



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE

Effective July 1, 2014, the Virginia State Board of Elections requires **all voters** to present one of the following acceptable forms of identification before they are allowed to cast their vote at any polling location within the Commonwealth of Virginia:

- Valid Virginia Drivers License
 - DMV-issued photo identification card
 - Valid United States Passport
 - Valid Employee photo identification card
 - Valid college or university student photo identification card (issuer must be an institution of higher learning located in Virginia)
- For more information go to sbe.virginia.gov or call 1-800-552-9745.

**Celebrate the Holiday Season
with Mayor Tarr**

4th Annual Mayor's Ball

Saturday, November 22, 2014
6pm Cocktails-7pm Dinner
Dinner by Bill's Seafood
Music and Dancing
\$50.00 pp

Chincoteague Center
6155 Community Dr. ~ 757-336-0614

*Tickets Available
Chincoteague Center ~ Shore Bank
Attire: Formal / Semi Formal*

PREVENT DELAYS IN EMERGENCIES

During an emergency time is a critical factor. A loved one may be sick or injured, you are over run with stress. The responders coming to your rescue know these feelings all too well and need your help to better serve you. Please post your 4 digit 911 house number in a well lit, conspicuous place that is visible from the street. If you live away from the street, post your number in a visible area near the driveway that accesses your home. Some individuals may live in campgrounds part of the year; those people should post their lot number in a highly visible location at the front of their residence. If you do not own your residence, please contact your landlord to post the proper numbers.

Always call **911** in an emergency. Do not call or drive to the fire station as crews may already be handling another emergency and are unavailable to help. Anticipating that personnel are at the station could cause a delay in getting the proper and rapid response necessary for your emergency. When an emergency occurs, call 911 immediately. Be prepared to give your name, address and a call back number to the dispatcher. If you are reporting a fire, immediately evacuate the area and then call 911.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Council Meeting	Oct 6
41st Oyster Festival at Tom's Cove Park	Oct 11
Second Saturday Art Stroll	Oct 11
Town Council Meeting	Nov 3
Chincoteague Island Family YMCA Chin-Dig	Nov 8
4th Annual Mayor's Ball	Nov 22
27th Annual Deborah Waterfowl Show	Nov 28
Annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting	Nov 29
Town Council Meeting	Dec 1
Old Fashioned Christmas Parade	Dec 6
Pony Island Horseshoe Drop	Dec 31
Chill OUT! Polar Plunge	Jan 1
Town Council Meeting	Jan 5

Get Prepared, Stay Prepared

Hurricane season lasts until November 30th; winter storms and nor-easters could soon follow. Now is the time to plan for the next disaster. Have a gallon of water per person per day for 3-5 days on hand, non-perishable foods, flashlights, batteries, battery powered NOAA weather radio, and a first aid kit. For more information visit ReadyVirginia.gov



Winter is Coming – Are You Ready?

Chincoteague's winters can be cold, snowy, icy and dangerous. Protect yourself and your home with these tips:

If you heat with a fireplace or wood stove:

Have a professional check it, especially if it has been a long time since the last cleaning. Residue can build up and cause fires.

Don't use candles during power outages:

Many home fires in winter are caused by candles. Flashlights are much safer. Be sure to have extra batteries on hand.

Safe use of space heaters: Never plug them into extension cords; plug into wall outlets. Keep space heaters at least three feet from other objects, and turn off before going to bed.

Using kerosene or propane heaters: These must be used with great caution. The room must be ventilated by opening a window. Keep heaters at least three feet away from flammable objects such as curtains, blankets and furniture. Place heaters on a hard surface, not on carpet. Refuel them outdoors **after** they have cooled.

Find more winter tips and ways to prepare your family for disasters at

www.ReadyVirginia.gov

FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION

CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND IS LOCATED IN A COASTAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA.

Town Flood Services: Before you purchase or improve property, you should check your flood risk. Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Town Office - Building Department located at 6150 Community Drive for assistance to confirm the base flood elevation for your property and apply for a permit for any development in the floodplain.

Flood Maps: New FEMA flood maps have been prepared that will revise base flood elevations for Chincoteague Island and identify lower flood risk for certain locations. Please watch for public notices in late 2014 when the Town Council will hold a public hearing to adopt the new maps along with possible changes to the Town Floodplain Ordinance.

Flood Insurance: FEMA manages the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which provides flood insurance policies that give millions of Americans a defense against flooding. Visit the FloodSmart.gov website or call 1-800-427-2419 for more information.

Questions? Visit the Town website: <http://www.chincoteague-va.gov/flood-maps> or call (757) 336-6519.

SUPERVISOR THORNTON'S CORNER

Eastern Shore Public Library referendum will be on the ballot for the Tuesday, November 4, election. Accomack County can borrow the \$3.5 million without a tax increase, however, taxpayer dollars have to repay the entire amount, plus interest. This is phase 1; there will have to be additional money secured for the next phase of the building. I make every effort to provide the residents all the facts on the issues so you can decide for yourself and make an informed decision.