

Town of Onley Newsletter

Fall 2026



Hello, everyone! Fall has arrived, bringing cooler weather and many exciting changes in town that I am eager to share with you.

You may have noticed some fresh faces around town and at the town office. The Onley Police Department has welcomed **Officers Zack Pieper, Owen Lewis, and David Eder**. Be sure to say hello when you see them around town. **Jennifer Clark** is our new town clerk, so please stop by the town office to meet her when you have time. We always enjoy seeing residents at the office.

The council has hired an architectural firm to assist with the new Onley town office. The construction committee has worked diligently to design a building that meets the town's needs while staying within budget. Later this month, we will meet again to finalize the plans before submitting them for permits and requesting bids from contractors. The full council will participate in the process, and we are extremely excited about the town's future.

Watch for the launch of the town's official Facebook page in the coming weeks. Several existing pages are not affiliated with the town, and the new page will provide an official source of information.

Several positions on the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will soon become vacant. If you are interested in serving the town or would like more information about these roles, please contact me or stop by my office.

Council has once again authorized a holiday decorating contest for town residents. With the Christmas holiday approaching we look forward to seeing how you and the businesses decorate things.

The council hopes to host town events in the future. Watch for announcements on the town website, official Facebook page, and around town. Larger events will be advertised in the Eastern Shore Post.

As always, you are all invited to attend the town council monthly meetings. The town council welcomes your thoughts and comments and looks forward to your participation in the meetings.

I wish you a Happy, Healthy & Safe Holiday season.

Jamye Salazar, Town Manager



FOOD LION GIFT CARDS

*Good News, Everyone! The Onley Town Council voted unanimously at the September 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting to once again approve the purchase and distribution of \$75.00 Food Lion gift cards to help with tax relief. Gift cards will be mailed after the close of the 2026 tax season and just in time for Christmas. Gift cards will be sent to property owners that are current on their real estate taxes at the time of the mailing. The Onley Town Council is always looking for ways to give back, and we hope this will help. (*some exceptions apply – *One gift card per taxpaying property owner.*

Town of Onley Stickers

Show your TOWN PRIDE! Stop by the Town Office and Pick up a Town of Onley sticker for your vehicle. These are free to residents.



HALLOWEEN IN ONLEY



Halloween will be observed on Saturday, October 31, 2026. Trick-or-Treating will be from 5:00-8:00pm. Trick-or-treaters MUST be 12 and under.

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.

***2026 Real Estate & Personal Property bills will be mailed at the end of October. Taxes are DUE December 7, 2026, to avoid a late penalty and interest. For your convenience, we now accept CREDIT CARD payments!**

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.



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

November 2, 2026 – Regular Monthly Meeting

December 7, 2026 – Regular Monthly Meeting

January 4, 2027 – Regular Monthly Meeting

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.

Did you know the Town of Onley has a website that is packed full of information?

www.townofonley.org

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Monthly Town Clean-up



Please have your items curbside the last week of each month. All items must be put out the last week of the month. Pickup will be the first full week of the following month. Nothing put out before or after those dates will be picked up. Nothing but yard debris will be picked up. Place items away from your Davis Disposal can. 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 per season. 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 November 11th for Veterans Day.

The Town Office will be closed November 26th – 27th for Thanksgiving.

The Town Office will be closed December 24th – 25th for Christmas.

The Town Office will be closed January 1, 2027, 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, when crossing the street

Safety Tips for Drivers –

- 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

Please remember that in the case of an emergency, DIAL 911.

If you need a Town of Onley Police Officer dispatched to you for a non-emergency, please call 757-787-1131.

If you need to leave a message for a Town of Onley Police Officer, please call 757-787-3985.