

Town Council Actions: March 2025

- Held Budget Work Sessions on the Events Fund, General Fund, and Capital Improvement Program for FY2026.
- Set a Joint Public Hearing on ZTA on Certain Short-term Recurring Zoning Offenses.
- Adopted an Ordinance authorizing the Town Manager to Issue Bonuses within the FY2025 Budget Appropriations.
- Adopted Ordinances to Amend Title III of the Town Code.

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

Military Tribute Banners



Beginning in March 2025, residents, businesses, friends, and visitors to Occoquan can once again sign up to sponsor a banner honoring a U.S. military veteran. This successful and popular program is a partnership between the Town and VFW Post 7916. If you are a new sponsor interested in honoring your family member, ancestor, or friend for their military service, or a former sponsor wishing to renew for 2025, visit militarytributebanners.org and select Virginia/Occoquan under the Banner Programs menu; or, stop by Town Hall or VFW Post 7916 for more information.

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Mayor's Letter

With the advent of spring in Occoquan the pace of events for residents and visitors begins to pick up steam. As they have been doing for many years, the Friends of the Occoquan holds their annual spring clean up this Saturday, April 5, and the town of Occoquan is again one of the sites. Come to Town Hall sometime after 9:00 a.m. to pick up your gloves and bags and helps us clean up the riverbank and nearby areas. There will be refreshments, but make sure to wear appropriate attire. To help with planning please sign up at www.friendsoftheoccoquan.org.

In April we also hold our popular Peeps Show in town from April 15 - April 19, when Occoquan businesses produce creative Peeps dioramas. Visit the shops and vote for your favorites. Be sure to also check out the community-made dioramas on display in Town Hall and cast votes there as well. Vote forms for both the business and community contests will be available at participating businesses and Town Hall. Also, please do not forget to check out elsewhere in this newsletter information about our popular Military Tribute Banners program organized in collaboration with our own VFW Post 7916. This is a convenient and respectful way to honor relatives and friends who have served in our armed forces.

In March the Town Council completed the initial review of staff information on the proposed town budget for fiscal year 2026, which begins on July 1. A recap will take place at the Town Council meeting on April 15, and will be followed by additional opportunities for public review and comment on both the budget and tax rates at public hearings scheduled for May. You can get more information by going to the town web site (www.occoquanva.gov) or contacting town hall.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our community and please do not hesitate to contact me at eporta@occoquanva.gov for any comments, questions, or concerns.

Earnest W. Porta, Jr.



The Occoquan Peeps Show

Get ready for the Occoquan Peep Show from April 15 - 19 in historic Occoquan! Stroll through town and vote for your favorite PEEPs dioramas, made and displayed at Occoquan businesses! Plus check out the community-made dioramas in Occoquan Town Hall. Cast your vote and enter to win. Forms will be available at participating businesses and Town Hall. To sign up visit: visitoccoquan.com/peeps



Occoquan Volunteer Fair

Saturday, May 3rd from 10am to 12pm
Occoquan Town Hall (314 Mill Street)

Engage with your community by volunteering in Occoquan! Join us for a volunteer fair at Occoquan Town Hall to discover opportunities for volunteers of all ages and abilities. Connect with representatives from Town Hall, Visit Occoquan, and other nonprofit groups to learn how you can support in areas such as events, environmental cleanup, landscaping, historic sites, board positions, and more!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 1
Town Council Meeting
Cancelled

April 5
Friends of the Occoquan River Clean Up

April 15
Town Council Meeting
7:00 pm

April 15 - 19
Occoquan PEEPs Show

April 20
Meals and Transient Occupancy Taxes Due

April 22
Planning Commission
6:30 pm
Architectural Review Board
7:30 pm

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

FY2026 Budget Calendar

Budget Work Session: April 15
Public Hearings: May 6 (Budget) and May 20 (Tax Rates)
Budget and Tax Rate Adoption: May 20

The FY 2026 Budget is effective from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The budget guides the Town's daily activities, as well as larger capital improvement projects over the next year. The public is encouraged to attend work sessions, as well as provide feedback and comments during the public hearings. All meetings are held at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, beginning at 7 p.m. Budget work sessions presentations, and once finalized, the proposed budget, are available online at www.occoquanva.gov.

Be a River Hero: Friends of the Occoquan River Clean Up Saturday, April 5th, 9 am to 12 pm - Volunteers Needed!

Join us in April for the Occoquan River Clean Up, hosted by Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO). Meet in front of Town Hall on Saturday, April 5th starting at 9 am and collect your gloves and bags and come help us tidy the riverbank and town to prevent trash from collecting in the river. Refreshments will be in a grab-and-go style, which will include packaged snacks and bottled drinks. Make sure to wear sturdy shoes and proper attire for getting muddy. Don't forget to bring a friend!

This event will take place (light) rain or shine! To sign up and get more information, visit friendsoftheoccoquan.org.

Parking in Town

There has been an increase in vehicles receiving violations in Town related to timed parking, expired inspections/registrations, and failing to display town decals for vehicles regularly garaged and/or parked in Town.

Please make sure you are up to date on your vehicle's inspection, registration, and town decal.

To learn more about the timed parking please visit: occoquanva.gov/timed-parking-3, and to learn more about the town decal please visit: occoquanva.gov/living-here/tax-information