



### With our Deepest Sympathy

The Town is saddened to hear of the passing of one of our long-time residents, Herman Eugene Cave, who passed away on March 18, after a brief illness. He will be missed.

### Yard Sale at the VFW

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, April 13, starting at 8 a.m. If you would like to donate items, please drop them off at the VFW the week of April 1. Proceeds from the sale will go to various military support groups.



## OCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

### TOWN OF OCOQUAN

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## MAYOR'S LETTER

There are a great many interesting activities coming up in Occoquan this month. As a number of you know, April is a common spring cleaning month in town – both indoors and out. This year, a number of area outdoor cleanups have been moved to different days than in the past. On April 13, there will be a large Occoquan River cleanup west of the Occoquan High Dam. For more information on that cleanup, please go to [www.pwtsc.org](http://www.pwtsc.org). Then, on April 27, the annual Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) river cleanup will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and the town will once again be a host site, with participants meeting at Town Hall.

As some of you are aware, after approximately 18 months of work, the Occoquan Strategic Planning Committee has completed its initial report and has been holding a series of joint work sessions with the Occoquan Town Council to refine the report and prepare for implementation of its recommendations. A formal comprehensive Strategic Plan announcement is being scheduled for later in the year. In the meantime, however, we are moving forward with a variety of community initiatives associated with the objectives of the plan. One of these, an Arbor Day-associated event, will take place on Sunday, April 28. On that day the town will be sponsoring a native tree expert, who will be available for free 45 minute consultations with residents interested in learning about native trees that would be suitable for their property. These consultations will be by appointment only on a first-come, first-served basis (neighbors are encouraged to schedule a joint appointment). More details will be available on the town web site ([www.occoquan.org](http://www.occoquan.org)) later this month. In the meantime, you may email me if you wish to schedule a consultation.

Our annual gala benefitting the Occoquan Historical Society will take place this month on April 21. For tickets and additional information, go to [www.occoquanhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.occoquanhistoricalsociety.org). Later this month tickets for the annual Duck Splash Race, to be held on June 15, will also go on sale at various locations in town. Last, a number of you have inquired about this year's Farmers' Market. As of this writing, plans are still being completed – a busy month!

Finally, I am pleased to announce that at a recent meeting the Town Council selected Liz Quist as Vice-Mayor. 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.*

**At the March 2013 meeting, the Town Council voted to:**

- ♦ appoint Barry Dean as an Interim Member of the Town Council until the Special Election in November 2013
- ♦ appoint Elizabeth Quist as Vice-Mayor
- ♦ approve the Town as a Host Sponsor for the Occoquan Historical Society's April 21 "Mad Hatter's Gala"

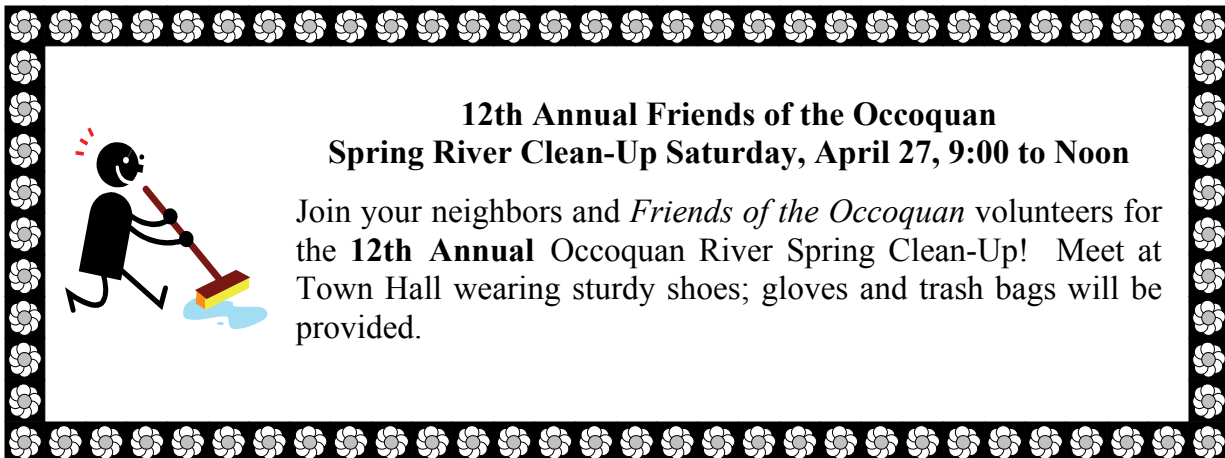


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### Architectural Review Board — Has Your Sign Moved?

All merchant signs were approved by the ARB specifically for a particular location and method of installation. If your sign has moved or you are planning to move it, or the method of installation has changed or might be changed, please inform the ARB by completing an application which you may obtain at Town Hall. This allows the ARB to maintain current and accurate records, and to ensure the safety of the pedestrians of our Town.



### 12th Annual Friends of the Occoquan Spring River Clean-Up Saturday, April 27, 9:00 to Noon



Join your neighbors and *Friends of the Occoquan* volunteers for the **12th Annual Occoquan River Spring Clean-Up!** Meet at Town Hall wearing sturdy shoes; gloves and trash bags will be provided.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 April Fool's Day!	2 7:00 Town Council	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 6:30 - Planning Commission 7:30 - ARB	10	11	12	13 8:00 a.m. VFW Yard Sale
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 6:30—ORC	23	24	25	26	27 9:00 - Noon FOTO River Clean-Up
28	29	30				