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MESSAGE FROM TOWN MANAGER, BILL ZELL

The North Carolina annexation law, which was established in 1959, and has served tarheel citizens well for all these years, has come under some feverish scrutiny the last several legislative sessions.

Under the law a municipality can use three methods of annexation to add property to their town limits. They are involuntary, voluntary, and legislative. Each process is strictly governed by state statute.

The easiest method to administer is voluntary annexation. This is where a property owner determines a need for services from the nearby municipality and submits a petition to be considered. A cost of adding these services is determined by the Town and if it is found to be beneficial to the Town then the petition is granted by the Board of Commissioners.

The next easiest method is the legislative process. This process is used when the size of the parcels of land or the composition of development don't meet the standards of the annexation law. In a case like this the municipality or property owners contact their state representatives and have them present a local bill to have the specific area brought into town. The only time this would be used is when all the property owners involved and the municipality agree. There can be no controversy involved or this method won't work. A recent example of this type of annexation was in 2009 when

Aberdeen annexed the Midway Community.

The third method and the most costly to the municipality is the involuntary annexation process. The biggest issue with this method is that property owners feel that they are being forced to do something they don't want to do. Because of that issue if a municipality does not follow the annexation law specifically the whole process can be voided if challenged.

The process for an involuntary annexation includes all of the following; resolution of consideration (ROC), resolution of intent (ROI), annexation report, public notification, public information meeting, public hearing, and finally the adoption of the annexation ordinance.

The ROC, is an on going document that is annually updated with a list of any and all potential properties to be annexed. The ROC doesn't have to be specific, whereas the ROI on the other hand has to be explicitly detailed. The ROI will list the exact properties that the municipality has determined meets all the criteria for annexing. The ROI is then adopted by the Board of Commissioners and then the clock begins on the annexation process. The annexation report, which includes the description of each property under consideration, includes metes and bounds information. The annexation report also includes the cost to the municipality

to provide services and the estimated revenue the property will generate. This report is approved and then the public notification letters are sent to all affected property owners. The next step is the public information meeting where potential property owners can come and have all their questions answered regarding the annexation. The public hearing is then held where the municipality's Board or Council will listen to public input regarding the proposed annexed properties. The last step in the annexation process is then for the Board to adopt the annexation resolution with a specific effective date for the annexation to take effect.

The following are the main reasons why the Town of Aberdeen uses the annexation tool that we are allowed by state statute:

- Fill in donut holes within areas receiving services
- Gain control over land uses
- Even out rough edges of Town Limits
- Fiscal purposes
- Provide municipal services to property currently out of town upon request
- To ensure that the residents of our town do not have to pay for services being used by someone out of town that does not pay municipal taxes.

RECYCLE DATES

Monday Recycle Dates:

May 2 June 1
May 16 June 13
June 1 June 27

Friday Recycle Dates:

May 13 June 10
May 27 June 24

A list of acceptable and non-acceptable recycle materials can be downloaded from the Town website at www.townofaberdeen.net.

TOWN HALL CLOSING

The Aberdeen Town Hall will be closed on the following day:

- **Monday, May 30, 2011** in observance of Memorial Day.

There will be no recycle pick up on this day. The make-up day for recycle pick up will be Wednesday, June 1, 2011.



2010 SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT

Overall the Town of Aberdeen's system performance is good. The main problems consist of root and grease. Inflow and infiltration is another concern. The Public Works Department is currently replacing old lines, video taping other trouble areas, sealing older manholes, and adding inflow covers below the manhole lids.

2010 Monthly Violations of Permit Conditions or other Environmental Regulations

Date & Time: 4/3/2010 at 1:30 p.m.

Location: Manhole at Butler and Chapin Road

Amount of Spill: 5,000 gallons

Cause of Spill: Roots

Did Spill reach Surface Water? Yes

Spills that were less than the required overflow, we have not listed. Spills that do not enter surface waters are dammed up to prevent spreading down stream and treated with an application of lime and then removed and taken to the Moore County Waste Water Treatment Plant.

I certify under penalty of law that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that this report has been made available to the users or customers of the named system and that those users have been notified of its availability.

-James Robert Matthews, Steve Templin, and William R. Monroe

Facility/System Name: Town of Aberdeen
Responsibility Entity: Town of Aberdeen Public Works Department

Person in Charge/Contact: James Robert Matthews (910-944-7012)

Alternate Contact: William R. Monroe (910-944-7012)

Applicable Permit (s): Grade II Collections System Only

Description of Collection System or Treatment Process: Approximately 20 miles of sanitary sewer main; approximately 2 miles of sanitary forced sewer main; 6 sewer lift pump stations – treatment is provided by Moore County.

COMPREHENSIVE PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Aberdeen to become a more walkable community!

You may have heard that Aberdeen is working with Alta Planning (formerly Greenways, Inc.) on a Pedestrian Transportation Plan funded in part by a NC DOT grant. Objectives of the plan include making connections and improving pedestrian safety.

Your input is needed – please take a few minutes to visit the town's website www.townofaberdeen.net and fill out an informational survey located under News & Events. You can help make the plan a success and ensure that your voice is heard. Another way to access the survey and get more information on the project is through the Greenways, Inc. website at <http://www.greenways.com/aberdeen.html>.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER CLASS

The American Red Cross Moore County Chapter will be offering a 7 hour babysitter training course which will be held at the Aberdeen Recreation Station for children ages 11–15. This class will cover information on the supervision of children and infants, basic child-care skills, the use of age-appropriate toys & games, bed time, discipline issues, how to identify safety hazards and prevent injuries, and cover emergency situations such as choking, burns, cuts, and bee stings. We will go over how to communicate effectively with parents, children, and how to interview for babysitter jobs. Each participant will receive a training handbook, emergency reference guide, and CD-Rom as well as certification. Registration forms are available at the Aberdeen Recreation Station. Pre-registration is required.

Dates:

Class - May 14, 2011

Registration Deadline: May 11, 2011

Class - June 4, 2011

Registration Deadline: May 30, 2011

Class - July 9, 2011

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00

Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station

MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

As spring unwinds and summer approaches most of us look forward to spending a lot more time outside and going places. The weather is nice, and we want to take our most faithful companions with us. No, I am not talking about our spouses and children, I am talking about the ones that don't moan, groan, gripe, and complain when we have to make that "one" more stop - it's the family pet.

We love our pets and we want to offer them a change of pace and give them the chance to go with us.

We have to be careful when taking our pets out. Remember that pets can't go into every store, not all businesses are pet friendly. When you take your pets, plan your outing with your pets in mind and limit travel to those places that do welcome our four legged companions. Remember when a car is closed up on a hot day it is no place for any person or animal.

Davis Instruments did a study in 2002 on how hot it can get in parked cars. Does this really sound like something you want to put your pet through? The following are some of the results from the study:

- On a day when the outside temperature was 73° Fahrenheit, it took only 20 minutes for the temperature sensor inside the car to reach a lethal level of 107° Fahrenheit.
- On a day when the outside temperature was 86° Fahrenheit, it took only 10 minutes for the temperature sensor inside the car **in the shade** to reach a lethal level of 109° Fahrenheit.
- On a day when the outside temperature was 86° Fahrenheit, it took only 5 minutes for the temperature sensor inside the car **placed in direct sunlight** to reach 132° Fahrenheit.

Cruelty to animals is a crime in North Carolina that is charged by the Aberdeen Police Department and prosecuted by the Moore County District Attorney's office. Leaving your animal in a closed car on a hot day is considered to be cruelty to animals and the state statute will be enforced.

Enjoy the warm weather but take the necessary steps to protect the members of your family that have no voice. Plan your trips to pet friendly locations or travel with another person and leave them in the car with the pets to make sure that the A/C stays on while you are out of the car.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Board Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- Town Board Work Session
Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Board Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spring is upon us and summer is moving in fast. We'd like to take a moment to remind you to discuss and practice escape plans with your family. In the event of a fire, remember time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Make it a routine to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

Develop a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Make sure everyone in the family knows two ways to escape from every room. Practice feeling your way out with your eyes closed or blindfolded. This is a great activity that is fun for children, because they are learning at the same time. Remember to **never** stand up in a fire, always crawl low under the smoke and try to keep your mouth covered. **Never** return to a burning building for any reason; it may cost you your life. Practice your escape plans during the day and at night. The better you and your family know how to escape, the better your chances are in the event of a real fire.

IMPORTANT WATER BILLING INFORMATION

According to the Town of Aberdeen's Water Billing Policy:

- Failure to receive your bill in the mail does not excuse responsibility for timely payment or prevent service discontinuance.
- The Town of Aberdeen will not be responsible for late or delayed deliveries by the USPS.
- Service not paid in full on date of cut off will receive a \$25.00 penalty when the cut off list is generated by the computer NOT when the water is actually cut off for non-payment.

SPECIAL NOTICE CONCERNING RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN ABERDEEN

Starting in May and into June, the CSX Railroad will be replacing rails through the Aberdeen area. Since these new rails, called ribbon rails, are solid with no connecting joints there will be times when all 4 crossings to include Midway Crossing at Sycamore and Midway Road, Maple Street, Main Street and South Street will be closed all at one time.

They will replace one side for 6 miles and will come back and replace the other side until the last rail is installed.

Each crossing will be rough to cross with only graveled areas at times. Unless you want to chance that the crossings will be open we suggest until this project is completed you should use NC 211 to 15-501 back to US1 or using Bethesda Rd. and Saunders Blvd. back to US 1.

YARD SALE PERMITS

Getting rid of old stuff? Many members of the community will want to hold a yard sale to get rid of old stuff. Yard Sale Permits can be obtained at the Water Department. Each Town of Aberdeen resident is allowed 2 yard sales per year and must fill out a Yard Sale Permit and pay a \$5.00 fee.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES!!

Is it time for your yearly fire inspection? To prepare ahead of time, please check out the Fire Department's website at www.townofaberdeen.net/fire which has checklists that can be used prior to your inspection to ensure a successful inspection!



REMINDER FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS

Please remember that there is a \$5.00 or 5% late fee added to all bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the 20th of May. Those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the 6th of June will be disconnected on **Tuesday, June 7, 2011.**



ABERDEEN CELEBRATES AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY

Aberdeen plans to celebrate America's Birthday with a day of fabulous fun activities on Monday, July 4th. The 2011 "Fun Family Fourth of July" sponsored by the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, will be held at Aberdeen Lake Park.

The Town of Aberdeen's 47th Annual Celebration will offer entertainment and activities for people of all ages. Activities and games will start at 5:30 p.m., with live music beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Admission is free to the park. Children can purchase a wrist band for \$3.00, which will allow them to participate in games and a variety of activities, win prizes, and have their face painted.

Some of the activities include face painting, inflatable bouncy castles, and games. The games for children and teenagers include duck pond, patriotic cookies, patriotic bean bag toss, basketball toss, crafts, and American bead necklaces. Glow in the dark necklaces and American flags will be sold by two local organizations. Pony rides will also be available for children.



Red, white and blue colors will adorn the park as folks gather to honor America and to celebrate this patriotic day! Citizens of all ages are encouraged to dress in their patriotic colors and participate in the costume contest. Prizes will be awarded in the Most Patriotic, Best Costume, and Most Original Costume.

There will be several food vendors present selling funnel cakes, barbecue, lemonade, hot dogs, Philly steak sandwiches, tacos, sodas, Italian icees, pop corn, and cotton candy.

Grab your blankets and lawn chairs and bring the family and friends. **Please no pets, no alcoholic beverages, no personal fireworks, and no coolers!**

The day will conclude with one of the largest and most exciting fireworks displays in the region. For additional information, please call the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at 944-PARK.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Parent's Night Out

Parent's Night Out is for children ages 6–12. Children will eat pizza, participate in activities and games, make crafts, and watch a movie while their parents enjoy some time without the kids.

Date: Friday, May 6, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$8 Residents & \$10 Non-Residents
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
Registration Deadline: May 2, 2011

Date: Friday, June 3, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$8 Residents & \$10 Non-Residents
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
Registration Deadline: May 27, 2011

Mother's Day Creations

Mother's Day is a great day to show your mom how much you really appreciate all the things she does for you and your family. Come join the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department as we play games, eat snacks, and make special gifts for mothers for Mother's Day!

Date: May 7, 2011
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
Cost: \$15 Residents & \$25 Non-Residents
Registration Deadline: May 2, 2011

YOUTH ATHLETICS

Major League Pitch, Hit, and Run

The Aberdeen, Pinehurst, and Southern Pines Recreation Departments will offer a local qualifying Major League Pitch, Hit, and Run competition on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Colonial Heights Park in Aberdeen. This free competition is for youth, ages 7 to 14, (age as of July 17, 2011) proof of age required. Winners will advance to regional competition. Registration forms are available at the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department located at 301 Lake Park Crossing.



Pre-registration is required and will take place through May 6th. Registration will be available May 7th until 2:00 p.m.

Machine Pitch Baseball

Machine Pitch Baseball is for youth, ages 6 - 8, aging out of t-ball or for those that have never played before. Machine Pitch Baseball will be held at Colonial Heights Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Station. Fees are \$12 for Residents and \$25 for Non-Residents. Registration will take place May 2nd - May 20th.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Chair Exercises

Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$2/month Residents &
\$5/month Non-Residents
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
Classes are on-going.

Art Classes

Day: Wednesday
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$2/month Residents &
\$5/month Non-Residents
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
Classes are on-going.

This is a great opportunity to meet and share creative ideas with others. Participants must supply own materials.

Bingo

Dates: May 5, 2011 and June 2, 2011
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$1 Residents & \$2 Non-Residents
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station

Refreshments will be provided. Participants should bring a wrapped prize or prizes of \$5.00 or less to each session.

Fun in the Sun Senior Lunch

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2011
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Cost: Free
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
RSVP Deadline: June 2

We will be providing plates, silverware, drinks, and meat. **Other dishes are encouraged!**

FAMILY PIZZA & PUZZLE NIGHT

Family Pizza & Puzzle Night is a great way to get the family together and enjoy some hot pizza and friendly competition. Each family will receive a puzzle and have 2 1/2 hours to put it together. The first family to put their puzzle together in the allotted time will receive a prize. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Gordon at 944-PARK or rgordon@townofaberdeen.net. Please RSVP by May 9, 2011.



Date: **Friday, May 13, 2011**
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
Cost: \$9 Family of 4 Residents
\$12 Family of 4 Non-Residents
\$2 for each additional member

SUMMER CAMP

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a full day and 1/2 day summer camp starting June 13, 2011 through August 12, 2011. Group games, crafts, sports, trips, and special activities are just a few of the things your child will do at camp. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged! There will be a one time registration fee of \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents at the first session you register for. There will be no camp July 1 or July 4–5 due to the Family Fun Fourth of July and Independence Day celebration. Registration forms are available at the Aberdeen Recreation Station. If you have questions or for more information, contact Ryan Gordon at 944-PARK or rgordon@townofaberdeen.net.

Full Day Camp

Days: Monday–Friday
Time: 8:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
Camp Fee : \$60 Residents per session
\$90 Non-Residents per session
*Session 3: \$50 Residents per session
\$80 Non-Residents per session
*Session 4: \$40 Residents per session
\$70 Non-Residents per session

Half Day Camp

Days: Monday–Friday
Time: 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
Camp Fees: \$35 Residents per session
\$65 Non-Residents per session
*Session 3: \$30 Residents per session
\$60 Non-Residents per session
*Session 4: \$25 Residents per session
\$55 Non-Residents per session

Session 1: June 13–17
Registration Deadline: May 31
Session 2: June 20–24
Registration Deadline: June 13
*Session 3: June 27–June 30
Registration Deadline: June 20
*Session 4: July 6–8
Registration Deadline: June 27
Session 5: July 11–15
Registration Deadline: July 5
Session 6: July 18–22
Registration Deadline: July 11
Session 7: July 25–29
Registration Deadline: July 18
Session 8: August 1–5
Registration Deadline: July 25
Session 9: August 8–12
Registration Deadline: August 1