



### Emma Lorraine Musselman—1930-2013

The Town of Occoquan would like to express their deepest sympathies to the family of Emma Lorraine Musselman, who peacefully passed away January 3, 2013. Lorraine was best known as the last matriarch of the Town of Occoquan. You could usually find her on her bench talking with friends who came by. She was a graduate of Occoquan High School, and served on the Occoquan Town Council. After working 40 years with the G.C. Murphy Company, Lorraine moved on to work in the Occoquan post office and, afterwards, became a volunteer at the Mill House Museum. We will miss her so much!

**Charles E. Pugh**

The Town of Occoquan would like to also express their deepest sympathies to the family of Chuck Pugh who passed away on January 30, 2012. He served as Mayor of Occoquan from 1977—1980 and again 1986—1990. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, retired from Giant Food, and was the former owner and operator of Sportsman One Stop at Lake Anna.

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## MAYOR'S LETTER

I want to start off this month by highlighting a couple of events that will be taking place in town in February. The first is a *Chocolate Walk*, on February 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the Business Guild of Occoquan; keep an eye out for additional details. A second event is the Occoquan *Frigid February 5K Run/Walk*, scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 23. 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 [www.neabscoactionalliance.org](http://www.neabscoactionalliance.org) or to the events page of the town web site at [www.occoquan.org](http://www.occoquan.org).

Hopefully many of have already seen the newspaper reports and/or my e-newsletter concerning the future park in Occoquan. At its meeting on January 9, the Occoquan Town Council voted unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Town, Fairfax Water, and Prince William County, for the construction and operation of a park on the site of the decommissioned Fairfax Water treatment plant at the northwestern end of town. A result of months of negotiation between the parties, the agreement establishes the basic responsibilities for oversight of the approximately 1.11 acres of land. Under the terms of the MOA, Fairfax Water will remove the tanks and buildings and lease the property for no less than 30 years. Prince William County will contribute funds to the construction of the new park. The Town of Occoquan will be responsible for the park's operation and maintenance. This is but a first step, and a great deal, including lease details and project design, remains to be done. Fairfax Water, however, expects to begin site demolition in the fall of 2013, and thereafter our new, long-awaited park will begin to take shape.

Thank you once more for your continued support, and please do not hesitate to contact me at [eporta@occoquan.org](mailto:eporta@occoquan.org) with any comments, questions or concerns.

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

- Approve the 124 Poplar Alley project;
- Approve the Ordinance Amendment Regarding Non-conforming Structures;
- Approve the Ordinance Amendment Regarding Chesapeake Bay Act Compliance;
- Approve the Arbor Day Event;
- Approve the Park MOA between Town of Occoquan, Fairfax Water and Prince William County;
- Approve the Town Manager as the authorized signer of a credit card issued by Cardinal Bank;
- Approve an Ordinance Amendment Regarding Parking Design Standards; and
- Approve the authorization of VDOT to pursue the Washington Street Pedestrian Enhancement Project.



# FEBRUARY 2013

### The Tree of Hope









During the holiday season, the tree in front of Town Hall becomes the "Tree of Hope" for the families at the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center. This year we raised over \$350 which will assist families with costs necessary for getting a new start such as rent, utility deposits, etc.

I want to thank everyone who purchased an ornament. Your support and generosity has given a gift that will make a difference in someone's life. Monetary donations are needed more than ever to continue their services. Besides monetary donations, they could use paper products (cups, plates, forks, spoons, bowls and napkins), anti-bacterial sprays and wipes, all types of over-the-counter medications, and diapers, pull-ups and wipes. Call the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center with any questions at 703.680.5403. Their address to drop off donated items is 14945 Jeff Davis Highway, Woodbridge, VA 22191. Thanks so much!

Denise Bush, Off the Beading Path

### 2012 Real Estate Taxes

Town real estate taxes for 2012 are due by close of business on February 15th. If you have any questions concerning your taxes, please call Town Hall at (703) 491-1918, Ext. 1. Office hours are 9:00 to 3:30, Monday through Friday. Any messages left after hours will be returned the next business day.

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