



# TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE, INC

February 24, 2016

Dear Friends:

Once again, let us say thank you to the organizations and individuals that have financially supported us through the years with their generous yearly donations to maintain four of our twenty five cemeteries. We have worked very hard as volunteers to clear all the cemeteries of overgrowth, and are working to repair all the stones and gravesites that we can.

The Town Cemetery Committee created a clean-up fund several years ago, to defray the expense of having four key Island cemeteries mowed (Greenwood, Bunting, Mechanics, Daisey), when volunteer help could no longer be found. Last year, Town Council approved additional support from the Public Works staff which allows donations to be directed toward repairs and to provide timely mowing to several other cemeteries when the need arises.

Our strategy is to encourage volunteer clean-up efforts twice per year, to encourage adoption of a cemetery for regular maintenance, and to spread our donation requests among as many Island civic and church groups as possible, asking for a reasonable donation from many so we may continue this important maintenance effort into the coming year.

The people buried in our many town cemeteries were family and friends, Baptists, Methodists, and Catholics, fraternal members and veterans. They were once, just like all of us. It is important as a community that we continue to maintain our cemeteries in a dignified manner, and that those who preceded us continue to have a respectable final resting place.

Your donation to the Cemetery Clean-Up Fund is greatly appreciated, and will be wisely used. If you are able to make a donation, it may be delivered, or mailed, to the Town Office, directed to the "Cemetery Clean-Up Fund". If you cannot make a donation, we hope that you will be able to help us this year through your volunteer work by adopting one of the cemeteries that are not currently being maintained (please call for more information 757.336.6519).

Thank you and God Bless,

Jack Tarr, Mayor

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