

7th Annual Duck Splash Race

This year the Duck Splash will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 15. Watch thousands of numbered rubber ducks drop from the Route 123 bridge and race along the water. Tickets to "adopt" a duck are \$5, and prizes are awarded for 1st through 10th place, and range from \$500 to \$20. You do not need to be present to win. To purchase tickets online go to the site of the [Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition](#). You may also purchase tickets in Occoquan at the [Polka Dot Divas](#) (405 Mill Street). Come out, do a little shopping, eat some lunch, and enjoy this fun, family-friendly event in Occoquan that supports a great cause!



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MAYOR'S LETTER

June, as always, will be a busy month in Occoquan. Our annual spring Arts and Crafts Show will take place on June 1 & 2. As most of you are aware, the fall and spring arts and craft shows are an important component of our revenue base, serving as the primary funding source for town capital projects. Consequently, please attend if you are able, and encourage family and friends to do so as well.

On Saturday, June 8, we will also dedicate a new historical marker in honor of the late, long-time Occoquan resident Walter Bailey. The dedication ceremony will begin at 5:00 p.m. adjacent to the Mill House Museum. Then, on Saturday, June 15, Occoquan will once again be the site of the annual Duck Splash Race – now in its seventh year -- when thousands of rubber ducks will be dropped from one of the town's bridges and race to the town docks. Prizes range from \$20 to \$500, and all the net proceeds benefit the 501(c)(3) Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition. You can adopt a duck for \$5 between now and June 15 at *The Polka Dot Divas* and online at www.pwtsc.org. Last, I will be providing guided tours of town to two separate bus groups that Discover Prince William & Manassas (the county's convention and visitors bureau) has arranged to bring to town on June 3 and June 8. Please extend a warm welcome to these visitors if you see them during their stop.

June is also the month when the Town Council adopts the budget, capital plan, and tax rates for FY 2014. The hearing on the tax rates will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, at Town Hall. Immediately thereafter that same evening the Town Council will hold a special meeting at which the rates, budget, and capital plan will be formally adopted.

Let me close by reminding everyone that Friday, June 14 is Flag Day. I'd like to encourage everyone in town to fly our nation's flag on that day. Instructions on how to do so properly were developed with our local VFW Post several years ago as part of our Flag Appreciation Campaign and may still be found on the town web site (www.occoquan.org). Thank you as always for your support, and please feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns.

DEDICATION MARKER CEREMONY—Walter D. Bailey

Please join us for the dedication of a historical marker in memory of Walter D. Bailey on June 8, 2013 at 5pm, outside of the Occoquan Mill House Museum.

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At the May 2013 meeting, the Town Council voted to:

- ◆ Approve \$2,000 to the Business Guild for advertising
- ◆ Approve a \$200 donation to the ORMA—Blessing of the Fleet
- ◆ Approve the Mill House Ruins Proposal
- ◆ Approve up to \$35,000 for a new police vehicle



JUNE 2013

THE OCCOQUAN SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW






The Spring Arts and Crafts Show will be on Saturday, June 1, and Sunday, June 2, 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. We hope everyone will come out for this great two-day event.

This year we are excited to inform you that we have 40 new vendors participating in this Spring's Show!

ARB— Did You Know

Storefront businesses in historic towns have opportunities to use different types of marketing to get potential customers to patronize their shops and so many varied opportunities to capitalize on their “quaintness.” While the use of verbal signage is one method, there are many more creative means of capturing visitors’ attention. In addition to signage, try adding flowers and planters, spruce up your exterior with a good spring cleaning, add a pop of historic color to your shop (two businesses have done that recently), and/or place a chair or bench (provided it is not in the right-of-way). The late spring we are experiencing has provided even more time to add some beautiful flowers and plants to your entrance and give our visitors a walking experience they’ll all enjoy.

Brenda Seefeldt
Chair

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 to 6:00 Occoquan Arts & Crafts Show
2 10:00 to 5:00 Occoquan Arts & Crafts Show	3	4 6:45 JPH 7:00 Town Council	5 	6	7	8 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market
9	10	11 6:30- Planning Commission 7:30—ARB	12 	13 OHS Annual Mtg	14 FLAG DAY 	15 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market 12:30 Duck Splash
16 Father's Day 	17	18 6:30 PH 6:35 TC Special Mtg—Tax Rates	19 	20 Summer Begins 	21	22 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market
23/30	24	25	26 	27	28	29 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market