

ARB News: Business Representative Needed for ARB

On December 2, 2014, Town Council approved an amendment to the Town Code to add a business representative to the Architectural Review Board. This individual will serve as a liaison between the business community and the town in matters relating to the ARB within the Historic District. The representative is not required to be a town resident, but must own or operate a business within the town's limits. If you are interested in serving in this new position with the ARB, please complete a Boards and Commissions application available online at www.occoquanva.gov and submit to the Town Clerk at Town Hall. The ARB meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. For more information, review the Town Code online at www.occoquanva.gov Section 2-402 or contact town staff at (703) 491-1918 or info@occoquanva.gov.

Reminder: Town Real Estate Taxes Due February

The 2014 Real Estate Taxes are due on February 13, 2015. If not paid by the due date an 8% penalty will be assessed. Additionally, a 10% per annum interest charge begins to accrue on March 16, 2015. If you have questions regarding your taxes and pay out of escrow, please contact your mortgage company. If you do not utilize a mortgage company for escrow, please remit payment directly to the Town of Occoquan.

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Mayor's Letter

The Town Council and Staff will soon be busy working on the fiscal year 2016 operating budget and capital improvement plan. In preparation, the Council is considering holding an offsite meeting this month to develop an organizational vision to guide the community over the next several years and set goals and priorities intended to achieve that vision and aid in the development of the upcoming and future budgets. The meeting will be a chance for the Council, still relatively new as a team, to have a focused discussion about its short and long-term goals for the community. It will be led by a facilitator, and give us an opportunity to have a realistic discussion about which of these goals can be accomplished with our existing resources, and where we might seek new sources of funding for others. The Council would appreciate public input on the topic of funding this offsite meeting, and would welcome comments at the January 6th Council meeting.

Also on the Council's agenda for the upcoming January 6th meeting is an item related to Town appearance. The Town has been selected to receive a bike rack grant, and will be installing twelve racks holding two bikes each in various locations around Occoquan. Last spring, it was suggested that the two parking spaces in front of Mamie Davis Park be removed so that racks could be installed there, opening up the view of the Park and river. Unfortunately, VDOT will not permit the racks to be permanently affixed to the road, though they are amenable to designating the spaces in front of the Park as a "loading only" zone to improve the view. As both Town appearance and parking are areas of concern in our community, the Council would like to invite public comment on this topic at our January regular meeting.

I hope you all enjoyed a safe and cheerful holiday season with family and friends, and I join the Council and Staff in wishing everyone in Occoquan a very Happy New Year.

Elizabeth A.C. Quist

Town Council Actions: December 2, 2014

The following items are extracts of recent Town Council actions and are not official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes and agendas are available online at www.occoquanva.gov. All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

- Authorized a not-to-exceed limit of \$45,000 for the 2015 Spring Arts and Crafts Show, allowing the Town Manager to budget accordingly.
- Added a Business Representative to the Architectural Review Board.
- Postponed action on a proposed Council Retreat; deferred to January 6, 2015.
- Passed ordinance O-2014-05 Amending Town Code Section 62-111, generally related to illegal parking.

Holiday Greenery Recycling

After all the holiday festivities are done, don't toss your holiday greenery to the curb. Give your Christmas tree, wreath and other cut greenery a fitting final resting place. Simply remove all ornaments, decorations, tinsel, nails and the tree stand and take the greenery to the Prince William County Landfill at 14811 Dumfries Road in Manassas. The landfill is open Monday - Saturday, 6 am - 6 pm; Sunday, 8 am - 5 pm and will be closed New Year's Day. Also, remember to bring a proof of residency with you.



Important Phone Numbers

Prince William County Police- Non-Emergency:	703-792-6500
Bates Trucking Trash Removal- Special Pick-up:	800-840-6454 (ex 331 for special pickups)
Prince William County Landfill:	703-792-5750
Prince William County Service Authority	703-335-7950 (Water and Sewer)
Washington Gas	703-750-1000

See What the Town Has For Sale on GOVDEALS!

The Town currently has surplus items for sale on www.GovDeals.com/OccoquanVA! The auction is only a limited time between December 23 through January 14, so don't miss your chance on a great deal and visit today! Be sure to bookmark this site as the Town will periodically post items for sale including electronics, tools, decorations, equipment, etc. Currently, the Town has several historic and highways signs and landscaping equipment listed for auction. Questions? Contact town staff at info@occoquanva.gov or (703) 491-1918.

January 2015

Town Meetings and Events

All meetings are held at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, unless otherwise noted.

January 1: New Year's Day
Town Hall Closed

January 6: Town Council Meeting
6:45 pm, Public Hearing
7:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Town Hall

January 13: Planning Commission
7:00 pm, Town Hall

January 13: Architectural Review Board Meeting
7:30 pm, Town Hall

January 16: Lee-Jackson Day
Town Hall Closed

January 19: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Town Hall Closed

January 20: Town Council Work Session
7:00 pm, Town Hall

Building Official Services Request for Proposals

The Town has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for On-Call Building Official Services. Proposals are due by 3:00 pm on January 15, 2015 at Town Hall. Visit www.occoquanva.gov for more information and RFP requirements.

Trash and Recycling Collection Reminders

Please place refuse to the curb **no earlier than 4 pm** on Tuesdays, but **before 7 am on Wednesdays**, and remove your containers as quickly as possible after collection. Ensure there is a pedestrian path available at all times by not blocking public sidewalks and rights of way with refuse containers. Place trash and recycling to the curb as normal on New Year's Eve.

Do not place household refuse in or next to Town-owned trash receptacles.



Parking Fine Increase

Parking violation fines within the Town have increased to \$50 from \$25. In addition, the pre-payable fine for handicap parking violations has increased from \$100 to \$150; however, the impossible fine range remains at \$100-\$500. The new fine structure goes into effect January 2, 2015.