are our primary source of funding for town capital projects, and a number of staff, town business owners, and volunteers work very hard to make the shows successful.

October will be a busy month in town. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., there will be a public meeting in Town Hall to provide information on the status of, and solicit comment on, the proposed park on the site of the decommissioned water treatment plant at the northwest end of town. At 6:45, there will be a Joint Public Hearing of the Town Council and Planning Commission to solicit comments regarding an Ordinance to amend Sections relating to Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. The hearing will be followed at 7:00 p.m. by the regular Town Council meeting.

A number of organizations have also selected Occoquan as a venue in October. On Saturday, October 13, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, the town will be the site of a cleanup sponsored by Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO). Volunteers for the effort should meet at Town Hall. On the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>, Tauck Tours will once again be including the town on their Civil War Journeys itinerary, while on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission will hold a trail summit in town. Finally, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Leadership Prince William is tentatively scheduled to be in Occoquan for their day-long History & Government session. These visitors are an important part of the Occoquan community, who we hope will return often in the future, so please extend them every courtesy and help make their visit an enjoyable one.

Finally, a number of you have inquired as to whether or not the Occoquan Merchants Association will be sponsoring their Harvest Parade this year. As of this writing, the event has not been scheduled, but I will do my best to keep you informed if and when details emerge.

Thank you as always for your support and please feel free to contact me at [eporta@occoquan.org](mailto:eporta@occoquan.org) with any comments, questions or concerns.

**At the September 2012 meeting, the Council voted to:**

- Approve the bond release for Occoquan Reach
- Authorize the Mayor to sign the Washington Square *Agreement and Release*
- Award the contract for paving a portion of Poplar Alley to Gossom and Costello
- Authorize the Mayor to sign the engagement letter with Robinson, Farmer, Cox, and Associates for the 2012 audit
- Transfer certain accounts from SunTrust to Cardinal Bank.

**GENERAL ELECTION DAY — ALL 50 STATES**

Don't forget to vote in the 2012 elections - November 6 - at Occoquan Elementary School on Occoquan Road. The polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call the Voter Registrar's office at (703) 792-6470.



New Congress Takes Office—January 3, 2013  
 Presidential Inauguration Day—January 20, 2013

**LAST MONTH FOR THE OCCOQUAN FARMERS MARKET**



The Farmer's Market will be coming to a close on October 27. Let's support the vendors! The market is located on Mill Street in the parking lot adjacent to the Route 123 bridge. A current list of vendors may be found at [www.occoquanfarmersmarket.org](http://www.occoquanfarmersmarket.org).

**Haunted Occoquan Tours**

Family Friendly Walking Tours are available Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., and also Saturday at 4 p.m. Meet at the Visitor's Center. Discounts of \$2.00 will be given to people wearing a Halloween costume on Wednesday before and the Wednesday after Halloween! For further information, call 571.572.9410.



**OCTOBER 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00—Public Meeting 6:45 –Joint PH 7:00 Town Council	<b>3</b> 6:00 Strategic Planning Committee	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Columbus Day  Town Hall Closed	<b>9</b> 6:30 PC 7:30 ARB	<b>10</b> 7:00 Occoquan Reach HOA	<b>11</b> 6:30 - OHS	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8 - Noon Farmers' Market 9 - Noon FOTO
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 Strategic Planning Committee	<b>18</b> 7:00 The Hollows HOA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
<b>21</b> 1:00 Hollows II HOA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8 - Noon  Last Day for Farmers' Market
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00 Strategic Planning Committee <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>			