

Newsletter

Town of Onley

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

Mayor's Corner – Matthew D. Hart

I first want to thank you all for your support, and as promised I will do my very best. This year has been off to a great start and I have to give credit to our Town Council. If you haven't heard by now, the Onley Town Council accepted a donation of six town lots (located near the pool and tennis court) to be used for a town park which is to be named after George N. McMath. It is an honor to be in the position to pay tribute to one of the kindest, charismatic leaders in this country. The transfer of property should take place within the next 60 days and the George N. McMath Park Committee has been selected and I am sure will be reaching out for volunteers. In addition to the town park, I am excited to announce that we will continue with supporting the Onley Recreation Association (ORA), wherein town residents receive 50% off membership through a donation from the town. Please support the ORA, they do a great job and we appreciate having them in town. I know some of you are probably wondering what is going on with the Town Hall Building. Well, the Town Hall Building Committee has also been formed (which I am a member) and we are working on trying to find an existing building or

reduce the size of the proposed building to meet the proposed average budget set by Council. We would like to see more faces- hopefully happy ones- attend our town meetings so I encourage you all to come out and voice your opinions.

Just a few things from the Town Manager...

- *No grass or yard debris shall be blown into the street/ditches.
- *The Town does have a Burn Ordinance in effect so make sure that you check with the Town Office before burning or on our webpage at www.townofonley.org
- *The Town of Onley has recently adopted a Property Maintenance Ordinance. Please contact us if you are unsure if your property complies.
- *Any pool (including the blue ones) over 24" deep needs to be enclosed with a fence.
- *There is a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Anyone that wishes to be considered to fill the position should contact Jamye Salazar, Town Manager at 787-3985 or jsalazar@townofonley.org.
- *The Proposed Charter Changes have been passed by the General Assembly and are awaiting Governor Northam's signature.

2018 Spring Clean-up

May 5, 2019-May 12, 2019

Please have your items to be picked up curbside no later than May 12, 2019. Nothing is to be put out **before** May 5th or **after** May 12th. Items put out before or after those dates will be tagged and **will not** be picked up. Nothing but yard debris will be picked up. Place items away from Davis Disposal cans. There is to be nothing larger than 4' long or 6" in diameter. Anything larger will not be picked up. Items must be in clear plastic bags. There is a limit of 10 bags per household. Clear bags & litter grabbers are available at the town office at no cost. Please do not place items in ditches. The Town reserves the right to refuse to pick up non-complying items.

Onley Police Department

Hello Town Residents,

Summertime, once again, is coming our way. This invariably means that traffic is going to increase on the highway. Be mindful on the road and always wear your seat belt.

The Virginia General Assembly has passed a new law pertaining to the use of cell phones when driving. You are now required by law to use a hands-free device if you plan to use your cell phone when driving. You can get a ticket for this. I recommend not using your cell phone when driving, but if you do choose to use your cell phone, I would suggest using the speakerphone option available on most cellphones, a Bluetooth headset, or the Bluetooth in your vehicle (if so equipped). Most new laws passed in the General Assembly tend to become enforceable on July 1 of the year it was passed. Keep in mind it has been illegal to text and drive for several years now.

The police department has reached a couple of important milestones. We now have all officers certified in Crisis Intervention. This is a great program designed to help officers deal better with persons with special needs and/or mental disabilities. All officers are now certified to carry and dispense NARCAN. This program is in response to the ever-growing problem with the opioid epidemic going on in our nation today. The program is designed to allow first responders to be able to take life-saving steps when an opioid overdose has occurred. To have 100%

participation in these programs is a really good thing for the Town of Onley.

As always, feedback from the community is welcome. If you have need of our services, have a question, want to know more about what it is we do, or even have a complaint. I strongly encourage you to contact me either by phone (787-3985 town office) or via email at jspivey@townofonley.org. Your input is important to us. The best way to get an officer to you in the case of an emergency is to call 911. If you feel that your matter is not an emergency but still wish to speak with an officer then please call 787-1131 (Accomack County Sheriff's Office dispatcher). They handle our dispatched calls and will send an officer to your location.

It has been and continues to be an honor to serve as your Chief of Police.

Respectfully,

John Spivey

Chief of Police, Onley VA

Vehicle Decals

Vehicle decals are on sale at the Town Office. All vehicles must have a current vehicle decal displayed by April 15, 2019. You must bring a current registration for each decal purchased.

Vehicles \$27.00

Motorcycles \$25.00

Trailers \$8.00

****Upcoming Town Meeting Dates****

April 1, 2019 – Regular Monthly Meeting

May 6, 2019 – Regular Monthly Meeting

June 3, 2019 – Regular Monthly Meeting

All meetings are at 6:30pm at the Onley Baptist Church.