



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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Chincoteague Water Customers:

Frozen/ruptured pipes caused by the below normal temperatures experienced throughout the winter of 2014/2015 resulted in the loss of approximately 8 million gallons of treated water from the Town's water system. The vast majority of these leaks could have been prevented by proper winterization. All unoccupied properties should have their water systems disconnected and drained. This can be accomplished by contacting the Town to shut off your meter. However, the best method is to have an owner cutoff valve installed immediately downstream to your water meter. The Town's water leak adjustment ordinance was changed April 6, 2015. Visit the Town's website to view the adjustment policy in its entirety.

FALL BACK; CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES

The Town of Chincoteague in conjunction with the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company would like to remind you to set your clocks back one hour at 2 AM, Sunday, November 1, 2015. During this time, check the batteries in your smoke detector.

TRASH COLLECTION POLICY

The Town provides weekly pick up of regular household waste through a contract with Davis Disposal. Residents must have garbage curbside in a **metal or plastic container with lid** before 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection. **Plastic bags are only permitted for the collection of grass trimmings or leaves.** No more than five containers will be collected from one household. Some residents on small lanes may have designated nearby areas where trash will be collected. Normally, trash is collected as scheduled on holidays except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. If these holidays fall on your normal pick up day, information will be provided by the cable TV public announcement channel (channel 9) and/or the local newspaper concerning pick up date.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

If your normal collection day falls on Thanksgiving or Christmas Days your rescheduled collection day will be that Friday following the holiday.

2015 REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS

Reminder

It's that time of year again for 2015 real estate tax bills from the Town and County. Your real estate taxes will be mailed approximately the first week in November 2015. REMEMBER: your taxes are due December 5th, 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Council Meeting	Nov 2
Chincoteague Island Family YMCA Chin-Dig	Nov 7
5th Annual Mayor's Ball	Nov 21
27th Annual Deborah Waterfowl Show	Nov 27
Annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting	Nov 28
Old Fashioned Christmas Parade	Dec 5
Town Council Meeting	Dec 7
Pony Island Horseshoe Drop	Dec 31
Chill OUT! Polar Plunge	Jan 1
Town Council Meeting	Jan 4

*Come join Mayor Tarr
for a Night of Dinner and Dance*

5th Annual Mayor's Ball

Saturday 6pm
November 21, 2015

*Dinner by Bill's Seafood
Musical by Digger Dreams*

To Benefit Chincoteague Cultural Alliance

CFA

Chincoteague Center
4100 Community Center
757-396-0611
ChincoteagueCenter.com

Chincoteague Center & Shore Bank
Attire: Formal/Neat-Formal

Get Prepared, Stay Prepared

Hurricane season lasts until November 30th; winter storms and nor-easters could soon follow. Now is the time to plan for the next disaster. Have a gallon of water per person per day for 3-5 days on hand, non-perishable foods, flashlights, batteries, battery powered NOAA weather radio, and a first aid kit. Plan now for your pets, as most shelters won't allow pets; except for the designated pet shelter at the Eastern Shore Regional Fire Training Center. For more information visit ReadyVirginia.gov

Winter is Coming – Are You Ready?

Chincoteague's winters can be cold, snowy, icy and dangerous. Protect yourself and your home with these tips:

If you heat with a fireplace or wood stove: Have a professional check it, especially if it has been a long time since the last cleaning. Residue can build up and cause fires.

Safe use of space heaters: Never plug them into extension cords; plug into wall outlets. Keep space heaters at least three feet from other objects, and turn off before going to bed.

Using kerosene or propane heaters: These must be used with great caution. The room must be ventilated by opening a window. Keep heaters at least three feet away from flammable objects such as curtains, blankets and furniture. Place heaters on a hard surface, not on carpet. Refuel them outdoors after they have cooled.

Find more winter tips and ways to prepare your family for disasters at www.ReadyVirginia.gov

Winter and Spring Town Projects

Main Street improvements will continue in the 'off-season' this coming year with work on Downtown sidewalks along the east side between Cleveland Street and just past the Fire Station, then over to the west side from that point back to Bridge Street. Also, there will be construction of sidewalk / Bike Trail from North Main Street to Deephole along Hallie Whealton Smith Drive Starting this Winter into the Spring as weather permits. Thank you VDOT! for Safe Routes to School



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL YMCA

On November 7, 2015, the YMCA will hold their second annual Chin-Dig. This year's theme is "TAILG8" a football themed tailgate party. Tickets are \$30 per person and support the YMCA of Chincoteague Island.

CHINCOTEAGUE POLICE LAW TIP

The following information is provided as a public service by the

Chincoteague Police Department:

§ 46.2-889. Location of parked vehicles.

No vehicle shall be stopped except close to and parallel to the right edge of the curb or roadway, except that a vehicle may be stopped close to and parallel to the left curb or edge of the roadway on one-way streets or may be parked at an angle where permitted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board or local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction.

Parking on or Driving Over Sidewalks
(Chincoteague Town Ordinance 11-23)

It shall be unlawful, except in an emergency, for any automobile, truck, cart or vehicle to be parked on the sidewalk or be driven from a public street across an adjoining hard surface sidewalk or from private property across a hard surface sidewalk adjoining a public street at any place other than a place designated for such crossing.

SUPERVISOR THORNTON'S CORNER

Our community is facing many challenges in the coming months. Whether it is seeking funding to study Chincoteague Inlet, Saving Toms Cove and other valuable resources for our working watermen, securing parking at the beach and protecting the health safety and welfare of our citizen's and their livelihood's. I urge everyone to stay informed about these issues. We need to stand together to face these challenges.