



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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TOWN INSTALLS NEW PLAYGROUND



The Chincoteague Recreation and Community Enhancement Committee has completed a phase one improvement to the playgrounds at Veterans Memorial Park. The structure is designed for 2 to 5 year olds and includes three platforms with a connecting crawl tunnel, two slides, two wall climbers and new tot swings. Phase two will include new equipment for the 6 to 12 year old group. Thanks to the Chincoteague Police Department, Public Works Department and community fundraising that made this possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Council Workshop	Jan 15
Town Council Meeting	Feb 2
President's Day (offices closed)	Feb 16
Town Council Meeting	Mar 2
Vehicle Decals Available	Mar 16
Good Friday (offices closed)	Apr 3
Town Council Meeting	Apr 6

BULK TRASH POLICY & SCHEDULE

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. 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.

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

2015 BOAT LAUNCH DECALS

The Town of Chincoteague's 2015 boat launch permits will go on sale beginning March 16. 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.

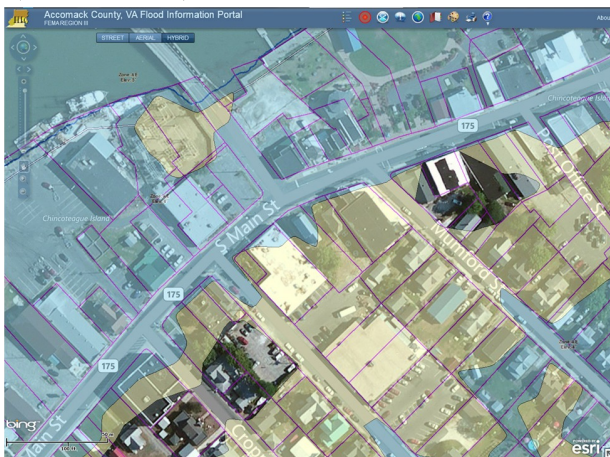


NEW FEMA FLOOD MAPS

A final letter of determination from FEMA was received on November 20, 2014 at which time the Town has until May 18, 2015 to adopt new flood risk maps and any other required changes to the floodplain ordinance to comply with National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

All properties on Chincoteague Island are now identified in one of three flood risk areas as shown on the RiskMAP website (see link below).

Public notice will be sent to all Town property owners in the next 60 days and a public hearing will be scheduled no later than March 2015. A review of the proposed maps and ordinance changes is tentatively scheduled for the Council workshop on January 15, 2015. See the Staff Report on the Town website (www.chincoteague-va.gov) or contact the Town Office (757.336.6519) for more information.



<http://maps.riskmap3.com/VA/AccomackCo/>

EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

The Town of Chincoteague would like to congratulate the employee of the year from each department for 2014. Each employee was selected by their peers for their dedication in providing exemplary service in the performance of their duties within their respective departments.

General Government—William Neville
Public Works Department— Keith Sharpley
Police Department— Amy Lewis

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

PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES

The Chincoteague Police Department has re-commissioned three 'humvees' at no cost from the federal government for the primary purpose of emergency operations during times of flooding or heavy snow and ice. The vehicles will be maintained by the Town in an effort to better serve the citizens of Chincoteague Island.



SUPERVISOR THORNTON'S CORNER

Accomack County has applied for a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant in an attempt to get bicycle path shoulders on the causeway. Even though the chance may be slim, I thought it was worth a try. This is the most important safety issue left facing our community since the new bridge was completed. We should take every opportunity we have to accomplish this goal. There is more that can be done and our citizens can help. I will be working on this over this next year as I have been for some time. You will be hearing more from me on this issue in the near future. Have a Happy New Year!

Supervisor Wanda Thornton