



TOWN OF ONANCOCK

15 North Street
Onancock, VA 23417

Dear Friends and Neighbors of the Eastern Shore,

The town of Onancock, O'Nancock for the day, is pleased to invite you to participate in the **6th annual, St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March, 10, 2019 at 2:00pm.** The theme of the parade is "*Shamrocks and Shillelaghs!*" Let's bring the Eastern Shore together as we welcome Spring and all things fresh and new. This is an exciting opportunity for businesses, organizations, clubs, churches and schools to highlight your group and your activities and to support our Eastern Shore Community. Please extend this invitation to all your friends and neighbors. Let's make THE Spring activity on the Shore even bigger and better.

There will once again be a **kilt contest** as a part of the parade. The kilts may be traditional or creative. Businesses and groups are encouraged to enter a representative (or 2 or 3 or more). Individual entries are also welcome. Prizes will be awarded in each category and all participants will receive a special recognition of participation. This year there will be tee shirts given to the first 50 registered for the kilt contest, in any of the categories.

There is a special category in the kilt contest for 1st Responders (police, fire and EMS units). Each participant will receive an award and the perpetual award plaque will be passed on and presented to the "Best of Parade" unit. May the best unit win and remember, "Real men do wear kilts!" This is an opportunity for the community to recognize and acknowledge the work of our first responders! The winning unit will also receive a cash award!

Students in the 7th-12th grade are encouraged to enter the **limerick contest**. Winners will be invited to ride in the parade and all entrants will receive special recognition with cash awards to the winners.

Several enthusiastic spectators will be recognized by our secret judges who will designate "honorary leprechauns" with an impressive medallion.

This year we will also stage the 3rd Annual **Celtic Festival** on the grounds of Kerr Place from 11-4 on the day of the parade. It will include vendors, musicians, reenactments and activities.

We invite everyone to join us on the grounds of the Celtic Festival immediately following the parade for the announcement of the parade winners with the presentation of awards.

We encourage everyone to attend, if not as a participant in the parade as a spectator! Bring your friends, neighbors and any leprechauns you may know to celebrate the 6th Annual O'Nancock St. Patrick's Parade! Come out and **Show Your Green** while we celebrate our theme "*Shamrocks and Shillelaghs!*"

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