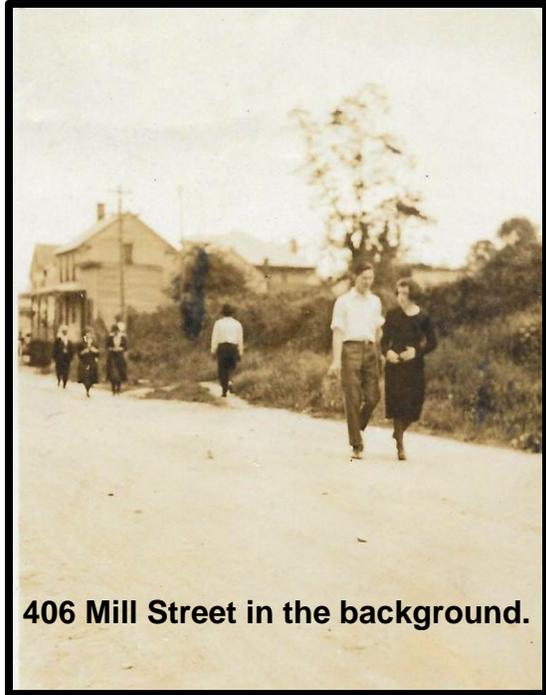




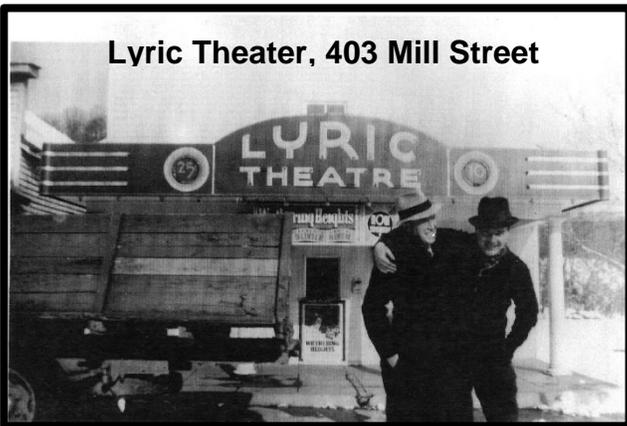
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406 Mill Street in the background.



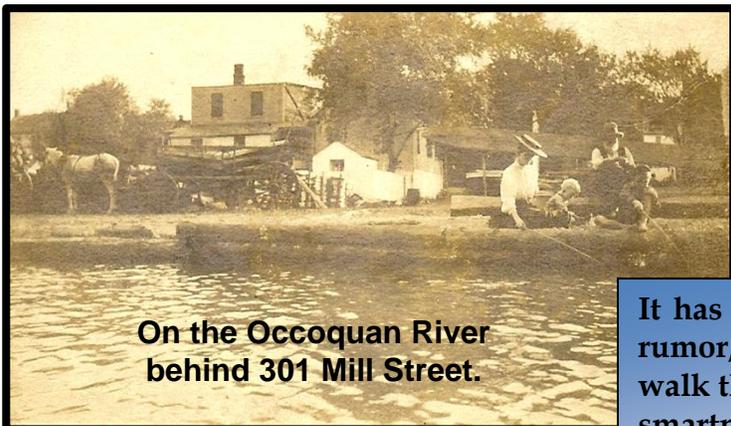
Occoquan River Fun!



Lyric Theater, 403 Mill Street



Elementary school at 310
Commerce Street



On the Occoquan River
behind 301 Mill Street.



Occoquan cotton mill ruins

It has been said, and pictures seem to confirm the rumor, people used to talk to each other and even walk the streets of Occoquan without holding a smartphone or tablet. It's so hard to believe!

Pokémon Go

“Get up, Get Out, and Explore!” That is what the Pokémon.com web site tells us to do. It says, “Get on your feet and step outside to find and catch wild Pokémon. Explore cities and towns where you live-and even around the globe-to capture as many Pokémon as you can. As you walk through the real world, your smartphone will vibrate to let you know you’re near a Pokémon.”

Those wild Pokémon are storming all through the streets of Occoquan. Who would have thought when our historical markers were placed, that down the path Pokémon would flock to learn about our action filled past!

According to the Pokémon Go information, PokéStops are frequently found at historical markers. So how many historical markers do we have in Occoquan? At the Mill House we distribute a history timeline to our visitors. One section of the timeline lists all our historical markers and their location in town. The total number of markers is 22!

Our museum desk is located by a window facing Mill Street so I’m observing Pokémon activity on a regular basis. I’ve been able to converse with enthusiasts of the game. Surprisingly gamers don’t mind explaining some of the facets of the game to the museum lady. Now I know why people are sitting in the flower planters. There is a gym located outside the Mill House door. A gym reminds me of the Jetson’s house. (Remember when cartoon’s were prime time TV fare?) I digress; teams can battle for control of the gym and earn points. This battle involves sitting on any available spot including fence rails and planters with once thriving flowers. You don’t need to be walking for this part of the game as

your wild Pokémon’s are in for the fight as long as your thumbs are operational.

Pokémon’s should not be captured while driving. That is one rule not everyone has grasped. I can spot cars cruising past the museum once, twice, thrice..... well you get the idea.

Honestly though, I have seen families having fun together and couples out walking who said they are getting exercise instead of sitting idle at home. If it gets people out the door and moving, discovering our world and occasionally communicating to other humans, it’s a good thing! *Dolores*

Museum Closed

During the intense heat of August our AC gave us it’s last breath of cool air. We were closed from Friday, August 12 and reopened Monday, August 22. The town replaced our unit and had an electrician in to install a new outlet. We can’t thank them enough!

River Mill Park



This beautiful view of the Occoquan River was taken by Boyd Alexander, from River Mill Park. Come visit!!

