

# Newsletter

## Town of Onley

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

Onley Town Residents,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. It certainly was a hot one and I'm sure that I'm not alone when I say I'm ready for a cool down. Well I'm sure that many of you have noticed the sign on the property located at 21062 Colonial Avenue. The sign reads, "George N. McMath Park – Coming Soon". How exciting and what an honor to pay tribute to Mr. McMath. I look forward to the upcoming fundraisers. The park committee plans to sell bricks and benches in honor/memory of loved ones. I have to give credit to the George N. McMath Park Committee for doing a very fine job. Next year, 2020, marks the Town of Onley's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being an incorporated town. We have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to pay tribute to. One in particular is John Willis Kellam. Mr. Kellam was recently called back to the Lord but not before leaving behind quite a legacy. He was a great community servant and will be missed by all. Other things that I've been working on: The Town of Onley is rich in history; therefore, I have advised Council that I would like to see the Town of Onley Historical Preservation Committee created to collect and preserve artifacts of our past. These artifacts can be displayed in our new town hall once that has been completed and we may possibly look into one day having a museum. I also believe the Town of Onley should look into ways to reduce its carbon footprint on the world, therefore, I have advised Council that I would like to see a Go-Green Committee created to research ways to make this happen. We have a grant writer that is looking into grants in the hope that we can improve on our town's infrastructure such as new sidewalks. Please don't forget that there is a town-wide yard sale that is coming up on October 12 from 8:00am-12:00pm. I would like to personally thank everyone for keeping the Town of Onley looking its best. I've had very few complaints and I believe that the town has never looked better. Thank you all for your support and please try to attend our town

meetings because we would love to hear feedback from our residents.

Mayor Hart

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### George N. McMath Park News

Elizabeth McMath Byam donated six town lots to Onley earlier this year for a park to honor her father, George N. McMath. The Town Council appointed a committee to do research and bring back to them recommendations for the park. As chairman of the Park Committee, it is my pleasure to tell you that the Committee has worked hard; and, the Town Council has approved every recommendation we have made to them. The property has been surveyed. The brush, small trees, and weeds have been removed back to our property line. The main entrance was installed last week with T&W Block donating the stone for it. Thank you, T&W! A small storage shed should arrive the first week of October. The electric will be installed shortly after that arrives. The pavilion should be started by mid-October and the labyrinth will hopefully be installed in November. There is still a lot to be researched and decisions to be made but we're on the job. We are doing an engraved brick fundraiser: 4x8 inch engraved brick for \$75.00 and 8x8 inch engraved brick for \$100.00. That is a great way to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one. Order forms for the bricks may be picked up from the town office. We are also going to sell benches at cost; and we can have a plaque engraved with your message for it. We have a few ideas for fundraising that we are still discussing but nothing specific yet. – Billye D. Custis

**Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 2:00pm when we will be dedicating the park at 21062 Colonial Avenue in Onley. You are all invited and we hope to see you there!**



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

October 7, 2019 – Regular Monthly Meeting

November 4, 2019 – Regular Monthly Meeting

December 2, 2019 – Regular Monthly Meeting

**\*\*Town Meetings – 6:00pm Onley Baptist Church\*\***

*Just a few things from the Town  
Manager...*

\*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](http://www.townofonley.org)

\*If you have an issue with limbs or dead animals in the road, please contact VDOT at 1-800-367-7623.

\*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](mailto:jsalazar@townofonley.org).

\* No grass or yard debris shall be blown into the street/ditches.

\*2019 Tax Bills will be mailed the last week of October and are due December 5, 2019.

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!**

*Santa will arrive at the SPOTS building (train station) on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Please join him for cookies, popcorn and hot chocolate. We hope to see you there.*

**2019 Fall Clean-up**

Nov. 10, 2019-Nov. 17 2019

Please have your items to be picked up curbside no later than Nov. 17, 2019. Nothing is to be put out **before** Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> or **after** Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

**TOWN YARD SALE**

The Town will hold a town yard sale on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 8:00am-12:00pm. Please contact the Town Office to be placed on a map of locations. Rain Date: October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Onley Police Department**

It is the police department's mission to ensure the safest conditions for our trick-or-treaters so that they may have as much fun as possible. Your police department will be out with a strong visible presence on Halloween night. Trick-or-treating will be between the hours of 5:00pm - 8:00pm.

Here are a few safety tips you will want to observe:

1. Carry lights, glow sticks, and wear reflective clothing so that everyone is highly visible to cars
2. A responsible adult should accompany young children around the neighborhood
3. Teach children to never enter a stranger's home or car
4. Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stay with friends
5. Inform your child that if they are to get lost, find one of Onley's police officers and subsequently inform the nearest officer that a child is missing

As always, when in need of a police officer, call 911 (emergencies) or 757-787-1131 (ACSO dispatch). If you need to speak with me about police department matters, you may contact me at the town office (757-787-3985) or via email at [jspivey@townofonley.org](mailto:jspivey@townofonley.org).