

## Town Council Actions: October 2025

- Approved and Authorized the Town Manager to Execute the Renewal Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cable Television
- Approved an amended sign ordinance
- Accepted a Pocket Park grant
- Accepted HEAT grant

## Town Voting Information

If you are a resident of the Town of Occoquan, your voting location for the November 4th Election is **Occoquan Elementary School, 12915 Occoquan Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192.**

Reminder that voting does not take place at Town Hall.



## Occoquan Dam Siren Testing: November 18

Fairfax Water Authority has scheduled the annual testing of its emergency dam siren on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 10am. People in Occoquan are likely to hear a loud, whooping siren for approximately two minutes. More information about the siren is available at

<https://www.fairfaxwater.org/occoquan-reservoir/occoquan-dam-siren>

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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## Mayor's Letter

I hope everyone enjoyed our events last month, which included the last Trivia Night in River Mill Park of season, a fun 80s-themed murder mystery in the park, a great Halloween costume parade and contest, and a very well-attended showing of the movie Hocus-Pocus. Now, the pace slows briefly before it gains serious steam on Saturday, November 22, with our annual late shopping night and tree lighting. I know, I know, some of you really don't like starting Christmas-related activities until after Thanksgiving. But the truth is, we started doing it this way long ago so that our businesses could get some significant patronage before the Black Friday sales of the big stores. And this year it is particularly important as our small businesses face high materials import costs on the supply side and stressed discretionary spending demand with the government shutdown and furloughs — all during the time when some of our businesses become profitable for the year. So, if you are at all able to meet your holiday shopping needs by patronizing town businesses, please try to do so and encourage your friends to do so as well. More information on our holiday events both during and beyond the month of November can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, on the town site, and on the Visit Occoquan site. These include things like the Shop, Dine & Win Contest, Letters to Santa, and everything Occoquan Holiday.

On the regulatory front there are several things to mention. First, make sure you get your auto decals by November 15. We've had a lot of complaints lately about cars without decals. Keep in mind that if the town did not have this decal program, auto owners would still get charged a decal fee by the county in their personal property tax bill (even though the county no longer issues decals), but the revenue would go to the county instead of the town. Second, the town council recently adopted an ordinance that allows for two A-Frame business signs, including one off-premises under certain conditions and with a permit. Last, on November 18, at 10:00 a.m., Fairfax Water will test the dam warning siren.

As always, thank you for your support and feel free to contact me at [epor-ta@occoquanva.gov](mailto:epor-ta@occoquanva.gov) with any comments or questions.

## Shop, Dine, & Win! Contest

**November 22– December 7**

Shop and dine at your favorite Occoquan businesses for a chance to win \$100 in Occoquan business gift cards! This is a great way to explore the town's eclectic businesses that make Occoquan so great. Show your support and shop local! Winners will be drawn December 8th. For more information on all of our holiday events check out [visitoccoquanva.com/holiday](https://visitoccoquanva.com/holiday)

## Shop Small Weekend

**November 28–30**

Whether it's a jump start or you're wrapping up your holiday shopping, we guarantee unique finds when you #shopsmall in Occoquan. Our local shops and businesses are bound to bring the holiday cheer to your shopping experience.

## 2025 Real Estate Tax Bills Due

This is a reminder that the Real Estate Tax due date is **December 5th** for the 2025 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. For more information go to [occoquanva.gov/living-here/tax-information](https://occoquanva.gov/living-here/tax-information).

## 2026 Vehicle License Renewal

It's that time of year again! Vehicle License Fee renewals are due **November 15<sup>th</sup>** & new auto decals should be displayed by **November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Did you know? Under Virginia Code §46.2-752, if a town doesn't charge a vehicle license fee, you'd pay the counties instead. Since we **charge a fee, residents pay \$22 per vehicle instead of Prince William County's \$33 per vehicle. This fee includes your decal, so be sure to display it once it arrives! You may drop forms off and pay at Town Hall or submit completed forms and payments online at [occoquanva.gov/make-a-payment](https://occoquanva.gov/make-a-payment).**

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**November 4  
Election Day**

*Town Hall Closed*

**November 5  
Town Council Meeting\***  
7:00 pm

**November 11  
Veterans Day**  
*Town Hall Closed*

**November 15  
Auto Vehicle License  
Renewal Due**

**November 18  
Dam Siren Test &  
Town Council Meeting\***  
7:00 pm

**November 20  
Meals and Transient  
Occupancy Taxes Due**

**November 22  
Annual Town Tree Lighting**

**November 28 & 29  
Thanksgiving Holiday**  
*Town Hall Closed*

**December 5  
Real Estate Taxes Due**

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

## Holiday Events: November 23 to December 12, 2025

Get festive in Occoquan with activities from **November 22 to December 12, 2025**. Join us as we deck the halls with decorations through the entire town. Holidays are a special time in Occoquan and fun for the whole Family! For more information visit: [visitoccoquanva.com/holiday](https://visitoccoquanva.com/holiday).

### Events



### Annual Town Tree Lighting

**Saturday, November 22, 5pm - 9pm:** The annual tree lighting ceremony brings the community together for an unforgettable night featuring marshmallow roasting with fire pits, caroling, Tembo Mobile Coffee, Funnel Cake Café, and more! Local shops are open 8:00pm. We will be offering a FREE shuttle service from 1:00pm-9:00pm. **Join us at 6pm in front of Town Hall for our annual holiday tree lighting** and plan to come early or stay late to enjoy everything town has to offer! This event is a toasty way to enjoy the start of the holidays in Occoquan.

### Holiday Artisan Market December 6 - December 7

See the magic of historic Occoquan come alive during our Holiday Artisan Market. Join us on Union and Commerce Street to meet local artisans and find one of a kind gifts. Take a break from shopping and warm up at our Fireside Corner in the center of the market. Santa will be coming to Occoquan Saturday December 6 from 11:30am-2:00pm. He will arrive by boat at the Town Dock and will sing some carols in the market area on his way to Town Hall to meet with kids one-on-one. Spice things up by entering our annual Gingerbread Contest! Patrons will be voting for their favorite during both days of the market. For more information about entry please visit [visitoccoquanva.com/holiday](https://visitoccoquanva.com/holiday). Shuttle services will be available from the Rt 123/Old Bridge Commuter Lot.

### Letters to Santa

**November 22 - December 12:** Drop your letter to Santa in our special North Pole mailbox at Town Hall (314 Mill Street). If you include a return address, Santa will send a personalized letter back!

