



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Each summer and fall we concentrate on tropical storm activity and nor'easters, but Chincoteague is vulnerable to so much more: severe storms, including tornados; ice and snow storms; severe power outages; and even acts of terrorism. Now is the time to prepare for all disasters. Make a disaster plan for you and your family! Purchase a NOAA weather radio to make sure you and your family are notified of impending weather in the Chincoteague area. Stock up on non-perishable foods, water, and other daily necessities to sustain each member of your family for at least 5 days. If asked to evacuate, please do so calmly and quickly. The shelters for local citizens are located at Arcadia High School 8210 Lankford Hwy, Oak Hall, VA 23416; and Arcadia Middle School 29485 Horsey Rd. Oak Hall, VA 23416. Please plan ahead! Take medicine, food, snacks, along with books or quiet games. No food or cots are available and pets are not allowed at the Arcadia Shelter.

PET SHELTER—

Those with pets should evacuate to the Eastern Shore Fire Training Center at 28598 Beacon Road, Melfa, VA 23410. Please take all supplies listed above for yourself and supplies for your pet which should include: leash, food/water bowls, crate (if you have one), and pet food. No exotic animals are allowed in the pet shelter. Please evacuate when asked, the causeway becomes flooded and impassable many hours before the storm.



DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

The downtown revitalization Phase III project is now complete. The brick sidewalks and crosswalks complete the downtown look and feel. Although the downtown area was a construction mess for a few months, the new look is much safer and more welcoming to citizens and visitors alike. If you have not seen the beautiful upgrades, take an evening walk with the family in the downtown area. You can ride the trolley to either stop at Main and Church Streets or across from the fire station. Walk through town and Robert Reed Park or visit one of the many local businesses along the way. The Town thanks everyone for their patience during the construction process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fireman's Carnival	July 15-16
Fireman's Carnival	July 22-23
Blueberry Festival	July 22-24
Fireman's Carnival	July 25-30
Pony Walk Down the Beach 6:00AM	July 25
Pony Swim & Auction	July 27-28
Pony Swim Back	July 29
Town Council Meeting	Aug 1st
2nd Saturday Art Stroll	Aug 13th
Chincoteague Decoy Carvers Assoc Show	Sep 2-4th
Labor Day Offices Closed	Sep 5th
Town Council Meeting	Sep 6th
Chincoteague Police "Ride for the Kids"	Sep 10th
2nd Saturday Art Stroll	Sep 10th

HISTORY TOURS

Maybe you are just visiting, maybe you were born here, or maybe you are just looking for that fun thing to do. Well the Pony Express History Tour is the thing to do! Each Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00pm and 3:15pm (except no tour 7/29). The one hour narrated tour of the Island leaves from the Community Center at 6155 Community Drive. The cost is just \$4 and \$2 for those 12 years old and younger. Babies on the lap ride free. Ticket sales begin at 1:30pm each day. We will see you there!

Your 2015 Annual Water Quality Report is now available!

The Town of Chincoteague Water System performed routine monitoring of contaminants in your drinking water during the 2015 calendar year. Test results indicate all these contaminants were below allowable levels and no health based violations were reported.

You are strongly urged to visit:

http://www.chincoteague-va.gov/files/CCR_CY15.pdf

to view your 2015 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more about Chincoteague's drinking water. This Water Quality Report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. For a translation of the Water Quality Report or to speak with someone about the report please call (757) 336-3366. If you would like a printed copy of the 2015 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your home, please call (757) 336-3366.

ZIKA AND YOU

As many have heard, there is a mosquito bourn illness being talked about everywhere you turn called "ZIKA". Zika has been primarily related to birth defects, making it dangerous for pregnant mothers. Zika can cause cramping and fatigue in the healthy population as well as a very slim chance of Guillane-Barre Syndrome. With this said, there are many things that can be done to prevent Zika and its spread. First, the Town has a very aggressive Mosquito Control Program. Daily ground spraying is done by our mosquito control technicians. Daily spraying occurs early in the morning and mostly late in the evening when mosquitos are most active. Our technicians also deploy larvicide in the many stagnet waterways throughout the Island. Aerial spraying is also used to control large hatches of mosquitos. However, you can provide the most basic defense: elimination of mosquito breeding hotspots. Clean out leaves and debris frequently from roof gutters. Keep corrugated pipes attached to downspouts free of water; store buckets upside down or indoors; eliminate cans and containers or drill holes in them so they won't retain water; recycle old tires and keep water out of them; change water in birdbaths with a good flush from a garden hose at least weekly; filter or aerate water in ornamental ponds; empty saucers under potted plants; eliminate outdoor puddles under air-conditioning units or dripping faucets; drain or treat with larvicide any unused pools; store children's toys indoors or so that they cannot hold water; empty water that collects in folds or sagging areas of tarps and grill covers; keep wheelbarrows turned over when not in use; fill in depressions under decks, porches, or outbuildings so they cannot hold water; keep lids on garbage cans; and cover canoes and boats or keep them turned upside down. Please follow these helpful tips to prevent the spread of Zika and the buzzing of these pesky mosquitos. For more information visit www.zikava.org

