

Town of Onley Newsletter

Fall 2021

Here's What's Happening in Onley...

A Message from the Mayor



Onley Town Residents,

I hope this letter finds everyone well. It has been a very productive year thus far. I'm very proud of what we've accomplished and enclosed with this letter you will find the results of working together. The Covid-19 Relief Committee comprised of Councilman Corbin and Councilman Ferguson decided to distribute \$75.00 Food Lion gift cards (excluding alcohol & tobacco) to tax paying property owners. Thank you to Vice-Mayor Pierson and Council Members Corbin, Ferguson and Zember for supporting this relief to our residents. We hope that this helps you and your family during the pandemic. I would like to again thank Vice-Mayor Pierson of the Community Spirit Committee for hosting the 9/11 Memoriam at the George N. McMath Park. I would also like to thank Councilman Ferguson for attending with the Tasley Fire Department. It was a wonderful tribute and I thank all those who attended. Be sure to visit and enjoy our beautiful George N. McMath Park which now has portable bathroom facilities. Looking for a place to host a party? No problem! Just please let us know if you plan to have more than 15 attending. You can contact the town office or myself. The Town Council voted on and approved replacing all the streetlights in town with new LED lights, this will brighten up our town and increase public safety measures. The new town hall will be underway as soon as the plans have been reviewed and stamped by an engineer. I would like to welcome two new employees, Laurel Chamberlain is our new part-time Town Administrator and Dean Savage, our part-time GNM Park employee. The Town of Onley has never looked better, and I'm honored to be in my second term, and I thank you for the opportunity. God bless you all and thank you for being outstanding residents.

Respectfully yours,

Mayor Matt Hart

Onley Police Department

Greetings from the Onley Police Department. As your new Chief of Police, I would like to remind everyone of public safety tips. The Holiday seasons are approaching quickly, especially Halloween. If you plan on taking your family trick-or-treating, please follow these simple steps for Safe Halloween.



Costume Safety – Make sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

When on the Prowl, Keep the following tips in mind when your children are out on Halloween night:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Only visit homes with a porch light that is turned on
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep your heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

Safety Tips for Drivers – and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

As Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping season approaches, be very mindful of your shopping surroundings. Take special care in protecting credit card information, wallets, and your shopping bags. Please look at our New Onley Police Department Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Onley-Police-Department-104073042004681> for other tips reference to the Holiday season.

If you need to speak with me about Police Department matters, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Town Office (757)-787-3985 or by email at: cmcpherson@townofonley.org

Chuck McPherson

****Upcoming Town Meeting Dates – 6:00pm****

November 1, 2021 – Regular Monthly Meeting

December 6, 2021 – Regular Monthly Meeting

January 6, 2022 – Regular Monthly Meeting

The Planning Commission is once again meeting on the **THIRD** Wednesday of every month at the Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, 23395 Tasley Road, Tasley VA. Meeting time is 6:30pm.

Just a few things from the Town Office ...

*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

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

Looking for Good Neighbors

Community Spirit Committee

We hope to provide residents with support with short term transportation and minor household chores, but we need volunteers for these services. This is your chance to be a good neighbor and friend and help someone who needs assistance. If you want to volunteer

please email: communityspirit@townofonley.org

Rose Pierson, Chairman of Community Spirit Committee

Community Spirit of the Town of Onley is sponsoring 2021 Alzheimer's Walk to End Alzheimer's. The walk is October 9th and starts at the Onley Town Office and ends at the Onley Recreation Center on Ames Street. There is a sign- up sheet at the Town Office.

Community Spirit hosted a poignant 20-year 9/11 Memorial event on September 11th at the George McMath Town Park. Local pastors participated in this non-denominational memorial. Onancock and Tasley Fire Departments participated, as well as first responders, police, and veterans. The 9/11 Memorial was moderated by Kelly Gaskill of WESR and music was provided by Bryan Daffin. There were singers who rendered stirring renditions of the National Anthem and God Bless America and the U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard was most impressive. Thanks to Mayor Matt Hart and all who made this possible.

HALLOWEEN IN ONLEY

Halloween will be observed on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Trick-or-Treating will be from 5:00-8:00pm.

2021 Fall Clean-up

November 13-21, 2021

Please have your items to be picked up curbside no later than November 21, 2021. Nothing is to be put out **before** November 13th or **after** November 21st. **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 OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Town Office will be closed on November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving.

The Town office will be closed on December 23rd and 24th for Christmas.

We hope that everyone has a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season.

PLEASE CUT HERE & RETURN TO THE TOWN OFFICE

Let's have your input Onley Residents, please let us know how you feel about Golf Cart usage in Onley:

Please circle your answer and drop off at the Town Office, we appreciate your help.

The Onley Golf Cart Committee

1. Would you like to have roads that are 25mph be available to Golf Carts: Yes No Not sure
2. Do you own a Golf Cart? Yes No
3. Would you purchase a Golf Cart if access to certain roads is available? Yes No Not sure

Comments: