

## From the Office of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

From June 1-4, Battalion Chief Burkhammer will be holding training classes for approximately 60 Fairfax County fire marshals and bomb squad members, Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office staff, and members of the Fairfax County Attorney's Office. This is a 10-12 hour class, most of which will involve classroom work at the Fairfax Water facility. There will, however, be some live pyrotechnic firings between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on those days in the Lorton area, so please do not be alarmed if you hear or see such activity.

### Best Wishes to June Randolph!

On Friday, June 4, Occoquan resident June Randolph will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. June has been an integral part of the Occoquan community for many years. In fact, she has held virtually every elected, appointed, and staff position in the Town of Occoquan during her tenure here, including that of Mayor during some of the crucial years after the destruction wrought by Hurricane Agnes; she even once served as Town Sergeant for a day. Please join the entire Occoquan community in thanking June for her incredible service to the town and in wishing her a very happy birthday.

## OCCOQUAN NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S LETTER

I want to start off this month by thanking all of those who organized and participated in the Art Walk on May 8, as well as those who did the same for Military Appreciation Week. These are the sorts of events that bring new visitors to town, and I repeatedly receive compliments from those visitors about the variety of activities taking place here. Of course, June is one of our busiest months when it comes to such things. The first event of the month is our annual spring Arts and Crafts Show, which will take place June 5-6. As you know, our craft shows are an important part of the town's revenue base, so please encourage your friends and family to attend. On Saturday, June 19, Occoquan will also be the site of our fourth annual Duck Splash Race, when rubber ducks will race from the Nathaniel Ellicott Footbridge to the town docks. You can adopt a duck for \$5 at several locations in town between now and June 19, and prizes range from \$500 to \$20. Along with the Duck Splash Race, there will be a water quality testing activity for children sponsored by the Prince William County Soil and Water Conservation Board. Finally, on Saturday, June 26, the town will host another River Festival. More information on this event will be available online as the date approaches.

Other things are occurring here in June, as well. This is the month in which we adopt our budget and tax rates for fiscal year 2011, so please check the post office and other bulletin boards regularly for public hearing notices; the first such hearing occurs on June 1. Also, Monday, June 14, is Flag Day and, accordingly, I would like to encourage everyone in town to fly our nation's flag on that day. Instructions on how to do so properly were developed with our local VFW Post for last year's Flag Appreciation Campaign and may still be found on the town web site ([www.occoquan.org](http://www.occoquan.org)) and on the town bulletin board. Last, please note that the paper shredder truck will once again be available adjacent to the Farmers' Market on Saturday, June 19.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the town elections in May, both candidates and voters. I continue to appreciate all your support. As always, please feel free to contact me at [eporta@occoquan.org](mailto:eporta@occoquan.org) with any comments, questions or concerns.

*Earnest W. Porta, Jr.*

**At the May 2010 meeting, the Council voted to:**



- approve the installation of “No Parking from 6:00 a.m. Friday through 1:00 p.m. Saturday” signs at the entrance to the Farmers Market
- approve the advertising of the budget and tax rates
- award a two-year contract to 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Disposal for trash and recycling

**CRAFT SHOW PARKING**

Parking permits will be issued to merchants and residents living and/or working in the historic district for parking under the Route 123 bridge from 10:00 p.m., Friday, June 4, until 6:30 p.m., Sunday, June 6. Because of the limited parking spaces, only one permit per business or family - first come, first served - will be issued. Permits will be issued at Town Hall beginning Tuesday, June 1.

**STREET CLOSINGS**

The historic district portions of Mill, Commerce, Washington, Union, and Ellicott will be closed to vehicles from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., June 5 and 6. Vehicles parked on streets in the show area that are not removed by 6:00 a.m. on both days may be towed at the owner’s expense. We ask your cooperation in keeping traffic to a minimum, and for safety reasons, vehicles cannot be permitted in the show area.

Last week we had a honey bee swarm in town. We learned:

- \* Honey bee swarms are common this time of year.
- \* Bees usually swarm in Spring because they are moving from one "home" to another.
- \* They are not violent when they are swarming, however, if someone swats at them, they may sting.
- \* If the swarm lands somewhere to rest between "homes," they may stay there for a few hours or a few days. Beekeepers are able to collect the bees during this time.
- \* Honey bees may not be killed legally if they are on public property.

For more information, go to [www.beekeepersnova.org/beewranglers.htm](http://www.beekeepersnova.org/beewranglers.htm)



# June 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> 6:30 - Planning Commission <b>CANCELLED</b> 7:00 Public Hearing on Budget 7:30 - ARB	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 - 6:00 Spring Arts & Crafts Show
<b>6</b> 10:00 - 5:00 Spring Arts & Crafts Show	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 Town Council	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:00 - OHS	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Flag Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 Hollows HOA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market Paper Shredder
<b>20</b> Fathers Day 	<b>21</b> Summer Begins	<b>22</b> 6:30 Public Hearing on Tax Rates	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 - Merchant's Crime Prevention meeting in TH	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			