



A message from the Town Manager...

Hello everyone! Happy 75th Birthday to the Town of Onley. We are planning a celebration for the fall at George N. McMath Park. We will keep you posted about the details as they become available. Spring is here, and we will soon have warmer weather. As we prepare for the start of the summer season, please put your yard debris out at your curb in clear bags (available for free at the town office) and bundles of sticks bound together in 4 ft lengths. Percy (public works) will collect them as he can. We all want our town to look neat and clean.

If you are installing a pool, spa or hot tub for yourself or family, please be aware that these should be located no closer than 10 feet with any adjoining property line. Any swimming pool with a depth of 24 inches or more, whether in ground or above ground, fixed or movable, shall be enclosed by fencing at least 5 feet high with openings not exceeding 3 inches in width and a lockable gate. Outdoor hot tubs and/or spas must have a lockable top. The top must be locked when not in use.

You are required to get a Zoning Permit if you need to construct any fence, even for a pool. Other things you might need a Zoning Permit for are construction of a deck, carport, 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. Bring your completed permit along with any required information and payment (we now take credit cards) into the Town Office. We also have applications here at the office. Please call 757-787-3985 with any questions concerning permits.

If you keep backyard chickens, they also require the purchase of an annual Permit and must be kept in an enclosed (top and sides) chicken coop. We have had complaints about chickens running at large. Free roaming poultry will damage landscaping and other property.

Inoperable vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers must be removed from your property. We consider it an inoperable vehicle, trailer or camper when it is not currently registered or inspected; is not in operating condition; or is partially or totally disassembled (no tires, wheels, engine, or other parts needed to run) for a period of more than 60 days. Please review the ordinance on the Town website.

Please join our Facebook Page, **Town of Onley** and Facebook Group, **The Town of Onley**. We will be posting town news and events to keep residents informed.

I welcome you all to attend our monthly meetings!
Susan Rillo, Town Manager

Please read the important message on the next page from our Chief of Police

Onley Police Department

If you have heard that the Town of Onley is losing three officers, then you have heard correctly. The Onley Police Department is currently looking to hire/attempt to replace three of our great officers. Doing this at any time is a daunting task, but to try this when working in law enforcement is not at the top of most lists. It is an uphill battle to say the least, but the Town of Onley and the Onley Police Department will continue to give you (the residents of Onley) the best protection and service that we can provide while hiring the officers that will fill our ranks and become as invaluable as the current staff.

Firstly, no one has left our ranks for any disciplinary reasons - or any other reason - than to further their careers because they feel that their families are most important. I am happy to report that Officer Ira Sacks has accepted a position with the United States Border Patrol. After completing the federal training program, he and his family will be stationed in Texas. Officer Philip Barringer has decided to relocate back to his hometown of Lynchburg. He has been offered a position with the Lynchburg Police Department. This move will put him closer to family and friends. Lastly, I am happy to report that Sergeant Patrick Coulter will be accepting the promotion to full-time granddad. He and his wife are looking forward to spoiling the grandkids. All these changes will be taking place over the next six months, giving the town time to hire new officers to fill the ranks. While each of the departing officers will be sorely missed, I am excited for what the future holds for the Onley Police Department. We will maintain the standard of service we currently provide, that this town has become accustomed to, while we evolve to be an even better police force than we have been in the past. We are excited for a very promising future.

Sincerely,



Edwin J. Long, Chief of Police

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

April 7, 2025 – Regular Monthly Meeting

May 5, 2025 – Regular Monthly Meeting

June 2, 2025 – Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Just a few things from the Town Office ...

Did you know that all **Town Ordinances**, **Meeting Minutes** and many **Forms** and **Applications** can be found on the town website, along with a lot of other useful information? We invite you to check out our website and let us know what you think. www.townofonley.org

The Town has a **Burn Ordinance** in effect so make sure that you check with the Town Office or on our webpage before burning.

The Town has 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.

If you have an issue with **limbs or dead animals** in the road, please contact VDOT at 1-800-367-7623. The Town of Onley Public Works Dept. does not remove dead animals.

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

When mowing your lawn, **NO** grass or yard debris shall be blown into the streets or ditches.

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

In the event of an emergency, DIAL 911! For other non-emergency related matters, please call 757-787-1131 to have a Police Officer dispatched to you. To speak with or leave a message for a Town of Onley Police Officer, please call 757-787-3985.

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. Pool applications can be picked up at the town office. To receive the citizen's discount, you must have an authorized town employee sign the application. If you have questions, please contact the ORA at theonleypool@gmail.com. We hope you have a safe and fun summer!

Mosquito Spraying

The Town of Onley will soon start spraying for mosquitoes. If you would like to be added to the **DO NOT SPRAY** list, please contact the Town Office. If you were on the no-spray list last year and wish to continue to opt out of mosquito spraying, **please contact** us again this year so that we may keep our records current.

Remember as summer approaches, please remove all standing water from your property as this is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.



Town of Onley

SPRING EGG

HUNT

April 5 @ 2 pm at
George N. McMath Park



Rain Date April 12 @ 2 pm

Call the Town Office at 757-787-3985 for more information

Or find us on Facebook

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. There has also been a report of someone going door-to-door asking for donations. If someone comes to your home asking for donations for the Onley Police Department or Onley Fire Department, please contact the Police Department as soon as possible.

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.

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.

