

Town Council Actions: November 2024

- Adopted a Resolution of Support for Visit Occoquan MMS Participation.
- Adopted a Resolution of Appreciation for Bucky Brill.
- Adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Receive Gifts on Behalf of the Town.
- Appointed New Members to the Architectural Review Board.

The above items are extracts of recent actions and are not official meeting minutes. Minutes and agendas are posted at occoquanva.gov.

2024 Real Estate Tax Bills Due December 5, 2024

Reminder that the Real Estate Tax due date is **December 5th** for the 2024 year. Real Estate tax bills have been mailed to each property owner unless a mortgage services company has requested the tax bill. If you do not utilize a mortgage services company, then you must pay your tax directly to the Town. **If you did not receive or need a copy of the bill**, please contact us to update your mailing address. Send payments to Town of Occoquan at P.O. Box 195, Occoquan, VA 22125 or pay online. For more information go to occoquanva.gov/living-here/tax-information or contact us at (703) 491-1918.

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TOWN COUNCIL

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Nancy Freeborne Brinton
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Mayor's Letter

I would like to begin this month by thanking the many, many people involved in making our tree lighting and holiday kick-off event on November 23 such a success. Staff did a fantastic job in preparing things, Councilmember Perkins and fellow residents organized and ran the popular firelight night, Visit Occoquan promoted and arranged business participation, and participants came from near and far to enjoy this festive annual Occoquan tradition. It was truly a team effort and I am grateful to all of you.

Holiday-themed events of course continue at a frenetic pace this month. Some town businesses will be open late on December 6, 13, and 20, and I hope you will consider patronizing them for your holiday shopping needs. The related Shop, Dine & Win! Contest will continue through December 15. On December 7, Santa will arrive by boat at the town docks at 10:30 a.m. and will lead a Sing-A-Long in River Mill Park for children of all ages. Our popular firelight nights will continue during the dark months of winter, with the next one occurring on December 13. We also have our Letters to Santa program running through December 15 and our Un-Trim-A-Tree project ending soon on December 2. There is more information on all of these elsewhere in this newsletter and on the town web site (www.occoquanva.gov).

Among the recent bittersweet happenings, we bid a fond farewell to our long-time Maintenance Supervisor, Bucky Brill, who retired after 21 years of service to the town. All of us who have known Bucky for an extended period of time and appreciate how he has been a consistent, steady presence as Occoquan has gone through numerous changes over the past two decades. While we wish him well in retirement, we hope to see him often in the future.

As I did last year, I would like to ask everyone to please check their mail regularly during the holiday season as the staff in the Post Office get inundated with packages when people travel. Checking your mail regularly really helps speed things up for everyone. As always, thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me at eporata@occoquanva.gov with any comments, questions, or concerns. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year to everyone!

TOWN HALL STAFF

Adam Linn, Town Manager & Chief of Police
Matt Whitmoyer, Deputy Town Manager
Philip Auville, Town Clerk
Asma Rupani, Town Treasurer
Manuel Casillas, Assistant Town Treasurer
Julie Little, Events Director
Tammy Hassett, Events Coordinator
Jason Forman, Deputy Chief of Police

Holiday Shop Late Nights

Friday's in December

(Dec. 6, 13, & 20)

Need a little extra time to get all that #shopsmall holiday shopping done? Select businesses will be open late this season, to give you more time to get the good stuff.

For a list of businesses that will be open until 8:00 pm or later visit visitoccoquanva.com/shoplate.



Un-Trim-A-Tree

The Town and Visit Occoquan are partnering with Volunteer Prince William where members of the public can sponsor a child for the holidays. There will be two trees to chose tags from, one at Town Hall (314 Mill Street) and the second at Tiny Supply Co. (125 Mill Street, Suite 11). Collect tags, go shopping, and bring back the unwrapped, new gifts to Town Hall or Tiny Supply Co. for drop off, along with the tag by December 2nd.

Firelight Night

Friday, December 13 from 6 - 9 pm

Mill House Museum - 413 Mill Street

Bundle up, grab some friends, and hang under the stars in historic Occoquan! Join us at the Mill Street cul-de-sac in front of the Mill House Museum. In addition to fire pits, we will have beer, wine, and cocktails, hot drinks, s'mores kits, and snacks available for purchase.

Admission is **FREE!** Bench seating will be available, but we encourage you to bring camp chairs if you prefer.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

December 3

Town Council Meeting

7:00 pm

December 5

Real Estate Taxes Due

December 7

Sing-A-Long with Santa

December 10

Planning Commission

6:30 pm

Architectural Review Board

7:30 pm

December 13

Firelight Night

December 20

Meals and Transient Occupancy Taxes Due

December 24 & 25

Christmas Holiday

Town Hall Closed

Meetings held at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, unless otherwise noted.

Shop, Dine, & Win! Contest

Shop and dine at your favorite Occoquan businesses for a chance to win \$100 in Occoquan business gift cards! Over \$1,500 in gift cards to specific Occoquan businesses will be awarded.

How to Play:

- Spend \$10 or more at six (6) different participating businesses.
- Receive a stamp from the business on the official form (pick one up at a participating business).
- Return form to the red mailbox at Town Hall (314 Mill Street) by Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 pm.
- You can enter more than once!

Winners will be drawn Wednesday, December 18 at facebook.com/visitoccoquan.

Sing-A-Long with Santa



Join us **Saturday, December 7 at 11 am**, for a festive sing-a-long with Santa's favorite kids (that's you!). First, Santa arrives by boat at 10:30 am where visitors can wave him in from the town dock. From there, he and his friends will parade down Mill Street to River Mill Park for singing and merriment.

This event is free, no tickets required.

Letters to Santa

Write a letter to Santa and drop it off in our special North Pole mailboxes at Town Hall (314 Mill Street) or Tiny Supply Co. (125 Mill Street). If you include a return address, Santa will send a personalized letter back!

Letters can be dropped off until December 15.

