

January 8, 2025

Dear Community Member,

The Town of Onancock is pleased to invite you to participate in the **10th Annual St. Patrick's Parade**. This year's parade takes place on Saturday, March 15th, 2025 at 3: 00 p.m. and as always, will serve as the "unofficial" start of Spring on the Eastern Shore. Volunteers from the **Onancock Business and Civic Association (OBCA)** are again supporting the parade. The theme is "**LUCKY O'NANCOCK.**" The Classic Car and Tractor show will again be held on the grounds of Ker Place, weather permitting from 12pm to 2:45pm. More parade details will follow over the next few weeks.

Please keep the "**LUCKY O'NANCOCK**" theme in mind as you decorate your parade entry!

Sponsorship opportunities are available. If interested, please email 23417obca@gmail.com

To register for the parade, please complete the enclosed entry form and return it via mail, fax, or email *no later than March 11th*. Please include a *brief description* of your group and the approximate amount of footage required for line-up. The final line-up will be sent to all participants on March 14th.

EMAIL: 23417obca@gmail.com

MAILING ADDRESS or Drop Off:

Town of Onancock
15 North Street
Onancock, VA 23417

FAX: (757) 787-3309

We sincerely hope you will join us for this annual festive parade and as always, please visit Onancock's great shops, galleries, and restaurants while in town. As a reminder, North Street will be closed for mingling, music, shopping, and dining. If you have any additional questions, please call the Onancock Town Office at (757) 787-3363 or email 23417obca@gmail.com.

Warmest wishes,

The Onancock Town Office and The Onancock Business and Civic Association (OBCA)

2025 O’Nancock St. Patrick’s Parade

“LUCKY O’NANCOCK”

10th Annual St. Patrick’s Parade
March 15, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.

PARADE GUIDELINES

General:

- **The parade route is on Market Street.** Participants will line up along College Avenue then take a left on to Market Street to begin the parade. The parade will end in front of the Onancock Town Gazebo Park on Market Street. **Make sure to stop and/or perform in front of the main viewing stand which is located at the junction of Market Street and Queen Street (PERFORMANCES SHOULD NOT EXCEED 3 MINUTES IN DURATION).** .
- The Town Manager is the final authority on the St. Patrick’s Parade.
- **Participants with live animals are to provide their own clean-up crews.**
- **Candy SHOULD NOT be thrown from above. It is a safety issue for your audience.**
- While preparing for the start of the parade please make sure that you are NOT blocking any driveways. That would be a violation of VDOT’s right-of-way.
- **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY TRASH IN FRONT OF HOMES ALONG THE LINE-UP ROUTE**

Safety:

- There shall be a responsible person for each float or entry. Any entry with children under the age of 18 must have adult supervision at all times.
- Please instruct float riders to find a safe, stable position and to remain there for the duration of the parade.
- To protect the safety of parade spectators, please be careful when distributing candy or gifts. Candy may only be handed to the parade spectators by walking participants.
- Any vehicles entered in the parade must keep all wheels on the ground at all times. Wheelies and/or reckless operation of vehicles will result in immediate removal from the parade. Only licensed drivers may man motorized vehicles; this includes zero turn tractors. **NO ATVs ALLOWED.**

Line-Up and Location:

- Lineup will begin at 2:00 p.m. on COLLEGE AVENUE. The parade will commence at 3:00pm sharp. Please plan accordingly and arrive on time or you will not be allowed to participate.
- **YOU CAN ONLY ENTER COLLEGE AVENUE FROM LIBERTY STREET** – College Avenue will be CLOSED at Market Street. To access your lineup position: come in to Town on Market Street, turn left on to Hill Street, turn right on to Liberty Street, and turn right on

to College Avenue. Units will line up on the left side of College Avenue. There will be numbers marking your parade lineup position.

- Horse trailers will unload in the 2nd parking lot at the Old Onancock School (the lot closest to Market Street). Horse units will line up in that parking lot and will enter the parade when their position comes up. The Wharf parking lot is designated as a 'pick up' area for horses only. After the initial unload, take trailers to the wharf parking lot for easy loading at the end of the parade.
- Please make sure to locate your numbered sign so that you are in your designated spot. This will ensure that the MC announces the appropriately listed group in his script. Also note, the parade this year is an exhibition only. There will be no judging of parade participants.
- Parade coordinators will be located along the lineup route.
- You may NOT park on College Avenue or in the Old Onancock School parking lot unless otherwise specified.
- All entries should remain in their line-up location until the parade begins.
- The start of the parade will be initiated when the fire signal is sounded.
- Be advised that Market Street from College Avenue to the Town Gazebo Park will be closed to vehicular traffic from 4:30 to the finish of the parade. Please plan accordingly.
- Parking will be at a premium on parade day--**please carpool!**
- If you have any questions on the day of the parade, please call one of the following:

Questions:

Mariellen Mearsheimer (Onancock Town Office) 757-709-3363

Debbie Caton (Onancock Town Office) 757-787-3363 or **757-710-2529 on Day of Event**

Jeff Vernimb (Onancock Business and Civic Association/OBCA) **908-420-9492**

Weather: Pray for Good Weather! In the case that the parade has to be cancelled, we will post that by 9:00 am on the Town of Onancock home page and the Onancock.com website.

Parade Line-Up:





2025 O'NANCOCK St. Patrick's Parade

"LUCKY O'NANCOCK"

Saturday March 15, 2025



Presented by The Town of Onancock and Supported by The Onancock Business & Civic Association (OBCA)

Parade 3:00pm

PARADE STAGING @2:00pm on College Avenue (Enter from Liberty St.)

Entry Form (for Parade)

The 2025 theme for the parade is "Lucky O'Nancock." We encourage you to incorporate the theme for your parade decorations and your announcement. You may use your own as well.

Organization/Business:

Contact Name:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Email:

Category (Please check all that apply):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Float (Truck/Tractor with trailer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian (Indicate # of Horses) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle (Includes cars, trucks, bicycles, tractors, motorcycles or scooters) | <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Group (Indicate Type) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Group (Indicate Number) | <input type="checkbox"/> First Responder (Indicate Type) |

Length of ground space needed for line-up? _____ feet

Brief Description of Entry (include # and types of vehicles, trailers, equipment, etc and # of paraders):

Will your entry produce sound levels that may spook live animals? Yes _____ No _____

Will you have live animals?

Yes _____ No _____

**If yes, you must make provisions for clean-up crew for your entries*

Are there any special accommodations that your entry may need?

Yes _____ No _____

Please Add Your Preferred Entry Description--*This is what the announcer will read when you are in front of the announcers stand. When lining up for the parade, PLEASE make sure your lineup order matches your vehicle listing on this form or your entry will be announced incorrectly.*

Signature: _____

Date: _____

*****PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL ROUTINES THAT ARE PERFORMED ON MARKET
ST AT THE INTERSECTION OF AMES STREET CANNOT EXCEED THREE (3)
MINUTES*****

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