

# Newsletter

## Town of Onley

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

Onley Town Residents,

I want to first off thank you all for following the stay at home orders issued by Gov. Northam. I know that it is not always easy giving up on your usual routine, however it is for a good cause. We will overcome this and when we do, we will be forever stronger as a nation and as a community. I want you to know that I am doing everything in my power to keep you all safe.

On Monday, 4-20-20 we had an emergency meeting that I called for, where we declared the town a local emergency. We also passed a resolution that will enable us to hold our future meetings virtually, via Zoom. If you are interested in watching the meetings, we will be sending out the dates, times, and links for you to log on and view. We value our businesses and we understand the difficulties that many of them are facing. I am excited to announce that we passed a temporary suspension on the 4% meals tax for May and June. This will make dining out cheaper for all during these difficult times, and our hope is that it will increase their business so that they can survive. In addition, I would please ask you all to please support our local businesses as they need it now more than ever before.

We are looking into ways to help ease the financial burden that COVID-19 has left on us all. We have extended the purchase of the \$27 vehicle decals until July and we may do away with them completely for this year. We also have ordered yard signs to display through town, which thank the many essential workers. If you are interested in one, please let the town office or me know and one of our officers will

bring one over to you. There really is not much else to report as you can imagine everything came to a screeching halt. I look forward to continuing to serve you as your Mayor and please reach out to me if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,  
Mayor Matt Hart

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### George N. McMath Park News

The park news is not what I was hoping for at this point in time. The weather has not been our friend on this project. Hopefully in the next couple of months the pavilion, the walking path and the fence will be completed. Benches, picnic tables and other equipment are on "hold" at this time. All projects are waiting for the groundwork to be finished and the grass to be planted. We are looking forward to the park getting finished and hoping we will be allowed to use it! Stay safe.

Billye D. Custis, Chairman of George N. McMath Park

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### Shore Delivery Corps

We would like to inform you of a community service that has been established to assist during the COVID-19 pandemic, as we heed the direction of state and health officials to stay home to stop the spread of the virus. Shore Delivery Corps is here to assist our at-risk community by offering complimentary delivery service of groceries, prescriptions and medical supplies. If interested, please contact them at 757-801-9950 or [www.ShoreDelivery.org](http://www.ShoreDelivery.org)



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

May 4, 2020 – Regular Monthly Meeting

June 1, 2020 – Regular Monthly Meeting

**\*\*Town Meetings – 6:30pm - All meetings will be electronic until further notice. Please see the town website for the link. [www.townofonley.org](http://www.townofonley.org)**

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*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.

\*With warm weather approaching, please remember that grass height must not be more than 7". Violators will be issued only one warning letter per season and then the town will cut the grass for a fee.

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

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**2020 Spring Clean-up**

May 10, 2020-May 17, 2020

Please have your items to be picked up curbside no later than May 17, 2020. Nothing is to be put out before May 10th or after May 17th. 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 people of Onley. It has been an interesting few month. The Onley PD has been taking precautions to ensure our safety while still looking out for yours. We are hopeful that by summer some semblance of normal will return. Until that happens please remember to practice your social distancing. Wear a mask every time you go out. This applies to the foreseeable future as well. Just because things will begin to open up and start to return to normal does not mean that COVID-19 is gone. You will need to be vigilant on your cleanliness and wear your protective gear. Companies are starting to put out comfortable masks and even some are made to be stylish as well.

If you happen to be in quarantine or are just unable to get out of your home and have no one to assist you, please feel free to contact the Town of Onley office. An officer will contact you back and see if there is anything that we can facilitate or make arrangements in an effort to ease your situation. This is only for persons that have no other alternatives and are in need of help and does not guarantee that we will be able to help. We will do what we can though.

These are trying times. Pray if you pray. Keep hope alive because it will get better. Be good to one another and remember that all of us are in this this thing together. Show gratitude for the people that have kept us fed, kept the lights on, all the people that work in the health industry for keeping so many of us well and alive, the delivery folks that are bringing us our stuff, and so many unsung heroes that have had to endure this pandemic on the front lines either by necessity or by choice. They are the ones that have done so much to make sure that many did not have to. It is nice to see how good the people of the Eastern Shore have been to one another. Let's keep it up.

Chief John Spivey