

## Town Council Actions: January 2026

- Approved Resolution of Appreciation for Brenda Seefeldt
- Accepted Unmanned Aircraft Trade and Replace Program Grant
- Adopted an Ordinance to Establish Special Use Permit Requirements and Standards for Tobacco, Vape, Cannabis, or Psychoactive Establishment in the Town of Occoquan
- Adopted an Ordinance Creating Specific Exterior Lighting Prohibitions, Violations, and Penalties

*The above items are extracts of recent actions and are not official meeting minutes. Minutes and agendas are posted at [occoquanva.gov](http://occoquanva.gov).*

## Time to Renew & Keep Your Business in Bloom!

### BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION & PAYMENTS BOTH DUE BY MARCH 1, 2026

It's that time of year! Town of Occoquan Business, Professional, and Occupational License (BPOL) renewals for 2026 and the payments are both due by **March 1st**. Submit yours today to avoid late fees and keep your business in good standing. Renewal notices have been emailed and mailed in January to businesses holding a license with the Town. Please be sure to submit applications and payments on time. A penalty of 10% of the tax may be imposed upon failure to file an application or payment of the tax by the due date.

The business license fee is based on gross receipts for the calendar year 2026. Visit, [occoquanva.gov/doing-business-in-occoquan](http://occoquanva.gov/doing-business-in-occoquan) for more information.

## OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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Theo Daubresse  
Cindy Fithian  
Eliot Perkins  
Robert Love



### TOWN HALL STAFF

Adam Linn, Town Manager & Chief of Police  
Megan Lubash, Asst. Town Manager & Town Clerk  
Philip Auville, Deputy Town Treasurer  
Kristen Shaw, Town Treasurer  
Tammy Hasset, Events Director  
Jessica Bastone, Administrative Assistant  
Jason Forman, Deputy Chief of Police

## Mayor's Letter

Thank you to everyone for your patience as we have worked to deal with the snow, ice, and cold temperatures of late. Staff and some volunteers worked very hard throughout the storm and its aftermath to try to address the most serious issues. Our main snow contractor, frankly, got overwhelmed and dropped the ball during the main part of the storm and shortly thereafter, so town staff used a plow on one of our own vehicles to try to pick up the slack. VDOT has been very cooperative with us, and staff and volunteers have been out trying to help individuals who cannot shovel the sidewalks in front of their residences or businesses. But they tire like all of us and where possible we have been contracting for help with snow and ice removal. Despite our best efforts, it is likely that many crosswalks will be blocked for some time, and when the snow does eventually begin to melt we are preparing as best we can for water drainage issues. In the meantime, thank you again for your patience, a special thanks to those who have been helping out, and let's keep our fingers-crossed that power remains on.

This seems like an appropriate time to also take note of and welcome some businesses that opened in town over the last month or so. Although Third Base Pizza has closed, Artisan Butchers has opened in its space, and the Riverside Pizza Factory has opened at 313 Mill Street, Suite F (behind Elements). Another new addition is Aspire Counseling Group at the corner of Commerce and Washington streets. I also want to mention that one of our town businesses, Hello Jackson, was selected to participate in the "Made in Virginia" market in Richmond as part of the festivities associated with the inauguration of the new governor. Congratulations and thank you to all of these folks for choosing and representing Occoquan.

I'm sorry to close on a sad note, but I also want to make sure everyone is aware of the recent passing of long-time town resident, Don Ohs. Don was a friend to many and will be missed. Our hearts are with his family. As always, I encourage you to contact me at [epor-ta@occoquanva.gov](mailto:epor-ta@occoquanva.gov) with any comments, questions, or concerns.

## Emergency Snow Removal Routes

### SNOW MUCH FUN BUT LET’S KEEP ROADS CLEAR!

Town staff and the OPD’s Division of Emergency Management monitor inclement weather and its potential impact on the Town and coordinates with Prince William County’s Emergency Management Office, VDOT, and the Town’s snow removal contractor. When snow is expected, on-street parking will not be permitted on the following roads to allow for snow removal: Mill, Commerce, Ellicott, Union, and Washington Streets. During inclement weather, if you normally park on-street, please consider parking under the Route 123 bridge. Timed parking restrictions will not be enforced under the bridge during snow emergencies. For more information visit, [occoquanva.gov](http://occoquanva.gov).

## Please Clear Your Sidewalks

### LET’S MAKE WINTER WALKS WONDERFUL!

Help keep your community safe during the winter season and clear sidewalks of snow and ice. Residents and businesses are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property. Please do not use salt on brick sidewalks. For more information visit, [occoquanva.gov/snow-removal](http://occoquanva.gov/snow-removal).



## Tax Relief Programs

### KEEP MORE OF WHAT’S YOURS, TAX RELIEF YOU DESERVE!

Senior citizens and disabled persons who meet certain criteria may be granted relief from all or part of real estate and personal property taxes. Tax Relief is granted on an annual basis and a renewal application must be filed each year by April 15 with Prince William County.

Application forms for these programs are available at the PWC Real Estate Assessments Office or by mail. You may request an application form by calling (703) 792-6780 or visiting, [www.pwcva.gov/departments/tax-administration/elderly-and-disabled](http://www.pwcva.gov/departments/tax-administration/elderly-and-disabled).

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**February 3**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
7:00 pm

**February 16**  
**Presidents’ Day**  
Town Hall Closed

**February 17**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
7:00 pm

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

**February 24**  
**Planning Commission**  
6:30 pm  
**Architectural Review Board**  
7:30 pm

**March 1**  
**BPOL Renewal Applications and Payment Due**

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

## Front-in Parking on Angled Parking Spaces

### DO NOT BACK IN TO ANGLED PARKING!

At the Town Council Meeting on January 20th, 2026, Town Public Safety affirmed that they will start ticketing cars that reverse park in the angled spots on Washington Street and Mill Street. To park with a car facing out on the angled parking necessitates moving against traffic on these one-way streets.

## Small Acts, Big Impact

### WHERE NEIGHBORS BECOME FRIENDS.

There’s something special about the way our town comes alive when we roll up our sleeves together. Did you know we have more than 100 volunteer needs throughout the year? Whether it’s helping with environmental clean up, gardening, historic preservation, trivia night, museum assistance, one of our big festivals, or more—every smile, wave, or helping hand makes our community stronger and we couldn’t be Occoquan without you. Volunteering isn’t about the tasks, it’s about the friendliness and pride of seeing our town sparkle a little brighter. If you’ve been thinking about getting involved, now’s the perfect time! No matter your age, schedule, or skill set, there’s a place for you. It’s amazing what we are capable of doing together. For more information on how to get involved visit, [visitoccoquanva.com/getinvolved](http://visitoccoquanva.com/getinvolved)

## Coming Up in Occoquan...

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS...YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS THIS!

- **Occoquan Peep Show:** April 1-4. Stroll through historic Occoquan and vote for your favorite PEEPS® dioramas, made by and displayed at Occoquan businesses! Plus check out the community-made dioramas in Occoquan Town Hall.
- **Mural Contest:** Occoquan is hosting a mural contest for the pumphouse at 170 Mill Street! If you are an artists, send in your idea for a commission and chance to have your art displayed in the tiniest park in the County! Community members are invited to become jurors and help Town Council Choose their favorite design. More information can be found at <https://occoquanva.gov/public-art/>
- **RiverFest and Craft Show:** June 6-7. Get ready for a vibrant weekend at RiverFest, where the historic district transforms into a lively hub of creativity and family fun! Stroll through streets lined with nearly 300 vendors, including many talented artisans showcasing their unique arts and crafts.
- **Fall Arts and Crafts Show:** September 26-27. Explore the work of hundreds of talented artisans from across the region. Dive into live demonstrations and meet the creators behind the work. Plus, don’t miss River Mill Park for great food, drinks, and live music.