



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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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.

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.

Be mindful of coastal flooding
Nor'easters can be just as dangerous as hurricanes. During a storm, take precautions as you would during the preparation for a tropical storm. Follow the Town on Facebook for the latest emergency information.

Find more winter tips and ways to prepare your family for disasters at www.ReadyVirginia.gov

THANK YOU FROM CHINCOTEAGUE POLICE

The Chincoteague Police Department would like to thank all who turned out for the 12th Annual Poker Run for the Kids. We had approximately 225 to 230 Motorcycles registered for the run. Attendance was up from last year, as it was a beautiful day for the ride. We would like to extend our thanks to those who volunteer their time to help make this event successful. This event helps us give back to the community, from school scholarships, helping less fortunate families with food needs, to buying children clothes and toys for Christmas. We look forward to seeing you on December 3rd for our Annual Toy Run. Details will be posted soon on our Poker Run Facebook page... do a search for "Chincoteague Police Department's Annual Poker Run for Kids" on Facebook. Thank you again, from Chief Randy Mills, and the entire staff of the Chincoteague Police Department.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Council Meeting	Oct 3rd
2nd Saturday Art Stroll	Oct 8th
44th Annual Oyster Festival	Oct 8th
Trick-or-Treat Curfew 8PM	Oct 31st
Town Council Meeting	Nov 7th
Election Day	Nov 8th
30th Annual Deborah Decoy Show	Nov 26th
Robert Reed Park Annual Tree Lighting	Nov 26th
Old Fashioned Christmas Parade	Dec 3rd
Town Council Meeting	Dec 5th
Taxes Due Date	Dec 5th
Town Offices Closed	Dec 26 and Dec 27
Pony Island Horseshoe Drop	Dec 31st
Polar Plunge	Jan 1st
Town Offices Closed	Jan 2nd



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. Plan now for your pets, as most shelters won't allow pets; except for the designated pet shelter at the Eastern Shore Regional Fire Training Center. For more information visit ReadyVirginia.gov

Christmas Toy Run

The Chincoteague Police Department will be conducting its annual Christmas Toy Motorcycle Run on December 3, 2016. Bikes will be meeting at the Wal-Mart in Pocomoke City, Maryland at 11:00 a.m. and drive a scenic route that ends at Maria's Restaurant in Chincoteague Island where a warm lunch will be served. The only cost to participate is a new unopened, unwrapped toy that will be given to a child in need during the holidays.

Chincoteague Water Customers:

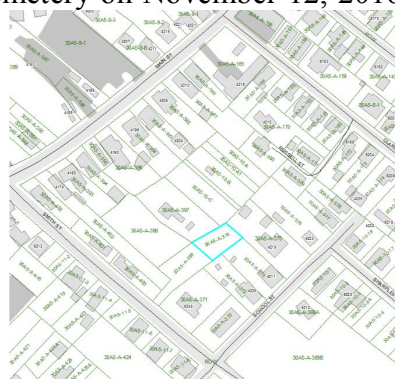
The vast majority of water leaks can be prevented by proper winterization. All unoccupied properties should have their water systems disconnected and drained. This can be accomplished by contacting the Town to shut off your meter. This service is free one time per year and for winterizations only. However, the best method is to have an owner or personal cutoff valve installed immediately downstream to your water meter. This will protect your property and the Town's water system.

FALL BACK; CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR

The Town of Chincoteague in conjunction with the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company would like to remind you to set your clocks back one hour at 2 AM, Sunday, November 6, 2016. During this time; check the batteries in your smoke detector and also the date listed on your smoke detector. Any detector with a date greater than ten years should be replaced immediately.

Cemetery Clean-up Day

The Town of Chincoteague in conjunction with the Chincoteague Cemetery Committee is asking for your help with cleaning up Taylor (Birch) cemetery on November 12, 2016, from 9-12 pm.



CHINCOTEAGUE POLICE LAW TIP

The following information is provided as a public service by the

Chincoteague Police Department:

§ 46.2-889. Location of parked vehicles.

No vehicle shall be stopped except close to and parallel to the right edge of the curb or roadway, except that a vehicle may be stopped close to and parallel to the left curb or edge of the roadway on one-way streets or may be parked at an angle where permitted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board or local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction.