



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Each summer and fall we concentrate on preparing for tropical storm activity and nor'easters, but Chincoteague is vulnerable to so much more: severe storms and tornados; severe power outages; and even acts of terrorism. 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. Shelters are located at Arcadia High School 8210 Lankford Hwy, Oak Hall, VA 23416; and Arcadia Middle School 29485 Horsey Road, 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 Shelters. **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. Remember, the causeway becomes flooded and impassable many hours before the arrival of tropical storms and nor'easters, so please evacuate when asked to do so!



MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION

Downtown investment continues this Summer with the expansion of Robert Reed Park to the Fishing Pier. The final phase of streetscape improvements including Bridge Street parking and new sidewalks to the Fire Station will begin in the Fall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fireman's Carnival	July 17-18
Blueberry Festival	July 24-26
Fireman's Carnival	July 24-25
Fireman's Carnival	July 27-Aug 1
Pony Walk Down the Beach 6:00AM	July 27
Pony Swim & Auction	July 29-30
Town Council Meeting	Aug 3rd
2nd Saturday Art Stroll	Aug 8th
Chincoteague Decoy Carvers Assoc Show	Sep 4-6th
Labor Day Offices Closed	Sep 7th
Town Council Meeting	Sep 8th
Chincoteague Police "Ride for the Kids"	Sep 12th
2nd Saturday Art Stroll	Sep 12th

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 **2:15pm** and **3:15pm** (except no tour 7/30). 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. Infants on the lap ride free. Ticket sales begin at 1:45 pm on day of tour. See you there!

TOWN PLAYGROUND EXPANDS



Phase two improvements to the playground at Veterans Memorial Park are now complete. The new structure is designed for 6 to 12 year olds. Thanks to the Chincoteague Public Works Department for their hard work on the installation and for community support of this project!

SUPERVISOR THORNTON'S CORNER

I would like to thank the Accomack County Board of Supervisors for supporting my motion, calling for a study of possible impacts on Chincoteague Channel and the Inlet from shoreline hardening and pumping sand onto the Wallops Island beach. Without a detailed study by the US Army Corps of Engineers, we cannot be sure what is causing the dramatic changes that have been occurring over the last several years. It is especially alarming when considering the widening of the Chincoteague Inlet. A copy of the detailed request was sent to NASA, the USACE, and is being sent to our elected Federal and State officials as well.

COMBINED TRAINING



Chincoteague's EMS Division, the CVFC EMS Division and the NPS Lifeguards of Assateague Island participated in a joint training May 29, 2015

on Assateague Island. The training focused on sand tunnel collapses. Although digging sand tunnels and large holes on the beach seems like a lot of fun, it can be very dangerous if they collapse. Sand weighs 120 pounds per square foot, which can be fatal when piled on the human body. The training focused on gathering information as to the last known location of the victim, how to mark the area, and how to dig and rescue the victim. Digging must occur with the rescuers hands as not to create more injuries to the victim. Please discourage family members from digging deep holes or sand tunnels to keep you, your family, and others safe this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- To Randy Mills on his appointment as Chincoteague Chief of Police. Randy started in his new position on April 1, 2015.
- To Bryan Lewis on his appointment to the Assistant Chief of Police position.
- To Bryan Rush who was recognized as the Outstanding EMS Administrator representing the entire Tidewater Virginia Region.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pony Swim is Wednesday, July 29th. The Town, with the help of Accomack County School's Transportation Department, operates a FREE shuttle from the high school and other locations to Memorial Park for the swim. After the swim, shuttles go to the Carnival or back to the high school and original destinations. We need volunteers to assist our visitors with their many questions and to assist the bus drivers with routes for the day. Please volunteer to help by calling the Town Office at 336-6519.

