



# TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Town Office is now accepting credit card payments in the office for any and all Town billings. Unfortunately, we are unable to take credit card payments over the phone. To pay via credit card over the phone, you may call 1-888-2PAY-TAX (1-888-272-9829) or you may go online to [www.chincoteague-va.gov](http://www.chincoteague-va.gov) selecting under "I Want To..." the line item "Pay my taxes and water online". This link will walk you through the process.

## STREET CORNER-SCAPE PROGRAM

The Town of Chincoteague would like to invite citizens to participate in the Street Corner-Scape Program. We are looking for volunteers to landscape and maintain the corner of designated properties. We are also looking for citizens who own corner properties that will allow other community members to landscape and maintain the corner of their property. For more information call the Town at 336-6519.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Daffodil Festival April 4 & 5, 2009

@ the Chincoteague Center

Easter Decoy/Art Festival April 10 & 11, 2009

@ the Chincoteague High School

2nd Saturday Art Stroll April-December 2009

@ Participating Businesses Throughout the Island.

41st Annual Seafood Festival May 6, 2009

@ Tom's Cove Campground

## BULK TRASH POLICY & SCHEDULE

The 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,** limited to a pickup truck load quantity.

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.

## 2009 AUTOMOBILE DECALS

### Reminder

Beginning March 16, 2009 the Town of Chincoteague 2009 automobile decals will go on sale at the Town Office. The cost is \$27.00. Your 2008 Personal Property Taxes must be paid and your current vehicle registration must be presented prior to receiving your decal.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
HAND-IN-HAND WITH  
THE CHINCOTEAGUE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

**File of Life and Heads Up Programs—Medical History Inventory:**

The “File of Life” Program is designed for the elderly or any other person that has special medical needs. The “File of Life” is a red plastic envelope with magnetic strip on the back, which has an insert card within that list personal medical data. The completed “File of Life” should be placed on the front door of the refrigerator in the kitchen. It should be in plain view of any emergency response personnel. Emergency teams are trained to look for the packet when responding to your home. The data list includes: Your Name, Address, Physician Name, Phone Number, List of Medications, Recent Surgery, Other Important Information (including medical insurance, living will, etc...)

The “File of Life” is distributed free of charge by the Chincoteague Police Department. Anyone interested in obtaining the packet should call Chief Lewis at the Police Department at 336-3155.

The “Heads Up” Program is also offered with the “File of life”. The information required is similar for the “Heads Up” Program. However, the information is returned to the 911 dispatch office to be entered in the main computer system. If there are 911 calls from a registered address, EMS responding crews are alerted to any special needs before arrival.

The Chincoteague Senior Center has been actively participating in this program and you may request the packet through their office as well.

**CHINCOTEAGUE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
HELPING THE ISLAND CHILDREN**

The Chincoteague Police Department gave toys to approximately 100 children this Christmas. This total does not include the children from Atlantic, Horntown, and the Sanford areas who also received toys. They also gave food baskets to 30 families and to the Food Bank. The donations of food, money, and toys have benefited many residents both on and off the Island. Without the community’s generosity during the fundraisers throughout the year it would not have been possible. The Chincoteague Police Department would like to thank everyone who participated in making 2008 a successful year in assisting the less fortunate in their time of need.

**HARBOR UPDATE**

Subleasing is up a little with about fifteen fishing vessels. There are currently 6 boats on the property for winter storage with the possibility of a few more. There will be a new 36x60 bulletin board installed by the Harbor Office. The Harbor Policy, weather and tide charts along with emergency information will be posted there for the general public. Should you need further information regarding subleasing or applications please call the Town Office.



**THE PONY EXPRESS  
Yearly Comparison  
Ridership Report**

	Estimated				
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	
7,691	12,502	15,302	13,934	14,500	

**Town Cost Report**

	Estimated				
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	
(Demo Grant) \$4,337	\$1,630	\$6,242	\$3,800		

(Program Revenue - Federal & State Grants - Service Fees Paid to the Town. = Total Cost to the Town)

Call the Town Office for additional information.

**CHINCOTEAGUE POLICE  
LAW TIP**

The Chincoteague Police Department would like to remind everyone to “Buckle Up”. “Click It or Ticket” is the most successful seatbelt enforcement campaign, helping create the highest national seatbelt usage rate of 82 percent. Coast to Coast, day or night, the message is simple—**Click It or Ticket!**

**CHINCOTEAGUE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

**VALENTINE’S DAY TEEN DANCE**

The Chincoteague Police Department will sponsor a “Teen Dance”, Saturday, February 14th, 2009 from 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. at the Chincoteague Center.