

Town Council Actions: September 2025

- Appointed Don Wood to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- Appointed Samantha Sparks & Margaret Pepin to the Planning Commission.
- Adopted a Resolution to Set the Calendar Year 2026 Schedule of Regular Town Council Meetings
- Adopted an Ordinance Creating Parking Districts
- Adopted a Resolution of Appreciation for Matthew Whitmoyer
- Adopted an Ordinance Amending VESMP

Ribbon Cutting for the Mill House Museum & Visitor Center

Head on down to the Mill Street on **Friday, October 3rd at 9am** to help the Occoquan Historical Society celebrate the rebranding of the **Mill Street Museum and Visitor Center!** Members of Town Council and Town Staff will be there to celebrate this joyous occasion. If you can't make it for the ribbon cutting, remember that the museum and visitor center are open from 11am-4pm everyday except Wednesday,



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Mayor's Letter

Thank you to everyone who participated in some way to make our annual fall Arts & Crafts Show a success. A special thank you, of course, to Tammy Hassett, Adam Linn, all our town staff, and the many volunteers who generously donated their time. I received numerous compliments from vendors about how well the show was run and how much they enjoyed attending. This is attributable to the efforts of all of you.

October is a very busy month in Occoquan for events. We have a couple of ribbon-cuttings, including for the Mill House Museum & (now) Visitor Center on October 3, and for Thai Ghang Wong on October 19. October 10 is the last Trivia Night in River Mill Park of the season and the theme will be "Trivia Bingo." We will kick off our Halloween events on Friday, October 24, with our popular Murder Mystery event in River Mill Park, featuring the 80s theme, "Murder on Prom Night." The next day at 10:00 a.m. we will host our annual Halloween Costume Parade and Contest, followed that evening by the movie, *Hocus Pocus*, in River Mill Park at 7:00. There are, as you can, see, many enjoyable activities coming up in town this month to go with all that our shops, restaurants, and other businesses have to offer.

Some residents have also generously donated their time to serve on town boards and I want to take a moment to thank them directly. Don Wood is joining the Board of Zoning Appeals and both Samantha Sparks and Margaret Pepin have been appointed to the Planning Commission. Thank you to the three of you for giving your time in service to our community. Last, I also want to take a moment to ask all of you to join me in thanking Matt Whitmoyer for his service to the town and wishing him the best. Matt is moving to Pennsylvania and the fall Arts & Crafts Show was his last weekend with us. At the same time, we welcome a new staff member, Megan Lubash, and are grateful she has chosen to join us.

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

2026 Vehicle License Renewal

This is a reminder that the Vehicle License Fee Renewals will be due by **November 15th** and the Auto Decals displayed by **November 16th**. More information will be sent out via mail. You may drop forms off and pay at Town Hall or submit completed forms and payments online at occoquanva.gov/make-a-payment.

2025 Real Estate Tax Bills Due December 5, 2025

This is a reminder that the Real Estate Tax due date is **December 5th** for the 2025 year. Real Estate tax bills will be 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

Stay Connected

For real-time communications about emergencies and Town activities, like severe weather, road closures, and parking restrictions, subscribe to AlertOccoquan at occoquanva.gov/government/public-safety/alertoccoquan.

To receive non-emergency and non-real-time email communications and newsletters from the Town about a range of services, programs, and events, subscribe to the resident email list at occoquanva.gov/government/town-

Important Occoquan Survey

Main Street America and the town's tourism non-profit, Visit Occoquan, are gathering community and resident input via an online survey. It should take about ten minutes to complete. The results of this survey will inform planning for future development and improvements in the business district of the Town of Occoquan. The deadline to submit the survey is Oct. 10, 2025. We appreciate your input!



MEETINGS & EVENTS

October 7
Town Council Meeting
7:00 pm

October 10
Trivia Night
7 pm - 9 pm

October 13
Columbus Day, Yorktown Victory Day, Indigenous People's Day

October 20
Meals and Transient Occupancy Taxes Due

October 21
Town Council Meeting
7:00 pm

October 24
Murder Mystery Night
7:00 pm

October 25
Costume Parade
10:00am

Movie in the Park:
7:00 pm

October 28
Planning Commission
6:30 pm
Architectural Review Board
7:30 pm

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

Trivia Night: Friday, October 10

Join us for the last night of fun until the spring in a friendly competition in River Mill Park! Test your smarts with six rounds of trivia, and you might just walk away with the \$100 Grand Prize! September's theme is Trivia Treasure Hunt. Tickets are \$30 per group and can be up to 8 people. Register ahead or purchase a spot at the door. You can purchase season subscription tickets for all dates and get more information by visiting: visitoccoquanva.com/trivia.

Murder Mystery at the Park, October 24

Join us at River Mill Park for a night of vibrant 80's nostalgia filled with drama, secrets, and intrigue! The event will be held on **Friday, October 24th, 2025 at the River Mill Park, at 7 pm**. Tickets are \$48 dollars and include seating, dessert, shuttle service, and the show. A cash bar will be located onsite and we encourage ordering a meal from a local restaurant. Get your tickets at visitoccoquanva.com/murder



Movie in the Park: Hocus Pocus

Enjoy a spooky night watching Hocus Pocus under the stars at River Mill Park. Make sure to bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating and dress for a crisp fall evening. Fresh popped popcorn, candy, and beverages will be available to purchase, including beer and wine. The event will take place **Saturday, October 25th, at 7:00 pm**. Tickets are \$5.00 dollars per person while children 8 years or younger get in free! Get your tickets at: visitoccoquanva.com/hocuspocus.

Costume Parade & Contest

Join the Town of Occoquan's family-friendly Occoquan Costume Parade & Contest! The event will be held on **Saturday, October 25th, 2025 at the River Mill Park, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**. Town of Occoquan Mayor Earnie Porta (aka Iron Man) will lead the parade down Mill Street to River Mill Park, where costume judging will take place.