

## Town Council Actions: February 2026

- Approved and Authorized the Town Manager to Execute Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to Transfer Current Officer Safety Plan to an Updated Officer Safety Plan 10
- Adopted Resolution for Administration of Home Trust Bank Loans
- Adopted Resolution Honoring and Congratulating Timothy McClain on the Occasion of his 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Held Budget Work Sessions on the Strategic Framework, eSummons, and Mamie Davis Funds for FY2026.

*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).*

## Recognize Those Who Serve!



Our town is proud to partner with VFW Post 7916 to pay tribute to our dedicated service members and create lasting reminders of their courage and sacrifice along our streets. In March 2026 residents, businesses, friends, and visitors to Occoquan can sign up to sponsor a banner honoring a U.S. Military Veteran. If you are a new sponsor interested in honoring someone for their military service, or a former sponsor wishing to renew for 2026, visit [militarytributebanners.org](http://militarytributebanners.org) and select Virginia/Occoquan under the Banner Programs menu. You can also stop by Town Hall or VFW Post 7916 for more information.

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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## Mayor's Letter

This month we formally head into spring and hopefully no more snow. Thank you again to everyone who exhibited patience as we worked through this winter's weather events. As is usual this time of year, a number of initiatives and town events are on the near horizon.

First, this month is when we open the popular Military Tribute Banners program in collaboration with our VFW Post 7916. A great way to honor a family member, ancestor, or friend for their military service, details on the program can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Second, all the council meetings this month and next will include presentations and discussions on the town's proposed budget for fiscal year 2027, which begins July 1. I encourage everyone who is interested in understanding more about town finances, or who would like to contribute to budget discussions and development (including our capital plans), to attend one of more of these meetings and review materials on the town's web site. Ample opportunity for public comment will be available at several meetings and at formal public hearings. Third, Occoquan's annual Peeps Show and diorama contest will kick off the very first week in April, so this is the month to get ready. Additional information on this popular event may also be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Fourth and last, as announced in last month's newsletter, thanks to an external grant we are sponsoring a mural contest for the pumphouse at 170 Mill Street. Go to the public art section of the town web site for more information on that initiative.

I also want to take a moment to recognize some new businesses in town. These include Aspire Counseling at the corner of Washington and Commerce Streets, Riverfront Pizza Factory (where Marin's Woodturning used to be), and the Artisan Butcher (at the former site of Third Base). Welcome to all these businesses and thank you for choosing Occoquan.

Sadly, I also wish to make sure everyone is aware of the passing of long-time Occoquan resident Anne T. Sawyer, a kind and caring soul we will all miss. Please keep her family in your thoughts. Once again, I thank you all for your support of our community. Please feel free to contact me at [eporta@occoquanva.gov](mailto:eporta@occoquanva.gov) with any comments, questions, or concerns.

*Earnest W. Porta, Jr.*

## The Occoquan PEEPS® Show

Get ready for the Occoquan PEEPS® Show from April 1-4 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.

### 🌸 Hop Into Sweet Creativity 🌸

Spring is almost here, and so are the PEEPS®! Show off your imagination in our **Annual PEEPS® Diorama Contest**.

Whether you recreate a famous scene, dream up a whimsical world, or tell a tiny marshmallow story, we can't wait to see your sugary masterpieces. Build your very own PEEPS® diorama and enter to win a prize worth \$50!

For the 9th year in a row, the community is invited to participate in the Occoquan PEEPS®. The public will vote on a winner for each category:

- Kids (ages 12 and under)
- Teens (13 - 16)
- Adults
- Team

To sign up visit:  
[visitoccoquan.com/peeps](http://visitoccoquan.com/peeps)



## Front-in Parking Regulation

### 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.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### March 1

**BPOL Renewal Applications and Payment Due**

### March 3

**Town Council Meeting**

7:00 pm

### March 17

**Town Council Meeting**

7:00 pm

### March 20

**Meals and Transient Occupancy Taxes Due**

### March 24

**Planning Commission**

6:30 pm

**Architectural Review Board**

7:30 pm

### April 1-4

**Occoquan PEEPS Show**

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

## FY2027 Budget Calendar

**Budget Work Sessions:** March 3, March 17, April 7, and April 21

**Public Hearings:** May 5 (Budget) and May 19 (Tax Rates)

**Budget and Tax Rate Adoption:** May 19

The FY 2027 Budget is effective from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. 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](http://www.occoquanva.gov).

## Yard Waste Collection Details

Bates Trucking will collect yard waste on the Town's regular collection day. Please ensure tree trimmings are in bundles no larger than four (4) feet in length and that leaves or other yard waste are secured in bags weighing no more than 50 pounds. Unbagged, loose leaves will not be collected.



Residents may also bring yard waste and brush to the **County Landfill**,

**14811 Dumfries, Manassas, VA**, or

the **Compost Facility, 13000 Hansen Farm Road, Manassas, VA**. Yard waste must be in paper bags, or it may be emptied from containers on site.

## Business License Renewal Applications and Payments Both Due March 1, 2026

Town of Occoquan Business, Professional, and Occupational License (BPOL) renewals for 2026 and the payments were both due March 1st. Renewal notices were emailed and mailed in January to businesses holding a license with the Town and reminder notices sent out in February. 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 2025. Visit [occoquanva.gov/doing-business-in-occoquan](http://occoquanva.gov/doing-business-in-occoquan) for more information.