

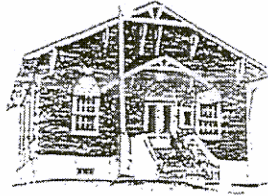
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MAYOR'S LETTER

I am pleased to begin this month by reporting that on February 14th, the Community Appearance Alliance of Northern Virginia presented a special award to Historic Occoquan, Inc., for the Civil War Trails marker installed adjacent to the Mill House Museum. As some of you may recall, the town dedicated the marker on July 21st as part of our Virginia 2007 Commemoration. Although a number of individuals associated with the town and Historic Occoquan, Inc. contributed to the effort, Dolores Elder was the moving force behind getting Occoquan added to the Civil War trails program and developing the marker itself. She may often be seen working at the Tourist Information Center. If you get the opportunity, please stop by the Center to thank and congratulate Dolores.

In addition to the Civil War Trails marker, some of you have hopefully noticed the lamplighter gate recently installed in the old carbide bunker near the northwestern end of Mill Street. The gate was funded through a VDOT community enhancement grant received a number of years ago, and was custom-designed for Occoquan. Closing out the news on historical topics, this year also marks the 125th anniversary of Ebenezer Baptist Church, the only operating congregation still associated with the town. The church has a number of anniversary-related events scheduled throughout the year, including a special celebration at 3:00 p.m., March 3rd, at the Family Life Center. At its February meeting, the Occoquan town council passed a Resolution congratulating the church.

Finally, thank you to all of you who participated in the recent survey regarding the naming of the Route 123 bridge. There were 78 respondents, approximately 60 of whom were identifiable town residents. The *Occoquan River Bridge* and the *J. Robert Ritenour Occoquan Veterans Memorial Bridge* each garnered just under 20 votes to lead the selections. As indicated in the survey, the naming of the bridge is a process that involves adjoining jurisdictions and VDOT. At this time the town council has not decided to take further action. In the event another jurisdiction does so, however, your participation in the survey will assist the town council in determining its response.

As always, thank you again for your support, and please feel free to contact me at mayorporta@comcast.net with any comments, questions or concerns.



At the February 2008 meetings, Council voted to:

- * Adopt an ordinance to set the due dates for BPOL taxes for tax year 2008 as May 1
- * Authorize reimbursable seed money (\$1,000) for 5K race
- * Appoint Denise Bush and Miles Eudy to the Planning Commission
- * Approve the purchase of ammunition for rifle training(\$123.45)
- * Authorize Gainesville Plumbing to do repair at the Tourist Information Center (\$1,101.00)
- * Have the municipal parking lot sign by the Route 123 bridge fabricated
- * Change the 300 Ellicott parking lot sign to read "Public Parking"
- * Hire a professional to digitally colorize the Town Seal, cost not to exceed \$350
- * Approve awarding Virginia 2007 Commemoration Certificates of Appreciation for individuals
- * Authorize the Mayor to draft a Resolution commemorating Ebenezer Baptist Church's 125th Anniversary
- * Allow buy-sell merchandise in a limited area of the craft shows, not to exceed 25 booths

The Easter Bunny is coming to Occoquan!

The Business Guild of Occoquan has received word that the Easter Bunny will be visiting Occoquan on Saturday, March 22, from noon to 3:00 p.m. Look for him to be handing out eggs filled with jellybeans to believers, young and old alike.



The May 6, 2008, elections are just around the corner. If you are interested in being a candidate for the Town Council, you only have until March 4th to register. Please call the State Board of Elections at 703-792-6470 with any questions. You may also download the necessary forms at www.sbe.virginia.gov.



March 2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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6:30 Planning
Commission
7:30 ARB

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Trash & Recycle

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7:00 Town
Council Meet-
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Trash & Recycle

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5:00 Historic
Occoquan, Inc.
7:30 the Towns of
Occoquan HOA
Meeting

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Trash & Recycle

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7:00 Hollows
HOA

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Easter Bunny
Noon to 3:00



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Trash & Recycle

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Easter

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Walking your dog ...

Please remember that Occoquan Town Ordinance Section 6-2 requires all dog owners to immediately pick up after their dogs when walking on a public right-of-way or on any property other than the dog owner's property. Section 6-4 states that any person violating this provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. Please be responsible and help keep our town clean.



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