

MANAGER'S CORNER.....

Town real estate taxes are due by February 14, 2014. If you or your lender need the exact amount owed on your real estate, please call the Town Clerk Peggy Blackwell at 703-791-1918 x 1, Monday through Friday, 09:30 am – 03:30 PM.

We are in the middle of one of the coldest winters in this area for several years. It is important to remember to listen to weather broadcasts and heed any broadcast warnings. If you have not already done so, you may wish to have your heating system serviced by a qualified technician to ensure it is operating properly, especially if you use gas or oil for heating. A malfunctioning gas or oil heating system could cause unsafe levels of carbon monoxide. Should you suspect unsafe levels of carbon monoxide you should immediately evacuate your home, THEN call 911, and seek shelter at a neighbor's house until you can safely return to your home. The fire department will be able to advise you of the carbon monoxide level very quickly.

Have a safe winter, and remember to periodically check on your elder or disabled neighbors to ensure they are not in need of assistance.

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MAYOR'S LETTER

We have a couple of great events taking place in town this month, both on Saturday, February 8. First, is the annual *Frigid February 5K Run/Walk*, scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Net proceeds will go to the Optimist Club of Occoquan-Woodbridge-Neabsco and used to support its programs to assist children in the area. While there will be modest, temporary street closures associated with the run/walk, streets will be open again after 9:30, and emergency entry and exit will be maintained at all times. If you are interested in participating in the run/walk, please go to <https://sites.google.com/site/occoquanoptimists/>. The second event is the *Chocolate Walk*. From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. over 40 shops will participate in providing chocolate goodies. You can register to win a necklace of freshwater dyed chocolate cultured pearls valued at \$250 -- no purchase is necessary.

Also this month the town will be hosting its third and fourth community input sessions on the town's draft strategic plan. One session will be held on Wednesday, February 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bottle Stop. Another session will be held on Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Madigan's Waterfront Restaurant. Refreshments will be provided at both sessions. Additionally, we are looking to schedule another session in February on a Saturday morning. These community meetings are being scheduled on various days and times in the hopes that residents and business owners will find at least one that is convenient to attend. The January sessions were well attended and provided a good deal of constructive feedback from the community.

Last, as many of you are aware from my e-newsletters and press accounts, I recently announced that I will not be seeking another term as Mayor this spring. After conducting a realistic assessment of other commitments and obligations, as well as of personal and professional goals, I concluded that I simply would not be able to devote for another full two-year term the time, effort, and focus that I think the people of Occoquan deserve. Dr. James Walbert has also announced that he will not be seeking another term this spring. I am certain I speak for him as well when I say that it has been an honor to serve you these past years, that we have appreciated your support, and that we will continue to do the best we can to serve you during the remaining five months of our terms.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and please do not hesitate to contact me at epor-ta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns.

At the January 2014 Meeting, the Town Council voted to:



- Approve up to \$1,500 for Dock Improvements.
- Approve the Prince William County Service Authority Lift Station Site Plan.

Occoquan Historical Society Town Gala—April 6, 2014



Start your planning now for the Occoquan Historical Society Town Gala to be held Sunday April 6. If you are new to the town or have not received an invitation in the past and would like to have one now, please send your name and address to Kim Deal at kideal@comcast.net. We are in the height of Gala planning and don't want anyone to miss out on the fun!

BPOL—BUSINESS LICENSE

The Occoquan Town Treasurer is charged with assessing fees for the Business, Professional and Occupational Licenses (BPOL or business licenses) for those businesses operating in the Town of Occoquan. Consistent with last year, in February of 2014, a random sampling of businesses will be chosen for audit of their 2013 business license applications. Business owners should be aware that, if contacted, they will be required to produce certain financial documentation necessary for the confirmation of gross receipts in accordance with Section 14-44 of the Town Code. If you have any questions, please contact Abi Breeding, Town Treasurer at (703) 491-1918 ext. 4.



FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Ground Hog Day 	3	4 7:00 Town Council Meeting	5 5:30 Strategic Plan Public Mtg. Bottle Stop 	6	7	8 8:30am Frigid 5K 11:00-4:00 Chocolate Walk
9	10 6:30 - ORC	11 6:30 - PC 7:30 - ARB	12 	13 6:30 - OHS 7:30 Strategic Plan Public Mtg. Madigans	14 Valentine's Day LOVE!!!!	15
16	17 President's Day — Town Hall Closed 	18	19 7:00 - VISTAS 	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 	27	28	