

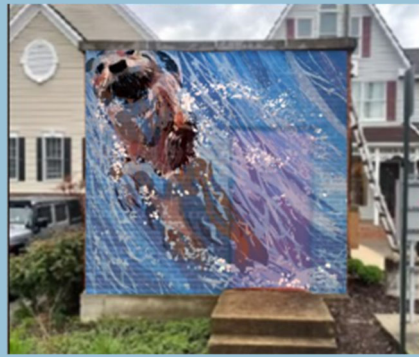
## Town Council Actions: May 2026

- Held a Public Hearing on the FY2026 Budget
- Held a Public Hearing on the FY2026 Tax Rates
- Adopted the FY2026 Tax Rates
- Adopted the FY2026 Town Budget
- Adopted the Police Week 2026 proclamation
- Adopted Resolution R-2026-07 to adopt a voluntary "Share the Air" tobacco-free and vape-free policy for town parks and recreational areas
- Approved a geotechnical evaluation for the area around the Mill house Museum and the Riverwalk project

*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).*

## Pocket Park Mural Dedication!

On April 7th, Town Council chose Tyler Kauffman's mural for the Mill Street Pocket Park Mural. He will be in Town Painting the building between June 8th and the 17th and welcomes residents to interact with him when he does not have his headphones on. The mural will be dedicated on June 27th in the morning. Exact time to follow soon!



## OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

OCCOQUANVA.GOV • INFO@OCCOQUANVA.GOV

### TOWN OF OCCOQUAN

314 Mill Street  
P.O. Box 195  
Occoquan, VA 22125

CARRIER ROUTE  
OCCOQUAN, VA 22125

Presort Standard  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Occoquan, VA  
Permit No. 19

# OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

VOLUME XXXII, ISSUE VI

703-491-1918

June 2026

### TOWN COUNCIL

Earnest W. Porta, Jr., Mayor  
Jenn Loges, Vice Mayor  
Theo Daubresse  
Cindy Fithian  
Bob Love  
Eliot Perkins



### TOWN HALL STAFF

Adam Linn, Town Manager & Chief of Police  
Jason Forman, Deputy Chief of Police  
Megan Lubash, Asst. Town Manager/Town Clerk  
Kristin Shaw, Town Treasurer  
Philip Auville, Deputy Town Treasurer  
Tammy Hassett, Events Director  
Jessica Bastone, Events Coordinator/Admin Asst.

## Mayor's Letter

As this is going to press the weather has turned beautiful in town after some much needed days of consistent rainfall. Hopefully it will stay beautiful for one of our signature events of the year coming up the first weekend of the month. That is, of course, our spring RiverFest & Craft Show on June 6th & 7th. This event, as we note every year, is an important source of revenue for town capital projects, so we encourage you to consider patronizing some of the hundreds of vendors, as well as our own town businesses, who participate. On Sunday, during the show we will be holding the 18th annual Duck Splash Race, which is always a popular event. For more information on the show, its various offerings, the Duck Splash Race, and related road closures, etc., please see elsewhere in this newsletter and online at [Occoquanfestivals.com](http://Occoquanfestivals.com). Of course, volunteers are still needed and welcome.

Last month the Town Council adopted the tax rates and budget for fiscal year 2027, which begins on July 1. All the town's tax rates are remaining the same and detailed information on the town budget can be found on the town web site at [www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov).

I also this month want to highlight a couple of beautification efforts taking place in town. Once again we are grateful to our VFW Post 7916 for organizing and installing in time for Memorial Day the military tribute banners. This is a wonderful addition to the town that the VFW initiated a number of years ago and has faithfully continued. Also, this month you will likely see work begin on a mural for the small brick building at the corner of Washington and Mill Streets. The town received a grant for this project and out of numerous excellent submissions, selected artist Tyler Kauffman's work. We hope to dedicate the mural by the end of the month.

Last, we kicked off our Trivia Night in River Mill Park last month with a huge crowd and we look forward to another one this month on Friday, June 19. Even if you do not plan to participate, perhaps stop by and witness some of the fun.

As always, thank you for your support of our community and please do not hesitate to contact me at [eporta@occoquanva.gov](mailto:eporta@occoquanva.gov) with any comments, questions, or concerns.

*Earnest W. Porta, Jr.*

## 17th Annual Duck Splash



Occoquan non-profit Visit Occoquan is hosting its annual Duck Splash fundraiser on Sunday, June 7th. Sponsor a numbered rubber

duck for \$5, then join us at the Town Dock to watch it race along the Occoquan River with hundreds of other ducks! Winners receive \$20 - 500 depending on their placement in the race.

### How to Sponsor a Duck

There are two ways to sponsor a duck:

- Online: Sponsor a duck online through Friday, June 5 at 11:59 pm ET at [visitoccoquanva.com/ducksplash](https://visitoccoquanva.com/ducksplash)
- In Person: On Saturday, June 6 from 10am - 5pm and Sunday, June 7 from 10am - 11:45am at the Ticket Hub located in front of Mamie Davis Park

## Trivia Night: Friday, June 19

Get your brain buzzing and join us for a night of fun, friendly competition in River Mill Park! Put your knowledge to the test across six fast paced rounds of trivia—plus a chance to take home the grand prize!



Tickets are **\$35 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 for more information by visiting: [visitoccoquanva.com/trivia](https://visitoccoquanva.com/trivia).

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**June 2**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
7:00 pm

**June 6 & 7**  
**RiverFest & Craft Show**

**June 16**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
7:00 pm

**June 19**  
**Juneteenth**  
Town Hall Closed  
**Trivia Night**  
7 pm - 9 pm

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

**June 23**  
**Planning Commission**  
6:30 pm  
**Architectural Review Board**  
7:30 pm

**June 24**  
**BZA/PC Training**  
7:30 pm  
*Meetings held at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, unless otherwise noted.*

## Occoquan RiverFest & Craft Show: June 6 & 7

Get ready for a colorful weekend of creativity, community, and family fun at the annual RiverFest & Craft Show! On June 6 & 7 from 10 am to 5 pm, the historic district comes alive with nearly 300 artisan and craft vendors lining the streets with handmade treasures, unique finds, and plenty to explore.

Don't miss the fan-favorite Duck Splash hosted by Visit Occoquan on Sunday, June 7 at 2 pm! RiverFest weekend also brings a special chance to hop aboard the water with 45-minute boat and historical kayak tours on the Occoquan River.

Be sure to visit Conservation Alley for hands-on demonstrations, recycled crafts, music, and fun activities celebrating the natural world. Kids can take part in the Jr. Passport Program and earn a special Conservation Alley sticker badge while learning easy ways to help protect local wildlife and waterways.

Need a break from shopping and strolling? Head to River Mill Park for scenic river views, live music, the Beer Garden, and delicious eats from the food court. With plenty of seating, it's the perfect place to relax, recharge, and soak in the festival atmosphere.

Admission to RiverFest & Craft Show is free! Shuttle service is available for \$10 round trip. For more information, visit [occoquanfestivals.com](https://occoquanfestivals.com)



## There's Still Time to Volunteer for RiverFest!

RiverFest weekend brings thousands of visitors to town each year—and it wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers! Whether you can lend a hand for a few hours or the whole day, there are plenty of fun ways to get involved. Sign up to volunteer at [occoquanfestivals.com/volunteer](https://occoquanfestivals.com/volunteer).

### STREET CLOSINGS

The following roads will be closed from 8 am to 6:30 pm on June 6th and 7th: Mill, Commerce, Union, Washington Streets, as well as Ellicott Street from Mill Street to Center Lane. During this time, please coordinate movers or deliveries accordingly. For real-time updates, sign up for AlertOccoquan at: [occoquanva.gov/government/public-safety/alertoccoquan](https://occoquanva.gov/government/public-safety/alertoccoquan).

### RIVERFEST PARKING - Event Area Residents and Businesses ONLY

Permits will be available to residents and businesses living or working in the historic district for parking under the Route 123 bridge from 10:00 pm, Friday, June 6, until 6:30 pm, Sunday, June 7. Due to limited parking spaces, **only one permit per business or family** - first come, first served - will be issued. Permits will be available at Town Hall beginning **Tuesday, June 2**, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Town Hall will observe extended hours until 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.