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Spring/Summer 2025



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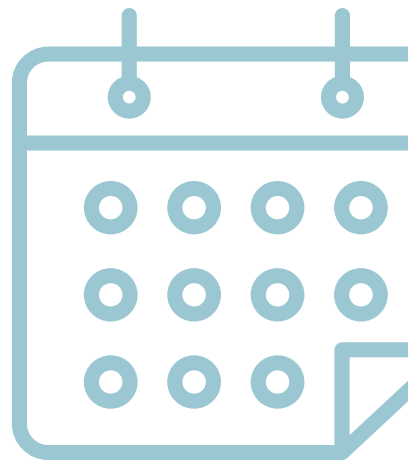
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SPRING/SUMMER
 (MAR 2025 - AUG 2025)

Upcoming Events *in the* Occoquan Community



Information in this calendar has been submitted by organizations in our community & are up-to-date as of the time of the printing. We recommend contacting event organizers to ensure information is still accurate.

MARCH

Sip & Paint

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 FROM 4:00-6:00PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

Learn how to paint for beginners and advanced participants. Sip excellent wine and taste delicious food from the Med cuisine while you socialize and relax. Book at 703-593-7765. Discount for groups above 4 people. vizoeuroart24.com

Gather, Ground & Grow

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 AT 7:30PM

Earth Addictions, 125 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Explore upcoming astrological events, gain intuitive insights, and dive into metaphysical practices. Enjoy sound healing, guided meditation, and hands-on tutorials on grids, pendulums, and more. The only cost to attend is an open mind! earthaddictions.com

Featured Artist: Rich Moore

MARCH 4 - APRIL 6

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Experience Rich's versatile landscape oil paintings in "Let All Creation Rejoice Before The LORD" which showcase the LORD's creation with bold brushstrokes & a soft pastel palette. loftgallery.org

Spring Scent Release

THURSDAY, MARCH 6 FROM 6:00-8:00PM

Hello Jackson, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

Are you ready for the warmth of spring? Us too! Join us for an after hours event to get the first look at our Spring Scent Collection. Light refreshments provided. ShopAtHelloJackson.Com

Jewelry Bazar

THURSDAY, MARCH 6 - ALL DAY

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA
Presenting the jewels of several crafts artist with big discounts and deals! vizoeuroart24.com

Sip & Paint

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 FROM 4:00-6:00PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

Learn how to paint while sipping, tasting delicious food, socializing, and relaxing in the company of old and new friends! Participants may take their painting home. Develop your skills and find a new hobby. vizoeuroart24.com

Swords, Brooms & Magical Beasts

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 FROM 10:00AM-6:00PM

Art a la Carte Gallery, 310 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Join us for an interactive fantasy art show like no other, curated by Laine of Lainemindinventions. Art demo by Sci Fi artist Brian McElligott, Mana Prima workshops by Donnalynne Lefever and make your own corn doll with Marnie of Stone Heart Forge. artalacartegallery.com

Balkan Mediterranean Feast

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 FROM 1:00-6:00PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

Join us for an anniversary feast to celebrate two years from the opening of the gallery! Cocktails, cold buffet, games, raffle, awards, and presents from the gallery. Reservations at 703-593-7765. vizoeuroart24.com

Enchanted Realm of Sword, Broom & Beast

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 FROM 11:00AM-7:00PM

Earth Addictions, 125 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Step into a world of magic with sound healing, exciting drawings, and a powerful manifestation & release ceremony. Embrace the energy of swords, brooms, and mythical creatures as we gather to set intentions and let go. Bring an open heart and mind! earthaddictions.com

Leaves & Literacy Book Club

TUESDAY, MARCH 11 FROM 6:00-8:00PM

Leaf & Petal, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

Leaf & Petal has our very own book club! Leaves & Literacy is a chance to discover and discuss new books, drink delicious tea, and get an exclusive handmade item! In person spots for this book club are currently limited to a small amount, due to space, but we do hope to expand in the future! Advance registration required. leafandpetalva.com

Book Club and Sip & Paint

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 FROM 4:00-7:00PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

Combining two cultural events in the VIZIA Gallery: Sip & Paint and Book Club. Learn to paint, discuss a book, and talk about culture, art, life, and food. vizoeuroart24.com

St Patty's Day Party

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 FROM NOON - CLOSE

Mill Street Draft Garden, 200 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

St. Patty's Day Party with live music drink and food specials! millstreetdraftgarden.com

Meet the Artist Reception

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 FROM 1:00-4:00PM

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Meet the artist, Rich Moore, and experience his show "Let All Creation Rejoice Before The LORD". Refreshments provided. loftgallery.org

Reunion Party & Team Building

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 AT 5:00PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

This event is for all friends, colleagues, and art lovers who would like to reunite and enjoy a cocktail party! This is great for team members who would like to build their team while enjoying cultural atmosphere through culture and art in our relationships and jobs. vizoeuroart24.com

Cooking Class

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 FROM 4:00-6:00PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

Learning how to cook healthy delicious, home made delicious dishes which will become your family's favorites! Taste appetizers and bites and socialize while you learn. vizoeuroart24.com

Learn to Paint with a Palette Knife

MONDAY, MARCH 17 FROM 10:00AM-1:00PM

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Palette knives can add texture and movement to your oil or acrylic paintings. Using them can help build confidence and give a fresh style to your paintings. \$85. kimrichards.com

Friday Night Flights

FRIDAY, MARCH 21 FROM 4:00-6:00PM

Leaf & Petal, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

Join us for a flight of teas! Have you wanted to see what Milk Oolong or Climber's High Chai tastes like without committing to a purchase? Stop by our shop for monthly Friday Night Flights! Sip on some tea, mingle, and shop exclusive monthly deals. leafandpetalva.com

Kids Fairy Door Crafting

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 FROM 10:00AM-12:00PM

Tiny Supply Co., 125 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

The fairies are making their way back to our gardens! Kids ages 6 and up are invited to decorate a wooden fairy door with us. \$15 per set. R.s.v.p. online (walk up also available, as supplies last). shoptinysupply.com

Reunion Party

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 FROM 4:30-9:30 PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

Colleagues, friends, relatives, neighbors, school-mates, friends from university can reunite and get together for a few hours and celebrate a reunion with a lavish dinner, music, dancing, raffle, and gifts. Reserve at 703-593-7765. vizoeuroart24.com

Sip and Paint

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 FROM 4:00-6:00PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

Learn to paint while you socialize, sip excellent wines, or drink coffee and tea and taste delicious bites and appetizers. Find a new hobby, learn more about techniques, and have fun. Book at 703-593-7765. vizoeuroart24.com

APRIL

Annual Spring Sidewalk Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

VFW Post 7916, 204 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Stop by the Occoquan VFW Post 7916 for our annual spring sidewalk sale! Rain date is set for Saturday, April 12. vfwpost7916.org

Gather, Ground & Grow

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 AT 7:30PM

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Leaves & Literacy Book Club

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 FROM 6:00-8:00PM

Leaf & Petal, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

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Occoquan PEEPS® Show
APRIL 15 - 19
throughout Occoquan

From April 15-19, 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. Turn in your voting ballot for a chance to win a PEEPS-tastic basket of goodies from our in-town businesses!

visitoccoquanva.com/peeps

Featured Artist: Susan Larimer

APRIL 8 - MAY 4

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Susan Larimer's show, "Variations", showcases a variety of works including a still life, abstractions, and trees. The works are in pen and ink, watercolor and prints (linocuts, woodcuts and gel prints). loftgallery.org

Meet the Artist Reception

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 FROM 1:00-4:00PM

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Meet Susan Larimer and enjoy her exhibit, "Variations", that showcases a variety of works in pen and ink, watercolor, and prints. Refreshments provided. loftgallery.org

Friday Night Flights

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 FROM 4:00-6:00PM

Leaf & Petal, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

Join us for a flight of teas! Have you wanted to see what Milk Oolong or Climber's High Chai tastes like without committing to a purchase? Stop by our shop for monthly Friday Night Flights! Sip on some tea, mingle, and shop exclusive monthly deals. leafandpetalva.com

Kids PEEPS Decorating!

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 FROM 10:00AM-2:00PM

Tiny Supply Co., 125 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Kids ages 3+ (and their grown ups!) are invited to decorate a small wooden PEEPS ornament with us. We will have markers, stickers, glue, paper, and embellishments available to sparkly creativity of all ages. This event is free. No r.s.v.p. required. shoptinysupply.com

Give Peeps a Chance

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 FROM 11:00AM-7:00PM

Earth Addictions, 125 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Join us for a fun, hands-on crafting event for kids of all ages! Celebrate Spring by creating adorable Peeps-themed crafts, from colorful decorations to sweet-themed art. Join us for a day of creativity, laughter, and festive fun! earthaddictions.com

Lecture on Impressionism

Sip & Paint

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 FROM 4:00-6:30PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

Lecture on Impressionism at the beginning of the Sip & Paint class. While sipping and tasting delicious bites, we will carry out a discussion on Impressionism and try to paint like an impressionist. vizoeuroart24.com

Spring Fling!

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 FROM 11:00AM-5:00PM

Art a la Carte Gallery, 310 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Shake off the winter blues and embrace the warmth and optimism of spring! Our art exhibition features artwork inspired by nature's beauty. artalacartegallery.com

MAY

Gather, Ground & Grow

SATURDAY, MAY 3 AT 7:30PM

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Trivia Nights in the Park!
FRIDAY, MAY 16
FRIDAY, JUNE 20
FRIDAY, JULY 25
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
River Mill Park, 458 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Get your brain buzzing and join us for a night of fun, friendly competition! Test your smarts with six rounds of trivia and you might just walk away with the \$100 Grand Prize! Tickets are \$30 per group.

visitoccoquanva.com/trivia

Featured Artist: Chong Teasley

MAY 6 - JUNE 1

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

We invite you to Chong's art exhibit "Backyard Friends." Her acrylic paintings showcase adorable animals commonly found in local surroundings. In her paintings, she depicts animals in their natural surroundings in a realistic manner. loftgallery.org

For the Love of Mom!

THURSDAY, MAY 8 FROM 5:30-7:30 PM

Forever Young, 206 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Occoquan Business Collaborations: Join us to meet & shop with multiple Occoquan Businesses under one roof! We will have several businesses gathering at Forever Young to showcase their goods and services. Find that special Mother's Day gift. foreveryoungtoday.com

Meet the Artist Reception

SATURDAY, MAY 10 FROM 1:00-4:00PM

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Meet the artist, Chong Teasley, and experience her show, "Backyard Friends." Refreshments provided. loftgallery.org

Bonded: A Mother Daughter

Sip + Shop

SATURDAY, MAY 10 FROM 9:00-11:00AM

Hello Jackson, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

Join us for a before hours sip + shop and celebrate the bond you share by designing your own piece of permanent jewelry with your mom, daughter, or friend. shopathellojackson.com

Celebrating Mothers

SATURDAY, MAY 10 FROM 11:00AM-6:00PM

Art a la Carte Gallery, 310 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Join us in celebrating the "heart and soul" of families everywhere! Spend the afternoon with us - enjoy the artwork of 28 local artists, art demonstrations, mocktails, and find thoughtful Mother's Day gifts. Thanks, Mom, you're the best! artalacartegallery.com

Leaves & Literacy Book Club

TUESDAY, MAY 13 FROM 6:00-8:00PM

Leaf & Petal, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

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Friday Night Flights

FRIDAY, MAY 16 FROM 4:00-6:00PM

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Trivia Night: Pop Culture Palooza

FRIDAY, MAY 16 AT 6:30PM

River Mill Park, 458 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Test your knowledge during our outdoor trivia nights in the park! That night's event title is your clue to one of the six rounds of questions. Bring your up-to-8-person team plus camp chairs or blankets for seating in the park. Tickets are \$30 per group. This family-friendly event typically runs around 2 hours. visitoccoquanva.com/trivia

Kids Rainbow Bracelet Making

SATURDAY, MAY 17 FROM 10:00AM-12:00PM

Tiny Supply Co., 125 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Kids ages 3 and up are invited to make a wooden rainbow bracelet with us! All supplies will be provided and staff will be available to assist little ones with their creation. \$5 - sign up online or walks up, as supplies last. shoptinysupply.com

JUNE

Featured Artist: Katharine Taylor

JUNE 3 - JULY 6

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

"Step This Way... Through my Doors and Stairways" is a watercolor collection by Katharine that invites you to cross architectural thresholds, stirring memories or sparking curiosity about what lies beyond. loftgallery.org

Gather, Ground & Grow

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 AT 7:30PM

Earth Addictions, 125 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

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Trucker Hat Bar

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 FROM 10:00AM-2:00PM

Hello Jackson, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

Get ready for summer with a custom trucker hat you've designed yourself! Whether you want it for days on the river, to cheer on your kid's sports team or just for everyday wear, stop by to pick your patches and hat accessories and have it pressed! shopathellojackson.com

By the Water's Edge

JUNE 7 & 8

Art a la Carte Gallery, 310 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Feel the sand between your toes, the sun on your back, and smell the salt air! Enjoy our beach-themed artwork, art demos, and light refreshments. You'll find paintings, handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, wood, metal, and more. artalacartegallery.com

RIVERFEST & CRAFT SHOW

RiverFest & Crafts Show

JUNE 7 & 8 FROM 10AM-5PM

throughout Occoquan

Stroll through streets lined with nearly 300 vendors, including many talented artisans showcasing their unique arts and crafts. Then make your way to the Beer Garden in River Mill Park for a refreshing drink in a beautiful riverside setting. If you're coming with the family, don't miss Conservation Alley, for demonstrations, recycled crafts, music, and plenty of fun, all while learning how to protect our wildlife and water through the Jr. Passport Program. Free admission. Parking shuttle tickets \$8 (kids 12 & under free) or \$15 for 2.

Learn more at occoquanfestivals.com

Leaves & Literacy Book Club

TUESDAY, JUNE 10 FROM 6:00-8:00PM

Leaf & Petal, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

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Summertime Citrus

Make & Take Class

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 FROM 6:00-7:30PM

Brandon's Flowers, 203 Union St, Occoquan, VA

Please join us for a live citrus & flowers class. Hosted here at 6:00 pm. Learn to make a fresh flower design with citrus fruit just in time for the orchard visits. We provide everything you need—tools, fruit, and flowers! brandonsflowers.net

Meet the Artist Reception

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 FROM 1:00-4:00PM

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Meet Katharine Taylor and let her collection "Step this Way" remind you of a special place or contemplate what is beyond the viewer's sight. Light refreshments provided. loftgallery.org

Exhibition of Photographs

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 FROM 1:00-6:00PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

Presenting works of art photography of European and American photographers, including black and white modern landscapes, urban views, portraits, and sea scapes. vizioeuroart24.com

Friday Night Flights

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 FROM 4:00-6:00PM

Leaf & Petal, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

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Trivia Night: The Great Brain Bake-Off

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 AT 6:30PM

River Mill Park, 458 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

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JULY

Gather, Ground & Grow

SATURDAY, JULY 5 AT 7:30PM

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Featured Artist: Claire Bentley

JULY 8 - AUGUST 3

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Come see Claire's exhibit "Listening to Nature" which showcases her love of our natural world. Her watercolor paintings depict the amazing beauty of this world from landscapes to small flowers and everything in between. loftgallery.org

Leaves & Literacy Book Club

TUESDAY, JULY 8 FROM 6:00-8:00PM

Leaf & Petal, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

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Meet the Artist Reception

SATURDAY, JULY 12 FROM 1:00-4:00PM

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Meet Claire Bentley and enjoy her watercolor paintings in "Listening to Nature" which depict the beauty of this world. Light refreshments provided. loftgallery.org

Friday Night Flights

FRIDAY, JULY 18 FROM 4:00-6:00PM

Leaf & Petal, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

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Painting Contest

SATURDAY, JULY 19 FROM 4:00-7:00PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

Participants will have two hours to finish their painting. The winner will be selected by a secret vote and receive an award and presents. vizioeuroart24.com

Trivia Night: Trivia Takedown

FRIDAY, JULY 25 AT 6:30PM

River Mill Park, 458 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

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Christmas in July

FRIDAY, JULY 25 FROM 12:00-8:00PM

throughout Occoquan

Join businesses in Occoquan for Christmas festivities in summer! We'll have happy hours, festive games, and holiday themed sales for you to enjoy. The event is free to attend. Individual businesses may charge for specific activities. visitoccoquanva.com

Christmas in July

FRIDAY, JULY 25

Hello Jackson, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

Who said you can't shop for Christmas in July? Join us for freshly baked cookies, a festive drink, and shopping discounted Christmas items! shopathellojackson.com

AUGUST

Gather, Ground & Grow

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 AT 7:30PM

Earth Addictions, 125 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

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Triptych II: A 3-Artist Show

AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 31

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Enjoy original artworks by George Jones (turned wood), Kaja Kool (ceramics), Maureen Storey (fused glass). loftgallery.org

Meet Our 3 Featured Artists Reception!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 FROM 1:00-4:00PM

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Meet artists George Jones, Kaja Kool, and Maureen Storey at "Triptych II" which showcases their works in turned wood, ceramics, and fused glass. Refreshments provided. loftgallery.org

Swords, Brooms & Magical Beasts

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 FROM 10:00AM-6:00PM

Art a la Carte Gallery, 310 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Join us for an interactive fantasy art show like no other, curated by Laine of Lainemindinventions. Immerse yourself in a world of magic and wonder through art demos, workshops, and more. artalacartegallery.com

Birthday Party

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 FROM 1:00-6:30PM

VIZIA Art Gallery, 308 Poplar Aly, Occoquan, VA

Celebrate the birthdays of our clients with excellent food and drinks, a lavish meal, birthday cake, raffle, gifts, and more! vizieuroart24.com

Leaves & Literacy Book Club

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Trivia Night: Mindbender Bonanza

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SEPTEMBER

Featured Artist: Tyler Grosskopf

SEPTEMBER 2 - OCTOBER 5

The Loft Gallery

313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Come see Tyler's exhibit "Ethereal" that showcases vivid colors through alcohol ink and gold leaf. Alcohol ink illustrates the depth and fluidity of color. These abstract works are sure to catch your eye. loftgallery.org

Gather, Ground & Grow

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 FROM 7:30PM

Earth Addictions, 125 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

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Meet the Artist Reception

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 FROM 1:00-4:00PM

The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Meet Tyler Grosskopf and experience her show: "Ethereal" that showcases vivid colors through alcohol inks and gold leaf. Light refreshments will be served. loftgallery.org

Leaves & Literacy Book Club

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 FROM 6:00-8:00PM

Leaf & Petal, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

Leaf & Petal has our very own book club! Leaves & Literacy is a chance to discover and discuss new books, drink delicious tea, and get an exclusive handmade item! In person spots for this book club are currently limited to a small amount, due to space, but we do hope to expand in the future! Advance registration required. leafandpetalva.com

Trivia Night: Trivia Treasure Hunt

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 6:30PM

River Mill Park, 458 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Test your knowledge during our outdoor trivia nights in the park! That night's event title is your clue to one of the six rounds of questions. Bring your up-to-8-person team plus camp chairs or blankets for seating in the park. Tickets are \$30 per group. This family-friendly event typically runs around 2 hours. visitoccoquanva.com/trivia



FALL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Fall Arts & Crafts Show
SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 FROM 10AM-5PM
throughout Occoquan

Join us for our Fall Arts & Crafts Show, in the streets of historic Occoquan! This annual event features two packed days of a wide range of 300 makers and creators in over 20 categories! Meet emerging and experienced artisans, talk to them about their work, and view demonstrations of some of their craft techniques. Plus don't miss Imagination Alley for the kids, a beer garden & live music in the park, and amazing food vendors! Free admission. Parking shuttle tickets \$8 (kids 12 & under free) or \$15 for 2.

Learn more at occoquanfestivals.com

Friday Night Flights

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 FROM 4:00-6:00PM

Leaf & Petal, 201 Union St, Occoquan, VA

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Leaves are Falling, Art is Calling!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 & 28

Art a la Carte Gallery, 310 Mill St, Occoquan, VA

Join our artists as they celebrate nature and the change of seasons through their artwork! Watch art demos, meet the artists, and enjoy light refreshments. You'll find paintings, handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, wood, metal, and more. artalacartegallery.com

Looking for more events?

Visit our online calendar
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"Frankly, you couldn't ask for more from a town resident"

Best. Neighbor. Ever.

BY SARAH HITCHCOCK BURZIO

"Mike and Ollie are true Occoquan icons"

At the beginning of 2025, Visit Occoquan asked the community to highlight which neighbors make Occoquan so special. I wasn't quite sure what to expect from this request, but what I heard back from businesses and residents was nothing short of heartwarming.

As of November 2024, the Town of Occoquan has 1,035 residents. Being a town this size outside the Washington, DC metropolis has its benefits and challenges. We may not have a big hotel or even a grocery store, but we throwback to an era of small community and neighborhood comradery. These folks not only know your name, but your dog's name, kid's name, mother-in-law's name, and they probably have a key to your house as well. TL;DR - we love the small town life.

So who makes up our friendly and unique town of Occoquan? Let's take a look:

MIKE OSTERGARD

Mike and his pup are a constant presence in town. Ollie is formally known as Sir Ollie of Occoquan and less formally as the Vice Vice Mayor (because he knows everyone and campaigns for treats!). Mike and Ollie stop by local businesses and chat with neighbors, just to see how everyone is doing.

One of his regular stops is Hello Jackson Home Fragrance, where owner Jordan Sanders always gives Ollie a treat. "Mike and Ollie are true Occoquan icons," says Sanders. "They bring so much light and



Sir Ollie of Occoquan

joy to our neighborhood and Mike is always offering us a kind conversation and a hug. And Ollie - as he not-so-patiently waits for his treats every day - is always with him. It doesn't matter the weather or day, Mike and Ollie always stop by to say hello and check in with me."

When popping by Ballywhack Shack Cafe for lunch, Mike is the first to ask the staff if they need help carrying a package or fixing something around the cafe. Owner Sherry Mangas met Mike the day she took over her original eatery space, the little Shack on Mill Street. She and her husband were setting things up and for weeks Mike checked in each day, offering help.

"We talked of his amazing career as a news correspondent, his wife who (at the time) had recently passed away, his dog Ollie's health, our mutual love of Occoquan, and of course his hobby of trains and models," said Mangas.

When she took over the cafe's new spot on Commerce Street, she told Mike she was trying to figure out what to do with the large empty wall on one side. "Mike said he could build me a model train and I agreed. All for the love of it. No payment - just the glory of sharing his passion for his project with the public. It is a centerpiece in the Cafe that delights so many!" shared Mangas.

In addition to being a great neighbor, Mike is a frequent and friendly face as a volunteer for town events. "Mike is an absolute delight!" remarks the Town of Occoquan Event Director Julie Little, "He is incredibly generous with his time, volunteering hours at every festival, and he's so well-thought of that vendors specifically ask for him to sit at their booth while they take a break. Mike's presence certainly brightens up the community!"



Mike Ostergard (right) with Deputy Town Manager, Matt Whitmoyer (left) during the 2024 Fall Arts & Crafts Show

HELAINES & BOB LOVE

Helaine and Bob may have only lived in Occoquan for a few years, but their impact can be seen throughout the community. You might see Helaine popping around town with the grandkids on the weekend. A retired third grade teacher and mother to three, she was selected as Teacher of the Year in 2017-2018 in Stafford county. Now retired, Helaine loves living in a walkable, riverfront town.

Bob serves on the board of the Occoquan Historical Society as well as Town Planning Commission and is a Committee Chair for the town's Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7916. But his volunteer board positions are not why people nominated him. He is well known as the guy who will jump in to help anyone at any time. The first words out of his mouth are typically "What can I do? How can I help?"

Town Mayor, Earnie Porta told us, "Together Bob and Helaine not only consistently volunteer for town events, but make it a point to attend ribbon-cuttings, dedications, commemorations, and other activities, even on occasions when those may not be of significant interest to them -- they do it to be supportive. And they always say thank you. Frankly, you couldn't ask for more from a town resident."

Which should come as no surprise. Afterall, Bob served as a Marine Officer for 30 years around the globe and was a civil servant and member of the Senior Executive Services before he retired.

According to neighbor Henry Brinton, Bob will always be a Marine. "On December 7, 2021, I told him that a member of my church was turning 100 years old that day. Jim had been born on December 7, 1921, and the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on his 20th birthday. He joined the Marines and served in the South Pacific. Bob was so impressed that he dropped everything he was doing, researched Jim's service record, and then joined me in a birthday visit to Jim's retirement community. Bob thanked Jim for his service, told the community about the ships Jim had served on, and gave him a challenge coin. What a thoughtful 100th birthday gift!"



Helaine Love, kayaking on the Occoquan River.



Bob Love (right) and Mayor Earnie Porta (left) selecting a raffle winner for the Occoquan Historical Society in the Mill House Museum.

NOMINATE AN AMAZING OCCOQUAN NEIGHBOR

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201C Union St
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203 Washington St
214 Commerce St
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125 Mill St #11
304 Mill St
205 Union St
203 Washington St
125 Mill St #5
125 Mill St #3
308 Poplar Alley

309 Mill St
309 Mill St
406 McKenzie Dr
1556 Rivertown Pl
312 Commerce St
408 Mill St #4
408 Mill St #2
408 Mill St #3
416 Mill St #2

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212 Commerce St
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303 Commerce St
303 Union St
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308 Poplar Alley



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 201 Mill Street
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- Kayak/SUP Ramp
- Mamie Davis Park
- Mill House Museum
- Public Dock
- Public Restrooms (east side)
- Public Restrooms (west side)
- River Mill Park
- Rockledge Mansion
- Town Hall
- United States Post Office
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Information Kiosk (east side)
- Information Kiosk (west side)

172 Mill St
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 205 Mill St
 413 Mill St
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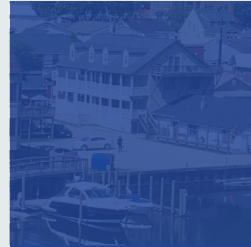
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BY SARAH HITCHCOCK BURZIO

#1: ultimate relaxation

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#4: *energy healing*

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PLAN YOUR VISIT *in Occoquan*

OUR BUSINESSES

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PARKING

Free public street and lot parking is available throughout town. The Timed Parking District in the historic/business edge of town has free 4 and 8 hour timed parking, with occasional 20-minute pick up spots throughout town.

RESTROOMS

Accessible public restrooms are available at River Mill Park (458 Mill Street) and Mill Street Draft Garden (200 Mill Street).

PET FRIENDLY

Many shops and restaurants are pet friendly. Be sure to call ahead to confirm, if you plan to have your furry friend accompany you. Our historical district and parks have waste receptacles and bags for your convenience.

KAYAK/SUP RAMP

The Town of Occoquan, Virginia kayak and SUP ramp is free and open to the public. It can be accessed through the 8-hour parking lot at 111 Mill St. The ramp has direct access into the Occoquan River (connecting to the Potomac River) and is accessible for people with mobility disabilities.

MAMIE DAVIS PARK

Occoquan's Mamie Davis Park (205 Mill Street) was named in honor of the late, long-time resident and town official, Ms. Mamie Davis. Located at the intersection of Washington Street and Mill Street, this small grassed and shaded public area features a gazebo, and connects to the town's public boardwalk and pier. It is often used as a setting for weddings, receptions, and other events.

BIRD WATCHING

Occoquan is a great place to watch and photograph numerous species of waterfowl and raptors including ospreys, blue heron, eagles, mallards, Canadian geese, kingfishers, and more. The entire Town of Occoquan is designated as a bird sanctuary.

MILL HOUSE MUSEUM

The Mill House Museum contains an eclectic collection of documents, photographs, and other artifacts related to Occoquan's history and that of the surrounding region. Over 400 items are catalogued and many of these are on permanent display. One strength is the Historical Society's collection of Occoquan-related photographs. While a number of these are on display in the Museum, many more have yet to be catalogued and made available to the general public. *413 Mill Street. Open daily (except Wednesdays) from 11am-4pm.*

RIVER MILL PARK

The Town of Occoquan, in partnership with Prince William County and Fairfax Water, developed River Mill Park, a one-acre park along the Occoquan River with a public restroom, event pavilion, open space, and paved walking trail. River Mill Park was opened to the public in July of 2016 and is used by the Town to host concerts and other family-friendly events, as well as by the community for various public and private events.

FOOTBRIDGE

The Nathaniel Ellicott Bridge is located on the site of a bridge originally constructed in the late 1700s, which put Occoquan on the main north-south route of the East Coast until the coming of Route 1. An iron Pratt truss bridge was erected on the site in 1878 and carried Route 123 across the river and through the Town of Occoquan. In 1972 Hurricane Agness washed away the bridge and a footbridge replaced it.

TOWN DOCK

The Town of Occoquan Boardwalk and Public Dock are accessible via Mamie Davis Park (205 Mill St). Public picnic tables and benches are available for public use. Contact Town Hall at (703) 491-1918 for docking fee and information. No reservation are needed and slips are first come, first serve.

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314 Mill St

Virginia Historic District
Methodist Church

302 Mill St

Mill Street

200 Mill St

1804 Occoquan Town Plat

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Mamie Davis Park
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Occoquan Riverwalk
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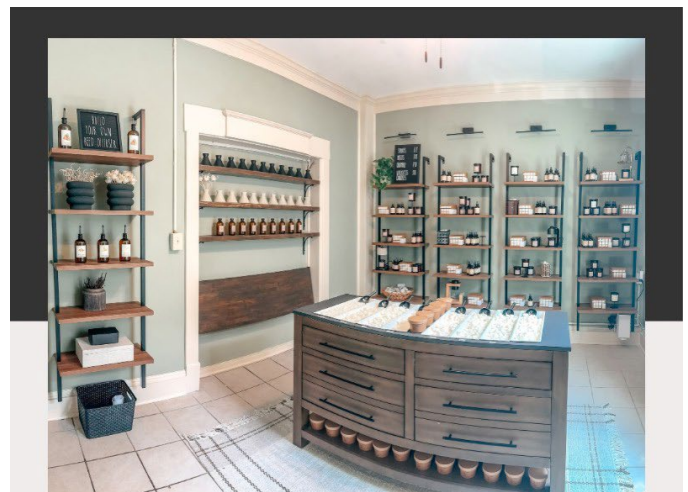
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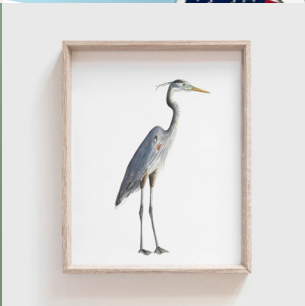
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