

Occoquan's Farmers' Market is Coming Soon!!



Our farmers' market will return to the Mill Street parking lot adjacent to the Route 123 bridge beginning Saturday, April 24th. The market will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon every Saturday through November, excluding the Saturdays of the June and September craft shows. For a list of participating farmers, go to www.occoquanfarmersmarket.org.

The much-loved *Paper Tiger* paper-shredding truck and recycling bins for eyeglasses and cell phones will also be on site, so take advantage of these convenient ways to safely dispose of sensitive documents and donate your no longer needed items.

AND DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR FREE *OCCOQUAN BUCK* WHEN YOU'RE THERE!

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MAYOR'S LETTER

The spring weather will hopefully be kicking into high gear this month, and there will be a number of events in town designed to help draw visitors and benefit all of us who live and work here. On Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, the Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) will be holding their annual spring river clean-up. This year the event is accompanied by a larger clean-up that will cover the Occoquan River all the way from Lake Jackson Dam to the Potomac. Our town is one of the traditional venues for the clean-up, and we have identified several specific areas that need particular attention. So, if you can, please come to Town Hall on the morning of the 10th and donate some time to helping improve the town's appearance. Scenes from the most recent clean-up are currently being featured on Channel 23.

Our second major event in April is the kick-off to the second year of our Farmers' Market, organized by the Occoquan Merchants' Association. Starting on April 24 and continuing into November, the Farmers' Market will run every Saturday (except craft show weekends) from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the parking lot adjacent to the Route 123 bridge. Please consider patronizing this market on a regular basis so that we can continue to enjoy its convenience in Occoquan. As the season progresses, several vendors bring an ever increasing variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, and other items. Also on the 24th, a shredding truck will again be available, where individuals will be able to bring up to three boxes of paper (e.g., bank and credit card statements, bills, and other paper subject to identity theft) for shredding and disposal at no cost. This was a very popular service last year, and one about which residents often inquire, so please mark your calendars accordingly.

We worked in March to shake off the snow and start cleaning the town for spring. As part of that effort, on March 20th, we unleashed our street sweeper on the town, employing it not only in the historic district, but on all town streets and in several HOAs. Although we made a dent in what the winter left us, there is much work still to be done so, again, please consider taking an hour or so to participate in the clean-up on the 10th.

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

Earnest W. Porta, Jr.

At the March 2010 meeting, the Council voted to:

- ♦ approve funds for fabrication of “Occoquan” signs at town entrances
- ♦ renew the one-year landscaping contract with HedgeHog
- ♦ reappoint Mr. Dean as the town’s representative to the Occoquan River Communities Board of Directors



April 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 April Fools Day 7:00 Hollows HOA	2	3
4 Easter 	5	6 6:30 - Planning Commission CANCELLED 7:30 -ARB	7	8  5:00 - OHS	9	10 9:00 - Noon FOTO clean-up
11	12	13 6:30 Public Hearing re: 109 Washington Street development Town Council immediately following	14 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 	22	23	24 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
25	26	27	28 	29	30	

TOWN ELECTION - TUESDAY, MAY 4



Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, May the 4th, for the positions of Mayor and Town Council Member. Voting will take place in Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, and is open to all properly registered voters in the Town of Occoquan. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

OCCOQUAN BUCKS

The Occoquan Merchants' Association will begin distributing their new "Occoquan Buck" on April 24th at the Farmers' Market. This coupon is good for \$1.00 off of any purchase of \$10.00 or more in shops displaying the "Occoquan Buck" decal. You may also print the coupon from their website, www.occoquanmerchantsassociation.com.

**9th Annual Occoquan River Spring Clean-Up Day
Saturday, April 10, 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon**



Come join your neighbors and *Friends of the Occoquan* volunteers for the 9th Annual Occoquan River Spring Clean-Up. Refreshments will be provided, and all volunteers will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Bob McDonnell. Meet at Town Hall wearing sturdy shoes; gloves and trash bags will be provided.