

# The Onley News

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*Here's what's happening in Onley...*

## Mayor's Corner

Hello Everyone!

**No decision yet regarding a new Town of Onley office building. It was decided that the plans we were working with were too expensive when you consider our real need is a meeting room, and not necessarily additional offices.**

**Our thoughts now are turning to a smaller building next to our current town office or adding on to our existing building to accommodate a convenient meeting room.**

**Regardless if we build, buy or re-model, there will be no need for a tax increase...guaranteed.**

**Again we are requesting your attendance at our monthly meeting, if for no other reason than to observe your Council (for whom you voted) and how they consider and resolve problems that arise. Personally, I feel that our Council does a stellar job and deserves to be congratulated.**

Jack Pierson

## Fall Clean Up

There will be a fall clean-up of yard debris in November this year. Please have your items to be picked up curbside starting Monday, November 2, 2015 and ending Sunday, November 9, 2015. Do not put items out before this date – items put out before this date will not be picked up. There is to be nothing longer than four (4) feet and no more than 6 inches in diameter. All leaves must be bagged in clear bags. Clear plastic bags are to be used for this clean-up and are available at the Town Office at no charge to residents. **Only items bagged in clear bags will be picked up.**

Place items away from the Davis Disposal cans to avoid confusion with weekly household trash.

This is a service provided to the town residents. Please do not abuse the service. It is meant to be a fall clean-up of yard debris. **It is not meant to be a clean-up for building, remodeling or demolition. We reserve the right to refuse pick up of non-complying items.** If you have any questions, please call the town office at 787-3985. Thank you in advance for your help making this a successful clean-up.

## Celebrating Halloween In Onley

Halloween will be observed in the Town of Onley on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Trick or Treat ages are 12 & under. We'll be handing out treat bags at the town office to all trick or treaters in costume during those hours so stop in and see us.

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN! BE SAFE!**

## Don't forget to "Ride with Pride"

Stop by the Town Office and pick up your "Onley" sticker. They look great and they are FREE to all residents of Onley.

## The Onley Police Department

Hello. I am Chief John Spivey and I am your Chief of Police. As we say goodbye to a wonderful summer, we welcome the new seasons with anticipation and excitement. The officers and I are proud to be tasked with providing you, the residents of Onley, with the best possible law enforcement services.

Halloween will quickly be upon us and I would like to point out a few safety tips. First, if you plan on taking your family trick-or-treating, be as visible as possible. Carry a flashlight and wear reflective items where possible. Be mindful of traffic and other families that are out, for what we hope to be, a wonderful night of ghosts and goblins (and maybe an Elsa or an Iron Man here and there). We will have increased patrols for Halloween and if there is anything your Police Department can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Always be mindful of strangers and do not accept items from people who are not familiar to you or your family. If you are driving your little pirate or princess around, please be extra careful for other children and foot traffic.

On another note, as we all can plainly see, Lankford Highway traffic has become quite heavy on a regular basis. Please be careful and aware of changes in traffic patterns. With the construction of the hospital and the work being done on Church Road (going towards Accomack) there will be issues from time to time with traffic.

The Town of Onley Police Department is at your service. Remember that when an emergency arises to contact 911 or the Accomack County Sheriff's Office dispatch at 757-787-1131. Calling these numbers first ensures that you get the fastest response times from your officers.

Chief John Spivey

### A Message from the Treasurer

2015 Real Estate & Personal Property tax bills will be mailed mid-October and are due December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Just a reminder that trash pick-up day is **Monday**...it's important to have your trash curbside by 7:00am to avoid being missed. Also, when moving from the Town of Onley, please remember that the trash container needs to be left at the residence – it belongs to Davis Disposal and should not be removed from town.

### Upcoming Town Meeting Dates:

**October 14, 2015**

**November 9, 2015**

**December 14, 2015**

Reminder: **SPOTS** Meetings are now the fourth Monday of the month. **SPOTS** meets at 7:00pm at the train station.

**Mark your calendars for Santa Train on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Arrival time will be announced at a later date.**

### Quick Notes from the Zoning/Compliance Administrator...

When working around your yard, please keep in mind the following ordinances:

- Dogs are to be leashed at all times
- Grass must be kept at less than 7"
- No grass or yard debris shall be blown into the street

Please keep in mind that the Town of Onley is covered under Accomack County's Burning Ordinance which you can find at

[www.co.accomack.va.us/codes\\_ordinances.html](http://www.co.accomack.va.us/codes_ordinances.html).

Remember that the burning of hazardous materials is not only harmful to your health but it is against the law. If you have any questions regarding this ordinance or any other regulations in our town, please do not hesitate to contact me at the town office.

John C. Pavlik

P.S. Don't forget to "fall behind" on November 1, 2015. Clocks go back 1 hour.

There is still a vacancy on the BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals). Anyone interested in filling that vacancy should contact the Town Office.

Planning Commission Meetings are normally the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month but due to holidays in Nov. & Dec. some changes were necessary. The Nov. meeting is 11/18 and the Dec. meeting will be 12/16. All meetings are at 7:00pm at the train station. We will return to a normal schedule in January.