



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK

The Mayor and Town Council, would like to remind the community of the upcoming Chincoteague Island Earth Day that will be celebrated Saturday, May 9th, 2015. Our Spring Clean-up refuse collection will be during the week of May 11th-15th. The Mayor and Council encourage everyone to take part and help clean up our community. The Public Works Department will be collecting debris the entire week. Please call ahead of time to schedule the collection of your yard debris not later than 4:00 p.m. Thursday, May 15th, 2014. (757) 336-6519

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

The Town's Emergency Management personnel are hard at work preparing for this year's severe storm and hurricane season. The staff would like to take this opportunity to remind you to prepare also. **Get prepared!** Develop a disaster plan. Your plan should answer: What do you need to do to secure your home and property? Where will you go? Who will you notify as to your evacuation location? Also, you need to make a disaster kit with flashlights, batteries, water (1 gallon per person per day for at least 5 days), non-perishable food, battery operated weather radio and insurance information. The Commonwealth of Virginia will offer a "sales tax holiday" May 24th - May 30th. This will allow you to stock your disaster kit, tax free! Visit www.vaemergency.com or for more info. www.chincoteague-va.gov and click government and then emergency operations.

2015 BOAT LAUNCH DECALS

The Town of Chincoteague's 2015 boat launch permits are currently on sale. The yearly fee is \$20.00 and the weekly fee is \$5.00. **You must present your boat trailer registration** to purchase your permit. Permits are required at all Town boat ramps!

RIDE THE PONY EXPRESS



The Pony Express Trolley will begin operation May 2 for the Seafood Festival. Thank you to Chamber of Commerce for providing free transportation for the festival 10AM to 5:00 PM. The trolley will provide regular service until 10:30PM that evening.

For the remainder of May, the trolley will be operating Saturdays starting at 12 noon until 10:30 PM. Memorial Day weekend the trolley will be in service Friday starting at 5:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday starting at 12 noon until 10:30 PM. Come ride the trolley each evening starting June 9th at 5:00 PM. Bring your quarters and relax on the trolley! **(Exact change is appreciated.)**

Do you want to learn more about the fascinating history of Chincoteague? Join us on a Tuesday or Thursday starting June 9th for an hour long narrated tour. Tours will continue through August 27th, excluding July 30th (Pony Penning Auction). The tours leave at 2:15 PM and 3:15 PM from the Community Center parking lot. Tickets go on sale at 1:45 PM in front of the Community Center at 6155 Community Drive. Tickets for this great experience are just \$4 for adults, \$2 for children (ages 2 to 12) and babies on laps are free.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Council Meeting	April 6th
2nd Saturday Art Stroll	April 11th
47th Annual Seafood Festival	May 2nd
Town Council Meeting	May 4th
2nd Saturday Art Stroll	May 9th
Annual Int. Migratory Bird Celebration	May 9th
Town Council Meeting	June 1st
2nd Saturday Art Stroll	June 13th

SKATE PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

The rules of the Chincoteague Skate Park reflect the same rules of the Veterans Memorial Park. It is unlawful for any person to ride, propel, push or otherwise operate a skateboard or inline skates on any public street, public sidewalk on Main Street or any other adjoining street between Jester Street and Maddox Blvd., public lots or other public property (except for public skateboard facilities and public sponsored or authorized skateboard events) within the Town limits.

Regulations.

1. All skaters must wear appropriate safety equipment: helmet, kneepads, elbow pads and shoes.
2. Only skateboards and inline skates are permitted in the Skate Park.
3. Spectators are not permitted entry into the skate area unless wearing safety equipment.
4. Skater etiquette is expected at all times.
5. No glass is permitted in the Skate Park.
6. No alcohol or drugs are permitted on Town property.
7. No defacing of park property. Vandalism is subject to incarceration.
8. Personal property is the responsibility of the skater and may not be stored at the Skate Park.
9. No personal music devices allowed in the Skate Park.
10. No trespassing or skating when closed.
11. Profanity, recklessness and/or boisterous behavior is prohibited.
12. Any infraction of the rules will result in the loss of Skate Park privileges.

New FEMA Flood Maps Adopted



The Town of Chincoteague participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and has just adopted a new Flood Study prepared by FEMA, new Flood Insurance Rate Maps and amendments to the Town Code regarding floodplain management regulations. Please contact the Town Office for more information: **(757) 336-6519**

BULK TRASH POLICY & SCHEDULE

The bulk trash collection provides for the collection of brush, appliances and furniture. Also, residents may dispose of mostly every other type of trash during the Spring (May) and Fall (September) cleanup collection.

Brush will be collected quarterly, on the 1st Thursday of January, April, July and October, with the quantity of brush collected at each household being limited to what would fill a full size pickup truck. **Community brush piles are prohibited.**

Appliances and furniture will be collected on the 1st Thursday of every month, limited to 2 items per household. Carpet and rug remnants will be considered as "other" trash and collected under the Spring and Fall cleanup.

All "other" bulk trash items will be collected on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of May and September, limited to a pickup truck load quantity.

It is important to note that the Town will not collect or accept through curbside collection, recycling center deposit, or the bulk trash service: **tree stumps, construction and remodeling scraps, tires, petroleum products or byproducts, paint, waste fuel or oil, household solvents, or any other hazardous materials.** Household garbage will not be collected during bulk trash collections.

To use the bulk trash service, residents will need to **place items curbside and call the Town office at 336-6519, 48 hours in advance** of a collection date to be placed on a collection list. Residents will be asked to provide the item(s) which are to be collected and their **911 address.** The Town will only collect from locations with such addresses.

SUPERVISOR THORNTON'S CORNER

I requested a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the criteria for Accomack County to start a 'Wetland Mitigation Bank'. Any wetland impacts, are costing tens of thousands of dollars for even a slight impact. Non profit or Town and County projects are required to pay also. The cost it adds to a project is significant and may prevent the project such as bike paths, community, town or county projects from going forward. The preferred alternative is mitigation, trading land impacts for other land. However, there is no Wetland Mitigation Bank on the Eastern Shore. It would benefit our county and town if we could get a Mitigation Bank approved. The Army Corps has been very helpful and we learned a lot at the meeting. I will continue to update the progress as it hopefully goes forward.