



## TOWN OF ONANCOCK

15 North Street  
Onancock, VA 23417

Dear Friend and Neighbors of the Eastern Shore,

The town of Onancock, O'Nancock for the day, is pleased to invite you to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual, St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March, 12, 2017 at 2:00pm. The theme of the parade is "*Slainte*," an Irish toast meaning "to your health." Let's bring the Eastern Shore together as we welcome Spring and celebrate all types of health and health care on the Shore. 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. The parade has become THE Spring activity on the Shore and gets even bigger and better each year. This year we have added a Celtic Festival that will be held on the grounds of Kerr Place from 10-5 on the day of the parade.

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). Individual entries are also welcome. Prizes will be awarded in each category and all participants will receive a special recognition of participation.

There is a special category in the kilt contest for police, fire and EMS units. Each individual participating will receive an award and the perpetual award plaque will be passed on and presented to the "Best of Parade" unit. There will also be a cash award for the winning 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!

Children 8 years and above are encouraged to participate by decorating a bicycle in traditional decor. Clothing in the spirit of the day is suggested to enhance the entries. The bikes will be walked during the parade for safety.

Middle school and high school students are encouraged to enter the limerick contest. Winners will be invited to read their entries at the Celtic Festival and all entrants will receive special recognition with prizes awarded to the winners.

We invite everyone to join us at the Judge's Reviewing Stand 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! Join the free Irish Dance lessons before the parade, head to the movie, go to lunch. Bring your friends, neighbors and any leprechans you may know to celebrate the 4th Annual O'Nancock St. Patrick's Parade! Come out and Show Your Green! As we raise a toast-"Slainte!" to your health!

Nancy James, Parade Chairman  
757 710-3089 [njames@mason-davis.com](mailto:njames@mason-davis.com)

## PARADE GUIDELINES

### GENERAL:

- 1)Registration is **free**. Complete the registration form in it's entirety and return not later than **March 1, 2017**. If you have more than one entry please note this so all activities can be given line up positions and can be judged in the appropriate category. Judges reserve the right to add an entry to a category if they think it qualifies.
  
- 2)The parade route is on Market Street. Participants will line up on College Ave., then turn left onto Market St. to begin the parade. The parade will proceed down Market St. and continue around to King St. where you will dismiss. **Line up starts at 12:45pm and the parade starts promptly at 2:00pm. You must be in line before 1:15pm to participate. Judges will make a preliminary review of participants prior to the parade.**
  
- 3)To access line-up positions from Market Street: turn on to Hill St. then turn right onto Liberty St. and then turn right onto College Ave. Horse trailers will park in the marked parking lot of the Onancock School to unload. Riders and their horses will proceed to their designated lineup position when directed to do so. You must have your clean up person.
  
- 4)All entries should remain in their lineup position until the parade begins. Kilt contestants will be given further direction on site.
  
- 5)The judges stand will be located at the intersection of Market St. and North St. **BE SURE TO STOP AND/OR PERFORM IN FRONT OF THE JUDGES STAND. NO PERFORMANCE SHALL EXCEED 3 minutes.** Entries will be judged on appearance, creativity and keeping with the Irish and/or parade themes.
  
- 6)The parade committee will have final authority on parade participation
  
- 7)**Entries with live animals are to provide their own clean-up crews.**

- 8) Participants will receive an award for their participation in this 4th Annual Event. 1st and 2nd place awards will also be given in each category. In addition, the Perpetual Plaque for the Police, Firefighter, EMS category in the Kilt Contest will be handed down to the "Best of Parade" winner!
- 9) Please provide a detailed description of your entry for the announcer not later than March 1, 2017.
- 10) Please pay attention to your line up order.
- 11) Each entry must have a responsible person. Entries with children under age 18 must have adult supervision at all times.
- 12) Riders on floats must be in a safe, stable position for the duration of the parade.
- 13) **Nothing may be thrown.** Hand out items are permissible only if given out while walking next to the spectators.
- 14) **Your parade location and final instructions will be mailed or emailed to you by Thursday, March 9, 2017.**
- 15) Be advised, Market St. from College Ave. to the Gazebo will be closed to vehicular traffic from 1:45 to to end of the parade. Please plan accordingly. Please carpool if possible.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. LET'S MAKE THIS A TERRIFIC TIME FOR EVERYONE.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL OR EMAIL.**

**NANCY JAMES**  
**St. Patrick's Parade Chairman**  
**757 710-3089**  
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**4th Annual O’Nancock St Patrick’s Parade  
“Slainte”-To your health!  
March 12, 2017 2:00 PM**

Please complete this form and submit NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2014.. We are not responsible for illegible entries. Parade position Will be determined by the Parade Committee. You will be notified of your position via email several days before the parade.

**Mail Entry Forms to:**

**OR Email form to :**

**Lisa Fiege  
Onancock Town Office  
15 North Street  
Onancock, VA 23417**

**Nancy James  
[njames@mason-davis.com](mailto:njames@mason-davis.com)**

**(put “Parade Entry” in subject line)**

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**Date**

**Entry Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Sponsoring Organization/Business/Church/Group/etc. Please give a brief description of your groups purpose/activities**

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**Description of Entry: (for use by announcer/media/judges/parade officials/etc). Attach additional information if needed. Please note if you will also have a kilt contestant!**

**TYPE OF ENTRY check all that apply:**

MUSICAL UNIT     WALKING UNIT     KILT CONTESTANT     FLOAT

DANCE TROUPE     HONOR GUARD     PUBLIC OFFICIAL     VEHICLE(S)

EQUESTRIAN     DECORATED BICYCLE    **# of people in your entry** \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER : please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

## MAILING INFORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION:

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Name of Parade Unit Representative

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Mailing Address of Unit Representative

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Email Address

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City

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State

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Zip code

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Best Contact Phone

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Fax number

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Alternate Contact Phone

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For Parade Committee to fill out:

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Date Received

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Placement

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Date Confirmation Mailed