

Newsletter

Town of Onley

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

MAYOR'S CORNER...

Town Residents,

I want to personally thank every one of you for helping to do your part in helping to slow/stop the spread of Covid-19. This year has been an emotional roller coaster ride and I am hopeful that next year will bring everyone stability and great prosperity. The pandemic slowed advancing the proposed new town hall, but we are hopeful that we can identify a historical building in downtown that could be restored to suit our needs. This will save tax-payers hundreds of thousands of dollars, save our towns history, and use the building's meeting hall as a place to display much of the town's history. The Historical Preservation Committee has been tasked to collect these historical artifacts. If you have something from Onley's past and would like to donate it, please let us know! We are very interested in old pictures of the past. I look forward to seeing everyone at the George N. McMath Park opening on Oct 24th! What a wonderful park it has become. Thank you GNM Park Committee members, John Dennis, and all those who helped to make this park great! God bless the USA, the State of VA, and the beautiful Town of Onley!

Mayor Matt Hart
Town of Onley

2020 TAXES

*Fall is upon us and that means tax time!
Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Bills
will be mailed the last week of October and
are due December 7, 2020.*

Halloween in the Town of Onley

The Town of Onley will not be actively participating in Halloween events this year, yet we know it is a nationally observed holiday. We ask that if families want to participate in Trick-or-Treating, please use caution and follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, wearing masks and sanitizing or washing your hands. Also, please be mindful that not all families feel comfortable participating and to respect if you do not see a porch light on or citizens actively participating, do not disturb them and knock on doors. Lastly, remember that trick-or-treat hours are from 5:00- 8:00pm on Halloween. We hope everyone stays safe and healthy!

George N. McMath Park News

Yeah! We are ready to open the Park! After the Blessing and Dedication on the weekend of October 24th, the Park will be "officially" open. It will be open from dawn until dusk. There are benches, picnic tables, grills, a 789 foot path around the perimeter, a 948 foot (walking in and out) labyrinth, a water feature with a Turner sculpture, a 24x36 foot pavilion, and plenty of green space. There will be some playground equipment coming in the future. We sincerely hope that it will be enjoyed by our residents and others.

We are trying to plan a "Holiday Market" for December 5, 2020. We will be requiring face masks, checking temperatures, and practicing social distancing. If you have a product (or products) to sell and a certificate of liability insurance, please consider joining us. There will be no charge for this

event, and Santa is to arrive by Tasley fire truck at noon! If you are interested in participating, please contact Billye D. Custis at 757-710-1186.

If you have small children and/or grandchildren, please bring them out to see Santa arrive on the fire truck at noon on December 5th. We will have a North Pole mailbox for letters to Santa and maybe a surprise or two!!

Keep checking the Town of Onley website for updates on events at the Park.

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

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

November 2, 2020 – Regular Monthly Meeting

December 7, 2020 – Regular Monthly Meeting

January 4, 2021 – Regular Monthly Meeting

****Town Meetings – 6:30pm – All meetings are at the Onley Baptist Church, 25501 W. Main Street.**

REMINDER: Don't forget Election Day – November 3, 2020!

2020 Fall Clean-up

November 8, 2020-November 15, 2020

Please have your items to be picked up curbside no later than Nov. 15, 2020. Nothing is to be put out before Nov. 8th or after Nov. 15th. 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

Greetings Town of Onley. I am Chief John Spivey with your Police Department. Fall is upon us and I, for one, am glad to see the mild weather come in. The Town of Onley PD continues to do its best to provide a friendly and safe environment for all our townspeople. We have a new officer within our ranks. As of October 11, Corey Riefler will be our newest addition. For those of you that do not know, Sergeant George Bennett has retired after many years of service to the Town of Onley. We wish George nothing but great things in his retirement years. Interesting things are happening on the state level and I encourage you to keep a close eye on these changes. These changes are going to dictate potentially large sweeping changes to the core tenants of modern law enforcement. I encourage you to take an active stance in letting your local politicians know your opinions on these matters, either for or against. Be safe out there and if you ever need assistance from your police department please do not hesitate to contact us at the Town of Onley office. I always enjoy hearing what you are thinking.

John Spivey, Chief of Police

George N. McMath Park Dedication

It has been a year coming, but we are pleased to announce that we are ready to bless and dedicate the George N. McMath Park on October 24, 2020 at 1:00pm at 21062 Colonial Avenue. The rain date is October 25th at 1:00pm. We are extending an invitation to the residents of Onley. We regret that due to COVID-19 regulations, the number of attendees must be limited. Temperatures will be checked at the gate; masks are required, and social distancing will be observed. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to the town office at 787-3985 as soon as possible. RSVP's will end October 19th or before if our maximum allowed attendance is reached. Thank you for understanding our need to comply with our Governor's regulations.