



# TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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## TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## THINK FAST

The Town's Emergency Medical Services Division would like to remind everyone to think **F.A.S.T.** when a stroke is suspected. Time is critical in any stroke and reversal of symptoms is very possible with advances in today's medicine.

**Face**-Look for an uneven smile

**Arm**- Check to see if one arm is weak

**Speech**-Listen for slurred speech

**Time**-Call 911 at the first sign

**Stroke prevention is key!** Talk to your doctor about your stroke risk factors and what you can do to minimize or even illuminate your possibility of having a stroke and feel free to stop by the fire station between 8 am and 5 pm and have one of the Town's EMS staff check your blood pressure.

## VEHICLE LICENSE (DECALS)

The Town of Chincoteague requires each motor vehicle, utility trailer, motor home, and motorcycle that is garaged within the Town to be registered. This requires the purchase of a vehicle license (decals) for each motor vehicle. Vehicle licenses will go on sale March 15, 2016 at a cost of \$27 each. Please bring your current vehicle registration with you to purchase the license. The Town does not offer this service by mail. If someone is out-of-town, they can have a neighbor or friend pick up the license for them. Be sure to leave a copy of your registration card with the person picking up your license. All vehicles are required to display the vehicle license by April 15, 2016.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Council Meeting	Feb 1
President's Day Offices Closed	Feb 15
Town Council Meeting	Mar 7
Vehicle Decals Available	Mar 14
Good Friday Offices Closed	Mar 25
Easter Decoy & Art Festival	Mar 25-26
Town Council Meeting	Apr 4

## 2015 AND THE TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

Here is a look back at the year of 2015 and the accomplishments and honors achieved in various departments throughout the year.

### General Government

#### Emergency Medical Services Division

- Developed and implemented a new digital patient care reporting system
- Conducted community CPR to train bystanders in CPR and AED use
- EMS Supervisor Bryan Rush named the Tidewater EMS Council's 2015 "Bruce W. Edwards EMS Administrator of the Year"

### Office Division

- The Town Council adopted the changes in the 5 year review of the Comprehensive Plan
- FEMA Floodplain maps and required Floodplain Ordinance was adopted
- The Town had new financial software installed to replace the old outdated software

### Public Works

- Managed construction of the Robert Reed Park expansion project.
- Reconstructed sidewalks on the east side of Main Street from Bunting Road to the fire house.
- Replaced playground equipment at Memorial Park
- Supplied, treated and distributed 185,268,000 gallons of potable water.
- Maintained Town office complex, recreational facilities and public streets.

### Police Department

- During the Christmas season, the Department conducted its Annual Toy Run for the Kids, as well as marched in the Town's Annual Christmas Parade collecting donated toys. Combined with our Annual Poker Run for the Kids, held in September, the Department was able to provide clothes and toys for 58 kids from approximately 27 island families
- Received a Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant and used it to defray the cost of officer's body worn cameras.

## FIRE ALARM ORDINANCE

The Town Council of the Town of Chincoteague voted unanimously to amend Chapter 26 of the Town Code to include a penalty for repetitive false fire alarm activations. The purpose of the ordinance is to improve maintenance of the systems in place and prevent numerous responses by fire and EMS vehicles and personnel. Below is the penalty portion of the ordinance. If you have any questions the staff contact is Bryan Rush and he can be reached at 757-336-3138 or brush@chincoteague-va.gov.

### Commercial

- First false alarm No charge
- Second false alarm No charge
- Third false alarm No charge
- Fourth false alarm \$100.00
- Fifth false alarm \$200.00
- Sixth and subsequent false alarms \$300.00 each additional false alarm

### Residential

- First false alarm No charge
- Second false alarm No charge
- Third false alarm No charge
- Fourth false alarm \$50.00
- Fifth false alarm \$100.00
- Sixth and subsequent false alarms \$200.00 each additional false alarm

## PREVENT DELAYS IN EMERGENCYS

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 to 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. Please help us, help you!

**EMERGENCY CALL 911**

## EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

The Town of Chincoteague would like to congratulate the employee of the year from each department for 2015. Each employee was selected by their peers for their dedication in providing exemplary service in the performance of their duties within there respective departments.

**General Government—Mike Wessells**  
**Public Works Department— Bill Richie**  
**Police Department— Cody Butler**

Congratulations and thank you for your service to the Town of Chincoteague.

## THE WALKING / BIKING PATH LINKING THE SCHOOLS TOGETHER ON HALLIE WHEALTON SMITH DRIVE

As we reported in the past the Town has obtained a grant through VDOT's Safe Routes to School to install a walking and biking path linking the Combined School with the Elementary School. The design has been completed and we are waiting on VDOT's authorization to send out a notice to proceed for Construction. The project is expected to take 90 days for completion.

## 2016 BOAT LAUNCH DECALS

The Town of Chincoteague's 2016 boat launch permits will go on sale beginning March 15. The yearly fee is \$20.00 and the weekly fee is \$5.00. **You must present your boat trailer registration** to purchase your permit. The decal must then be permanently displayed on your vessel's trailer or the vehicle used for your kayaks.

## THE ANNUAL MAYOR'S BALL

Mayor Tarr and his lovely wife Sherry held another wonderful evening to remember on November 23, 2013. Many people attended and the event could have been mistaken for a fashion show. Good food, good fellowship, and good times were had by all. This year's Mayor's Ball raised funds for the acquisition of the Building and Land on Church Street for the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. We are happy to say that they closed on the building and land this past December 14, 2015. The CCA offers venues for musicians, visual artists, playwrights and actors, craftspeople, collectors, poets and writers, and learning opportunities for all. Also, they put on 2nd Saturday Art Stroll and the Farmers Market .