



MESSAGES FROM
THE OCCOQUAN MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

The Occoquan Farmers' Market this year runs from April 24th through October 29th and is located in the Mill Street parking lot adjacent to the Route 123 bridge. Market hours are Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., except on June 4th and September 24th because the Occoquan Arts and Crafts shows are scheduled those weekends. For more information, e-mail www.occoquanfarmersmarket.org.

Also, the OMA has created a key tag to supplement the Occoquan Buck program. The key tag is available at participating shops and is good for \$1 off any purchase of \$10 or more. For a list of participating merchants, go to occoquanmerchantsassociation.com or just look for the Occoquan Buck decal on the door of participating merchants.

OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF OCCOQUAN

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MAYOR'S LETTER

As the weather warms, we will once again be working to get the town ready for spring. Soon, the street sweeper will be making regular passes through the historic district on Friday and Monday mornings. Consequently, I encourage everyone in the historic district to consider helping the town look its best by picking up trash in front of their properties and sweeping their sidewalks Thursday and Sunday evenings. With the snow melting, I have also received a number of complaints about people's failure to curb their dogs. If you forget to bring your own disposal bags with you when walking your dog, we have several bag stations in the historic district for your use—please be courteous to your neighbors, merchants, and visitors by curbing your dogs.

Several meetings of interest to residents and merchants are scheduled, or are likely to be scheduled, for March or early April. At its regular meeting on March 1, for example, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) will be considering proposals that would incorporate additional flexibility into the historic district's sign regulations. If you feel strongly about this issue, please plan to attend, or if you are unable to do so, submit your comments in writing to Town Hall. Also likely to be scheduled are some open town hall meetings concerning a variety of other issues. One will address traffic flows through the town's alleys—a number of residents along Center Lane and Poplar Alley between Washington and Union Streets have proposed closing the alleys to through traffic. Another meeting will discuss ways in which the town might better prepare for new regulations regarding stormwater runoff. Potential proposals include increased use of native plants as stream and river buffers, and the use of suitably-designed rain barrels in the historic district. Finally, a third meeting will seek public input on a proposed boardwalk extension. Please regularly check the bulletin boards at Town Hall, Mamie Davis Park, and the post office, for the date and time of these meetings.

As always, thank you for your support, and please feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns.

Earnest W. Porta, Jr.

At the February 2010 meeting, the Council voted to:

- ♦ approve the SUP request for 107 Poplar Lane



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 15th.

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.

A note from the Postmaster of Occoquan

The Occoquan post office employees' parking spaces are located behind the post office building and designated for postal employee use only, and the loading dock driveway area is for postal trucks to deliver the incoming mail and dispatch the outgoing mail. When a vehicle is parked in the range of the loading dock area, it causes a significant delay in postal operations, which, in turn, affects residents' mail being sent out and received for processing. The Occoquan Post Office staff tries very hard to provide the best service for our customers and residents, and your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Judy S. Chang, Postmaster

Please remember that Occoquan Town Ordinance Section 6-2 requires all dog owners to immediately pick up after their dogs when walking on a public right-of-way or on any property other than the dog owner's property. Section 6-4 states that any person violating this provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. Please be responsible and help keep our town clean.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 - Planning Commission 7:30 - ARB	2 	3	4	5
6	7	8 7:00 Town Council	9 	10 5:00 - OHS	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Time begins	14	15	16 	17 	18	19
20 	21	22	23 	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 	31 7:00 Hollows HOA		