

6th Annual Duck Splash Race

Saturday, June 16, at 12:30 p.m. will be the 6th Annual Duck Splash Race. Watch all the rubber ducks drop from a bridge and race along the Occoquan River! Tickets to "Adopt" a duck cost \$5.00 and you have a chance to win one of ten cash prizes ranging from 20.00 to \$500.00. Net proceeds benefit the 501 (c)(3) *Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition*. Please visit their web site to purchase tickets and find out more about this dedicated non-profit organization.



Job Announcement - Town Clerk

The Clerk is the primary administrative officer for the Town of Occoquan, reporting jointly to the Town Manager and the Town Council. Duties will include attending all Town Council meetings (generally held once a month) and preparing the minutes of those meetings; publishing the by-laws, ordinances, and resolutions that may be adopted; issuing businesses licenses; and processing tax tickets. Among the other duties currently assigned by the Town Council is the requirement for the clerk to provide administrative support services to the Town Manager. This position is a part-time position that requires staffing the Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Starting salary for the position is \$30,000. Applicant should have a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, and Outlook. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to: Earnie Porta, Mayor, Town of Occoquan, P.O. Box 195, Occoquan, VA 22125.

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Patricia Thomas, Arts and Crafts Show Director

MAYOR'S LETTER

Please remember that Tuesday, May 1, is Election Day in Occoquan for Mayor and Town Council positions. Voting takes place at Town Hall (314 Mill Street) from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. I hope everyone who is able will take a few moments to come by Town Hall and cast their vote.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) river cleanup last month, as well as those of you who were able to attend the first day of our Farmers' Market. The latter is held every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon (with the exception of Craft Show weekends) in the small parking lot near the Route 123 bridge.

Again this year the *Ken Burns American Journeys* Civil War Tour will be coming to town on May 21 & 22. This is a major tour event, which various groups in Prince William County, and in particular the Convention and Visitors Bureau, worked to bring to Occoquan. This year the tour operators opted to provide time for the group to shop and stroll through Occoquan, so please extend a special welcome to these visitors. As some of you have noted, we have been working hard to make the town look its best for the spring. In addition to running the street sweeper twice a week, we have hired a new landscaping contractor, replaced the benches in Mamie Davis Park, and installed new picnic tables on the town docks and in front of Town Hall. Please help us make the town look its best by disposing of trash and cigarette butts properly.

Finally, mark your calendars for a variety of events in June, including the Spring Arts and Crafts Show on June 2 & 3, the 5K run/walk on June 10, and the annual Duck Splash race on June 16. Information on each of these is available on the town web site (www.occoquan.org). Once again, thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns.

At the April 2012 meeting, the Town Council voted to:

- ◆ approve the site plan for 115 Poplar Lane
- ◆ approve the site plan for 404 McKenzie Drive
- ◆ approve funds for repairs for the Tourist Information Center
- ◆ authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the attorney representing the Occoquan Reach homeowners' association, requesting additional information
- ◆ approve the Adopt-A-Spot Program
- ◆ purchase four picnic tables
- ◆ award the landscaping bid to E. R. Stone
- ◆ submit the names of Kevin Whaley, Bobbie Frank, and J.P. Cunha for appointment



MAY 2012

THE OCCOQUAN SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

STREET CLOSINGS

The Spring Arts and Craft Show will be on Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3, 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.

CRAFT SHOW PARKING

Parking permits will be issued to merchants and residents living and/or working in the historic district for parking under the Route 123 bridge from 10:00 p.m., Friday, June 1, until 6:30 p.m., Sunday, June 3. Because of the limited parking spaces, only one permit per business or family - first come, first served - will be issued. Permits will be available at Town Hall beginning Tuesday, May 29.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pat Thomas, our craft show director, is asking for volunteers to ensure that the spring show runs smoothly. You can reach Pat by calling 703-491-2168 or you may sign up at Town Hall. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!



The town election will be held in Town Hall from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. You must have registered by April 9th to vote in this election. Please contact the Registrar's office at 703-792-6470 if you have additional questions, or visit their website at www.sbe.state.va.us.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Election Day Vote at Town Hall from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm	2 6:30 Public Hearing 7:00 Town Council	3	4	5 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
6	7	8 6:30 Planning Commission 7:30 ARB	9	10 6:30 - OHS	11	12 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market
15	16	17	18	19 7:00 - Hollows	20	19 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 8:00 - Noon Farmer's Market
27	28 Memorial Day Town Hall Closed	29	30	31		