



A message from the mayor...

Springtime is here and I am sure this doesn't disappoint any of you. We have a lot to be thankful for as the COVID-19 cases have dropped tremendously. The past two years have been painstaking for many of us as we watched our dear friends and loved ones pass from this terrible virus. I believe the worst is behind us, but the virus is still very much alive and could make resurgence in the future, so I ask you to please take precaution. This pandemic has taken a toll on many of us and has caused inflation to exceed to new heights, which has made everything cost more. The last letter we sent out included a \$75.00 gift card to Food Lion, I hope that you were able to put it to good use for you and your family. I have been trying my best to give all the relief that I can during these financially challenging times. I am thankful that I was able to encourage Council to suspend the vehicle decals. Every little bit helps, and it is my hope that together we will emerge in a better place together. I am sure many of you have heard that the town has leased a 2,250' space located at Four Corners Plaza. The current town office will become the Police Dept. building and Public Works. The new office space will be where the Clerk/Treasurer, Town Administrator, and I work from as well as hold meetings. Speaking of which, I would like to welcome aboard Arlene Evans as our new Town Administrator. Arlene brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table, and we are thankful for her taking on this position within our town. She is looking into ways that the town can spend the \$518,000.00 ARPA funds that the town received due to Covid-19 from the Federal Government. If you have ideas to make our town better, please let us know, we are always interested in hearing new ideas. I am sure many of you have watched the sad sight of our Railroad tracks be pulled from the bed of stones and ties that they lay on. This track built this town and many others along it over the past 150 years. We are taking a small piece of track to display in our new town hall once it has been decided on so that future generations don't forget what built this town. We also included the train in our new logo, which I have put on this newsletter beside my picture. I believe it turned out well and I would like to thank Council and Seth Matthews for all that they did to make this happen. Our Public Works Dept is comprised of Mario and Dean who will be working hard to keep our town looking great, stop and thank them if you get the opportunity. Our Police Dept. is comprised of Lt. Pat Coulter and Sgt. Jess Long who risk their lives every day to protect our safety and well-being so if you see them thank them. Last but certainly not least is our Clerk/Treasurer, Jamye Salazar, she started working for the town of Onley in 2009 and has been our saving grace in so many ways. She served you as your town manager from 19-21 and more importantly loves this town and its people. Thank you, Jamye for all that you do! Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I am only a phone call away; I can be reached at 757-710-4145.

Mayor Matt Hart

Town of Onley

Onley Police Department

Hello everyone! The Town of Onley Police Department is once again getting ready for the upcoming warm weather. The highway gets very busy this time of year so always remember to wear your seat belt and remember that only hands-free cell phone use is allowed in the state of Virginia. Remember that the speed limit in town ranges from 25mph – 45 mph. Please be aware of the speed in the area that you are driving. Mayor Hart, Sgt. Long and I are working diligently to hire some new police officers. We'll keep you posted once those officers are on board. We are all working very hard to keep the Town of Onley safe!

Lt. Patrick Coulter
Onley Police Dept.

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

April 4, 2022 – Regular Monthly Meeting

May 2, 2022 – Regular Monthly Meeting

June 6, 2022 – Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location is the new Onley Town Office, 25308 Lankford Hwy., Onley VA

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.

Grass must be kept at less than 7" at all times.

No grass or yard debris shall be blown into the streets or ditches.

Dogs should be leashed at all times. The Town does have a dog ordinance. Please familiarize yourself with the ordinance.

Pools deeper than 24" require a 5' fence.

Community Spirit Committee

Community Spirit had a successful event in February of the dangers of scams and how to act in response if you are a victim. Speakers from the ESAA Community Action Agency and Taylor Bank Outreach Program gave helpful information. We are planning an event in April with the Tasley Fire Department to get answers on a variety of topics that will make our homes safer.

2022 Spring Clean-up

May 14-22, 2022

Please have your items to be picked up curbside no later than May 22, 2022. Nothing is to be put out before May 14th or after May 22nd. **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.**

ORA Pool Membership

The ORA (Onley Recreation Association) and the Town of Onley have once again entered into an agreement giving Town of Onley residents a 50% discount on pool memberships through May 15th. Anyone joining after that date will still get the 50% discount but only on the pre-May 15th deadline rate. If you have questions, please contact the ORA at theonleypool@gmail.com. We hope you have a safe and fun summer!

In an effort to provide some financial relief to our residents, the Town of Onley will not be selling vehicle decals this year.

McMath Park

Park Hours – 7:00am – Dusk

We have a beautiful park for citizens to enjoy. If you would like to reserve the pavilion, please contact Mayor Hart or Arlene Evans, Town Administrator at 757-787-3985.