

# Town of Onley Newsletter

## Fall 2023



Hello everyone! Autumn and cooler weather is here, and this is a wonderful time to do those home improvements that you might have put off because of the extremely hot weather we just experienced. Kindly remember that you need to get a Zoning Permit for any work that you do in your home or yard. These include installing any kind of fence, deck, new roof, room additions or adding a secondary structure like a shed or garage. You can print a zoning application from the town website [www.townofonley.org](http://www.townofonley.org). Bring your completed permit along with any required information and payment (we now take credit cards) into the Town Office for completion. We also have applications here at the office. Please call 757-787-3985 with any questions concerning Permits.

Please join our Facebook Page, **Town of Onley**. We will be posting town news and events to keep residents informed. Onley is hosting its' first Trunk-or-Treat on October 31 from 5-8 pm on Pennsylvania Ave. along the old train tracks. If you would like to participate, please call the Town Office to register. If you decide at the last minute, just come by and we will find you a spot!

Other upcoming events held at McMath Park will be a Veterans Day event on November 11 and a Holiday Tree Lighting event Thanksgiving Eve. More information will be posted online as plans are finalized.

Lastly, I welcome you all to attend our monthly meetings!

Susan Rillo, Town Manager

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### **FOOD LION GIFT CARDS**

***Good News, Everyone! The Onley Town Council voted unanimously at the October 2, 2023, Regular Council Meeting to approve the purchase and distribution of \$75.00 Food Lion gift cards (one per taxpaying property owner with residence, businesses excluded) to help with tax relief. The Onley Town Council is always looking for ways to give back and we hope this will help. You will find your gift card enclosed with this newsletter (some exceptions apply).***

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### **HALLOWEEN IN ONLEY**

**Halloween will be observed on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. Trick-or-Treating will be from 5:00-8:00pm. Trick-or-treaters MUST be 12 and under.**

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*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 review the ordinance at our town website.

\*The Town has adopted a **Golf Cart Ordinance**. **ALL** golf carts must be inspected (see ordinance) and should display a town decal (free to Town Residents) as proof of such. Please educate yourself about using golf carts in Town by visiting our website to review the Ordinance or contacting the Town Office for a copy.

\*The Town has a **Domesticated Fowl Ordinance**. Please familiarize yourself with this ordinance if you plan to keep chickens within town limits.

\*Dogs must be leashed at all times according to the Town's **Dog Ordinance**. Dog owners must always clean up after their dogs. The town has recently added several new pet waste stations. Please take advantage of them when walking your dog.

**All town ordinances are available for review at the town website, [www.townofonley.org](http://www.townofonley.org)**

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\*2023 Real Estate & Personal Property bills will be mailed at the end of October. **Taxes are DUE** December 5, 2023, to avoid a late penalty and interest. For your convenience, we now accept **CREDIT CARD** payments!

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**SCAM NOTICE**

Some residents of the Town of Onley have reported receiving letters from the Onley Police Department asking for donations. The Onley Police Department **DID NOT** issue these letters. The Onley Police Department **DOES NOT** solicit donations.

The letter urges residents to mail a donation to a post office box in Merrifield, Virginia. **The Town of Onley and the Onley Police Department DID NOT AUTHORIZE THIS CAMPAIGN.**

Be aware that in some instances, scammers may also use a technique called "spoofing," where they are able to mimic the Town of Onley's phone number on a person's caller ID.

**Please be on the alert for these scams.**

If you have any doubt about a person representing the Town of Onley or Town of Onley Police Department, please call us immediately at 757-787-3985.

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

November 6, 2023 – Regular Monthly Meeting

December 4, 2023 – Regular Monthly Meeting

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

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## **Attention Veterans**

**The Town of Onley appreciates and thanks you for your service. We would like to show that appreciation by placing a sign in your yard to honor you for Veterans Day. If you would like a Veterans Day “Thank A Veteran” sign in your yard, please contact the Town Office at 757-787-3985.**

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## **Upcoming Town Events**

### **Trunk or Treat**

**Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 5:00-8:00, Location: Pennsylvania Avenue @ Old Railroad Tracks (next to SPOTS train station) Come & Have Some Spooky Fun! Candy For All! Costumes Welcome! To reserve your spot or donate candy, call the Town Office @757-787-3985.**

### **Veterans Day Celebration**

**Saturday, November 11, 2023, Time TBA, Location: McMath Park. Join us for free hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings and help us thank and honor all Veterans for their service.**

### **Holiday Tree Lighting**

**November 22, 2023, Time TBA, Location: McMath Park**

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Don't forget that you can purchase an engraved brick at McMath Park: 4"x 8" brick - \$75.00 or 8" x 8" - \$100.00

It is a great way to honor or remember a loved one. Contact the Town Office for more information.



## 2023 Fall Clean-up

November 25-December 3, 2023

Please have your items to be picked up curbside no later than December 3, 2023. Nothing is to be put out **before** November 25th or **after** December 3rd. **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.**

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### TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Town Office will be closed November 10th for Veterans Day.

The Town Office will be closed November 23rd – 24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

The Town Office will be closed December 22nd – 25th for Christmas.

The Town Office will be closed January 1, 2024, for New Year's Day.

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



# Onley Police Department

The Holiday season is quickly approaching, especially Halloween. If you plan on taking your family trick-or-treating, please follow these simple steps for a 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

**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.

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: [ejlong@townofonley.org](mailto:ejlong@townofonley.org)

**Chief E.J. Long, Onley Police Department**