

The Town of Occoquan would like to express it's deepest sympathy to the family of Artie L. Harris, who passed away on the morning of December 24th at the age of 107.



Miss Harris was Occoquan's oldest living citizen. Born and raised in Occoquan, she returned in the 1960's to stay. When asked by the News and Messenger what her secret to longevity was, she replied, " I drink a lot of orange and grape juices. I never smoked, never drove an automobile, and I did not drink alcohol except at Christmas dinners."

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MAYOR'S LETTER

Happy New Year to everyone! I want to start off this year by thanking everyone in town, as well as all of our visitors, for their patience and assistance as we dealt with the big snow storm the weekend before Christmas. For those of you who had a chance to walk through town on the evening of the 18th and any part of the day on the 19th, you witnessed a truly beautiful spectacle as the snow fell. Of course, so much snow also created significant difficulties for our merchants and residents. Although VDOT did an admirable job in keeping the main roads through town open, our town contractor was overwhelmed, and we found it necessary to hire an additional contractor to clear parking spaces and town roads. For this I want to especially thank the Town Administrator, Claudia Cruise. Claudia worked continually over several days to try to locate an additional snow removal contractor with the capacity to do what we needed in Occoquan. She kept me regularly informed, and for those of you who subscribe to my e-newsletter updates, I tried to pass relevant information along to you when I could do so.

It is in situations like that of the snow storm that the character of our residents, merchants, and visitors is really on display. It would be impossible for me to name all the individuals who I saw in town on the days of the storm, and the several days thereafter, who took the time to lend a helping hand both to their neighbors and to the town in general. I appreciate all of your efforts, as well as those of the merchants who braved the conditions to stay open, and the numerous visitors I met who came into town to shop and eat. Almost to the person, the people I encountered were patient, cooperative, and cheerful. And many of you even took the time to send along notes of thanks for town efforts. All of this is what helps make a small town a wonderful place to live.

Thank you once again, and please feel free to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions or concerns.

At the December 2009 meeting, the Council voted to:

- ◆ proceed with Prince William County doing Capital Improvement Projects
- ◆ approve payment to Madigan's for the holiday party
- ◆ approve payment to Steve Lowery and Samuel Daniels for installing the wreaths



January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Town Hall closed	2
3	4	5 6:30 PC - <u>Cancelled</u> 7:30 ARB	6 Trash & Recycle	7	8	
10	11	12 7:00 Town Council	13 Trash & Recycle	14 5:00 - OHS	15 Lee-Jackson Day Town Hall closed	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Town Hall closed	19	20 Trash & Recycle	21 7:00 Hollows HOA	22	23
24	25	26	27 Trash & Recycle	28	29	30
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A Message from American Disposal Services



Christmas trees will be collected on Wednesday, the regular trash pick-up day. All decorations, tinsel, garland, etc., must be removed from trees. Please do not place trees in plastic bags.

Inclement Weather: ADS will suspend collections in areas which we deem are unsafe due to snow or ice, or at a time when weather has deteriorated to the point where conditions are deemed unsafe. There are no adjustments or make-up days for missed services due to inclement weather, and your services will resume on their next regularly scheduled service day.

If you have any questions, please call ADS at 703-368-0500, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Untrim-A-Tree

I would like to thank each and every one of you who participated in this year's "Untrim-A-Tree" project. All of the tags were taken, and every child's wish was fulfilled!

Betsy Merklein, OMA



From the Occoquan Post Office

All of us at the Occoquan Post Office would like to thank residents and businesses for the gifts and kind words during the holiday season. The generosity of everyone is truly appreciated. Happy New Year!

Judy, Sandie, and Eleanor