



Town & Business Quarterly Meeting Information and Updates

October 8, 2024

Tuesday, October 8, at 5:30pm, a Quarterly Town Hall was held, and a summary of the discussion is below.

TOWN OF OCCOQUAN NEWS

New Businesses

Congratulations and welcome to the new businesses that opened (or are soon to open) in Occoquan this quarter!

- Brandon's Flowers
- Alluring Aesthetics
- Salon ALO
- D'Rocco's Grill (under new ownership)

EV Chargers

Four parking spaces in the small parking lot on the corner of Washington & Mill have been turned into EV Level 2 electronic vehicle charging spaces. The charging are a paid service and it takes roughly 2 hours for a standard charge. These chargers were allocated from a grant received by Town.

New Speed Limit on Washington Street

The speed limit on Washington Street from West Locust to Edgehill Drive has been reduced from 25 mph to 20 mph. New signs and enforcement are coming soon.

New Street Signage on Poplar Alley

New "one way" and "do not enter" signs will be placed on Poplar Alley near the intersection of Union St, to assist in avoiding wrong way drivers.

Kayak Launch Dock Extension

Adjustments are being made to the public kayak launch to allow additional room for stand up paddle boards.

Architectural Review Board

The ARB has voted on public art allowances to include one (1) mural or one (1) architectural art structure, by approval of the board.

The ARB is looking to fill it's business rep post. [Learn more here.](#)

Upcoming Tax Deadlines

Auto Decal - due 11/15/24

- Vehicle License Fee Rates
- Automobile or Truck: \$22
- Motorcycles: \$15

Real Estate Tax - due 12/5/24

Learn more at <https://www.occoquanva.gov/living-here/tax-information>.

VISIT OCCOQUAN NEWS

Updates

Visit Occoquan, Inc. has received its **501(c)3 status**. The current board and staff are as follows:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jordan Sanders, President - Owner, Hello Jackson Home Fragrance

Petra Carden, Vice President - Owner, Leaf & Petal

Ben Rasmussen, Treasurer/Secretary - Owner, Potomac Chocolate & Graffiti Cat Pizza

Gretchen Chapman, member at large - Owner, Forever Young

Roger Lin, member at large - Owner, Occoquan Airbnbs

Matt Whitmoyer, member at large - Deputy Town Manager, Town of Occoquan

STAFF

Sarah Hitchcock Burzio, Executive Director

Occoquan Visitor's Guide

The guide is now being produced on a 6-month rotation instead of 4-month, as a cost saving measure. Details can be found at visitoccoquanva.com/visitorsguide.

1/8 page size Display Ads are now available for purchase, as are Advertorials. Advertorials are editorial articles written specifically about (and paid for by) a business. 2-page and 4-page options are available.

Upcoming Deadlines for the Spring/Summer 2025 issue:

- Advertorials - January 10, 2025
- Early Bird - January 20, 2025
- Last day to purchase - February 10, 2025
- Artwork Due - February 10, 2025
- Learn more at visitoccoquanva.com/visitorsguide

EVENTS

The Curse of the Amethyst: A Murder Mystery

October 18 & 19 at 7pm

Interactive murder mystery evening in River Mill Park, complete with cash bar. The bar opens at 6:30 and the game begins at 7pm. Free shuttle service for this event is provided.

Costume Parade

October 26 at 10am

Participants will collect a number and line up from the Riverwalk shops at 125 Mill Street. Mayor Porta will lead the parade down Mill Street to River Mill Park, where costume judging will take place. Winners in each costume category will be awarded \$25 gift certificates that can be used in businesses throughout town. No fee.

Tree Lighting and Holiday Firelight

November 23 at 6pm

This time-honored tradition is hosted by the Mayor. The holiday tree in front of Town Hall gets lit at 6pm and this popular event is followed by caroling and firepits in the cul-de-sac.

Santa Sing-A-Long

December 7 at 10:30am

Santa arrives by boat at the Town Dock and is escorted by families as they parade down Mill Street to River Mill Park. Santa will perform and do a photo op, then will travel up Mill Street to meet and greet patrons.

Seal the Deal Holiday Elopements

December 13

Beginning at 5pm, couples looking for a quick elopement in a charming, twinkly, small town atmosphere will find the PWC Circuit Court parked and ready to perform nuptials in front of Town Hall's beautifully lit tree. Ceremonies will last approximately 15 minutes. Pre-booking with the county clerk's office is required.

Firelight Nights

December 13, 2024, January 17, 2025 and February 14, 2025 from 6pm to 9pm

Bundle up, grab some friends, and hang under the stars in historic Occoquan! Join us at the Mill Street cul-de-sac in front of the Mill House Museum. In addition to fire pits, we will have beer, wine and cocktails, hot drinks, s'mores kits, and snacks available for purchase.

A reminder that Holiday Artisan Market is canceled for 2024.

OCOQUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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