

The Town of Occoquan would like to express its sympathy to the family of Jonathan McClung, who passed away on June 24th.



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Gina Garcia, Arts and Crafts Show Director

MAYOR'S LETTER

“Thank you” to all of you who participated in the “*Before the War*” activities on Saturday, July 31! This was the first Occoquan event associated with the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, and I am grateful to all the town businesses, residents, and friends who volunteered their time and resources to help make the day happen. In particular, I would like to thank the Prince William County/Manassas Convention and Visitors Bureau, who provided a substantial grant to fund our efforts, the Occoquan Historical Society, who also made a substantial financial contribution, and Dolores Elder, who originally proposed the idea and worked hard to turn it into reality. Our event was part of a much wider statewide commemoration effort that will continue for at least the next five years. Prince William County has a very large and active committee that is planning numerous events throughout the county during that time, as well. I encourage you, if you are interested, to check out the state commemoration committee web site at www.virginiacivilwar.org.

August's heat tends to slow things down in Occoquan, but our farmers' market will continue every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, and soon after the end of the month we will be gearing up for the fall Arts and Crafts Show. As some of you already know, the Town Council has appointed Gina Garcia as Craft Show Director. Gina has hit the ground running and is rapidly moving forward with a variety of enhancements to the show. The Town Council has also formally named our Town Sergeant, Sheldon Levi, Occoquan's Chief of Police. Please give them both your full support. Finally, as the heat and humidity become more intense in August, please take steps to guard against heat-related health concerns, and watch for the tell-tale signs amongst your friends and neighbors.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Earnest W. Porta, Jr.".

At the July 2010 meeting, the Council voted to:

- refer the SAGA ordinance to the Planning Commission for review
- add “Chief of Police” to the Town Sergeant’s title
- elect Ken Brunsvold as Vice-Mayor
- appoint Gina Garcia as the Craft Show Director
- appoint Abby Stonerock to the Architectural Review Board
- allow the 5K Walk/Run on October 16
- allocate \$2,500 to the OMA for advertizing
- reappoint the town staff



August 2010



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 6:30 Planning Commission - CANCELLED 7:30 ARB - CANCELLED	4 	5	6	7 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
8	9	10 7:00 p.m. Town Council	11 	12 5:00 - OHS	13	14 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
15	16	17	18 	19 7:00 Hollows HOA	20	21 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market Paper Shredder
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28 8:00 - Noon Farmers Market
29	30	31				

GHOST TOURS

The Occoquan Merchants Association offers guided tours on most Friday and Saturday evenings from late April through October, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance at Salt & Pepper Books on 125 Mill Street or by calling 703-491-4411 or 571-334-7357. Group tours (10+) are available by appointment. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. The walking tour last approximately one hour. Please dress appropriately for outdoor weather and wear comfortable shoes.



OCOQUAN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL "FILL THE SCHOOL BUS" DRIVE



August 1st through August 14th will be the annual "Fill the School Bus" drive for local needy children. You may drop off your donations of new school supplies, such as binders, backpacks, paper, pens, pencils, etc., at any of the drop-off points, which will have a large cut-out school bus as a marker. The drop-off points will be the Riverwalk shops and Tastefully Yours on Mill Street, the Pink Bicycle Tea Room on Commerce Street, and Sew Easy on Washington Street.