

# OCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

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The Town of Occoquan would like to express their deepest sympathies to the family of Edwin Clarke, Jr., who passed away on May 27, 2011. Ed moved to Occoquan in 1976, and served many years on the Planning Commission.

## MAYOR'S LETTER

We have a great many people to thank this month. First, I want to start with all those who helped make the spring Arts and Crafts Show a success. In particular, I want to thank Council Craft Show liaison, Ken Brunsvold, Town maintenance director Bucky Brill, and our host of cooperative volunteers for all their hard work. I would also like to single out for special praise our new Craft Show Director, Pat Thomas, who did a wonderful job while only being on staff for a couple of months. Great job, Pat! And thank you to all of you who found time to patronize the show. There were, of course, other events in town in June—I thus also want to extend my appreciation to everyone who helped out or participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Duck Splash Race on June 18 and the River Festival on June 25.

Thank you, as well, to all of you who came out to the Town Hall meeting on the Oaks III project, or otherwise made your views known in support of the town's position. As many of you are probably now aware, on June 28 the County informed us that the hearing on the Oaks III rezoning has been deferred from July 19 to October 4. This provides some time for us to try to convince the property owner and developer to consider alternatives that will not adversely affect the town. A special thanks on this matter to town resident James Phelps, who not only organized the Town of Occoquan Preservation Society to help address this matter, but who also worked very hard behind the scenes to influence events. We were fortunate as well to have the strong support of our Occoquan District Supervisor, Mike May, and the deferral likely would not have happened absent the intervention of BOCS Chair Corey Stewart.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that on June 28 the Town Council adopted the tax rates, budget, and capital plan for fiscal year 2012. There are no tax rate increases.

Everyone enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, and if you are traveling, please do so safely. As always, thank you for your continued support, and please feel free to contact me at [eporta@occoquan.org](mailto:eporta@occoquan.org) with any comments, questions or concerns.

*Earnest W. Porta, Jr.*

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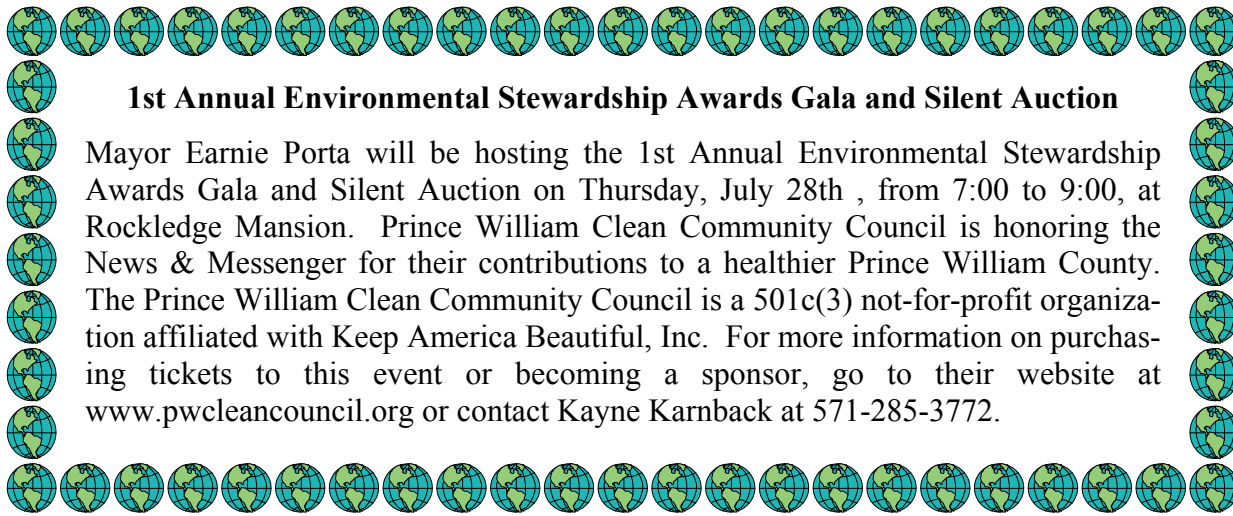
**At the June 2011 meetings, the Council voted to:**

- ◆ release the bonds for the Occoquan Walk project, contingent upon verification that the tri-party sidewalk agreement has been executed and recorded
- ◆ reduce the bonds for the Berrywood project
- ◆ reduce the bonds for the Rivertown Overlook project
- ◆ reduce the bonds for the Gaslight Landing project
- ◆ adopt the ordinance relating to landscaping plans
- ◆ adopt the ordinance relating to development on steep slopes
- ◆ allow the removal of four pine trees at Dawson's Greene
- ◆ provide \$233 to the OMA to off-set costs for Riverfest events
- ◆ send a letter to the owner of 1870 Old Bridge Road, indemnifying him of any liability associated with the town's signs located on his property
- ◆ approve the contract with Hedge Hog for removal of miscellaneous vegetation

# JULY 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
3	4  Independence Day Town Hall Closed	5 6:30 Planning Commission <b>Cancelled</b> 7:30 ARB <b>Rescheduled to July 19</b>	6 	7	8	9 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
10	11	12 7:00 Town Council	13 	14 5:00 OHS	15	16 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
17	18	19 7:30 ARB	20 	21 7:00 The Hollows HOA	22	23 8 - Noon Farmers' Market
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**1st Annual Environmental Stewardship Awards Gala and Silent Auction**

Mayor Earnie Porta will be hosting the 1st Annual Environmental Stewardship Awards Gala and Silent Auction on Thursday, July 28th, from 7:00 to 9:00, at Rockledge Mansion. Prince William Clean Community Council is honoring the News & Messenger for their contributions to a healthier Prince William County. The Prince William Clean Community Council is a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, Inc. For more information on purchasing tickets to this event or becoming a sponsor, go to their website at [www.pwcleancouncil.org](http://www.pwcleancouncil.org) or contact Kayne Karnback at 571-285-3772.

**The Occoquan Farmers' Market**



The Farmers' Market is in full swing! Now that summer is here, don't forget to stop by on Saturday mornings between 8:00 and 12:00 and choose from an assortment of fresh fruits, vegetable, and home-cooked treats. The market is located on Mill Street in the parking lot adjacent to the Route 123 bridge.