



A message from the Town Manager...

Hello everyone! Spring is here and a lot of you have started to clean up your property to prepare for the warm weather that we know is on its way. Thanks to Mayor Finney and the Onley Town Council, we have implemented monthly town clean-ups of yard debris on a trial basis. Everything seems to be working well, and we are hoping to continue with this service. It may take a little longer for Percy and Lucas, our Public Works employees, to get things picked up since grass cutting is about to start, so bear with us as we figure out a way to continue this service in a timely manner while still keeping the town in tip-top shape. Your patience is appreciated. Please put yard debris out at your curb in clear bags (available for free at the town office). Limbs should be no more than 4' in length and 6" in diameter. There is a limit of 10 bags per household, and bags should be put out at the curb but not in ditches or near your Davis Disposal container. Remember to ask for a free litter grabber when you visit us at the town office. The cost of some of these supplies are covered by a litter grant from the state, and we are so grateful for those funds.

With summer on its way, I'd like to encourage everyone to visit George N. McMath Park. We are so fortunate to have such a lovely park for town residents to use. We have added some new playground equipment for the kids and two sets of regulation cornhole boards are being installed as I write this. You will need to bring your own bags to toss but what fun this will be for everyone. Don't forget that the park is available for events as well. It's a great place for birthday parties, baby showers or just family and friends getting together to enjoy each other's company. We've even had a few gender-reveal parties. How exciting! Contact the Town Office to reserve the park for your special event.

The town will also be holding some fun events at the park. The first of the season will be in a couple of weeks with the 2nd Annual Egg Hunt. Along with all of the fun things located at the park and the egg hunt itself, we will have a bounce house for kids, golden eggs containing little extra surprises, and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself. We are hoping to have some additional events at the park this summer as well as a few in the fall months. Be on the lookout for those events. Please remember that all town events are free and open to the public.

Please join our Facebook Page, **Town of Onley** and Facebook Group, **The Town of Onley**. We always post town news and event information on our Facebook page as well as the town website.

Lastly, I welcome you to attend our monthly meetings (schedule on next page). We love to hear from our residents. Have a happy and safe summer.

Jamye Salazar, Town Manager

Onley Police Department

Hello everyone,

Good things are happening in the Town of Onley. As many people do this time of year, Spring is a time for new beginnings. The Onley Police Department is no different. We are in the process of welcoming a new police officer. Officer Zack Pieper will begin his employment in a couple of weeks. Officer Pieper is coming to us from the Hampton Roads area and is really looking forward to moving to the Eastern Shore and working for our town. If you see him out and about, take the time to introduce yourself and welcome him to town.

While we're talking about Spring, let's keep our neighbors in mind when it comes to your pets. All pets need to be kept in your yard, on a leash, or under your direct control, as defined in our Dog Ordinance and Domesticated Fowl Ordinance. This includes dogs, cats, and chickens. If you're taking your four-legged friends out for a walk, don't forget to clean up behind them. The town has several pet waste stations in town – lets be good neighbors and use them.

Reminder - National Night Out will be held this summer at George N. McMath Park. It's a good time to get out and meet your local law enforcement officers as well as just get to know your neighbors. Dinner will be on us that night – hot dogs, burgers, chips and sides. There will be some giveaways and definitely something fun for the kids. Everything is free. We invite you to attend. Please check the town website and Facebook page for the date and time as August approaches.



Edwin J. Long, Chief of Police

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

April 6, 2026 – Regular Monthly Meeting

May 4, 2026 – Regular Monthly Meeting

June 1, 2026 – Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Are you interested in serving as a Town of Onley Planning Commissioner? There is a vacancy on the Commission. Anyone interested in filling that position should submit a letter of interest to the Town Office.

The BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) is always looking for new members to serve.

If you are unsure what the qualifications are for serving in either of these capacities, please contact the Town Office. We are happy to talk with you about the duties of Planning Commissioners or BZA Members. You may find it is something that interests you and it's a great way to serve your community.

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. Currently we are under a Burn Ban until April 30, 2026. There is no burning until after 4:00 pm. For complete rules about burning, visit the town's website or contact the Town Office.

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.

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.

Swimming pools, spas, or hot tubs should be located no closer than 10' from any adjoining property line, A swimming pool deeper than 24" must be enclosed by a 5' fence with a lockable gate. Outdoor hot tubs and spas must have a lockable top and remain locked when not in use.

Remember to check with the Town Office when doing any kind of construction on your property. **Zoning permits** are required for fences, sheds, roofing work, decks, carports, etc. If you are unsure if a permit is required, it's best to contact the town office for clarity.

Backyard **chickens** require a permit. If you plan to keep chickens on your property, please review the rules by reviewing the **Domesticated Fowl Ordinance** and contact the town office for a permit.

Inoperable vehicles must be removed from your property. Trailers and campers are included in this ordinance. If you have questions, review the **Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance** on our website or contact the town office.

All town ordinances are available for review at the town website, www.townofonley.org

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.

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.



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.

There have also been reports of people going door to door (in another town) posing as health department workers. They are calling this a septic scam. Please remember:

1. Do not let strangers into your home
2. Ask for ID
3. Verify with the Agency they claim to represent

Please be on the alert for these scams.

Report ALL Suspicious activity to the Onley Police Department or the Accomack County Sheriff's Office immediately at 757-787-1131.

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.

