

BON ACCORD

MESSAGE FROM TOWN MANAGER, BILL ZELL

Happy New Year to all of our Aberdeen citizens and water customers. I know that probably sounds a little silly since we're only in July, but it is a new fiscal year for the Town operations. We have a brand new budget, which the Board of Commissioners approved on June 20th and it represents a fresh start for each of our departments as they continue their great service to our citizens.

Some of the highlights of our fiscal year 2012 budget on the general fund side are that our tax rate of \$.43 per \$100 dollars of value of property will remain the same. Each penny of tax represents \$67,473 at a 98.5% collection rate. Our current year valuation for the Town has increased to \$685,000,000. Our real and property tax levy this year will generate \$2,901,318 at a 98.5% collection rate, which represents 48.32% of our \$6,004,446 overall budget.

We did have to increase the water and sewer rates again this year in anticipation for the Moore County expansion of the Addor

Wastewater Treatment Plant. We only raised them 5% since Moore County kept their rate at the \$2.61 per 1,000 gallon of effluent. The new rates will be effective on the September 1st billing. Even at the new rate the Town of Aberdeen's water and sewer rates are the lowest in Moore County. Our total water and sewer budget for this year is \$2,335,601.

Something else that is new for the Town of Aberdeen is our newly adopted Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Our Planning Staff, the Planning Board, the Town Board of Commissioners, and you our citizens had a hand in the creation of this document. After working on it for close to two years it was adopted at our June 13th Board Meeting. It is a compilation of our development ordinances, Town codes along with the zoning policies all wrapped into one document. The UDO will hopefully make our processes much more streamlined and easier to understand for all involved.

If you have any electronic equipment to be recycled you will need to take it to the Moore County Landfill off Turning Leaf Road. They will have a special area for this type of recyclables to be discarded. The Town of Aberdeen will no longer be picking up electronics that are placed in the trash. Items they will take include the following:

- PCs
- Hard Drives
- Laptops
- Scanners
- Servers
- Televisions
- Printers
- GPS
- Keyboards and Mice
- Copiers
- Cell phones & PDA's
- Typewriters
- Video Games
- Telephone Systems
- iPod and MP3 Players
- Network Equipment
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Ink and Toner Cartridges
- Consumer Electronics

REMINDER FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS

Water Bills are due by 5:00 p.m. on **July 20th**. 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 July**. Those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the 5th of August will be disconnected on **Monday, August 8, 2011** and a \$25.00 reconnect fee will be applied.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE TOWN OF ABERDEEN IS NOT HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR BILLS

THAT ARE NOT DELIVERED BY THE POST OFFICE.

When mailing your bill or dropping it in the night deposit, PLEASE write your account number on your check. This ensures that the payment is posted to the correct account. The Water Department also requests that **customers do not tape or staple their bill stubs** to their check.



TOWN HALL CLOSING

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

- **Monday, July 4, 2011** in observance of Independence Day.



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WATER & SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

The Town Board of Commissioners approved an increase in water and sewer rates that will take effect July 1, 2011. The increase will show on the September 1, 2011 water bill.

In-Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage) \$ 10.00

1,000 – 5,000 gallons	\$ 2.48 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gallons	\$ 2.65 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gallons	\$ 2.81 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gallons	\$ 2.98 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gallons	\$ 3.31 per thousand
Over 25,000 gallons	\$ 3.64 per thousand

In-Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage) \$ 10.00

1,000 – 5,000 gallons	\$ 2.76 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gallons	\$ 3.31 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gallons	\$ 3.86 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gallons	\$ 4.41 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gallons	\$ 4.97 per thousand
Over 25,000 gallons	\$ 5.51 per thousand

Out of Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage) \$ 16.00

1,000 – 5,000 gallons	\$ 4.96 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gallons	\$ 5.29 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gallons	\$ 5.63 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gallons	\$ 5.96 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gallons	\$ 6.62 per thousand
Over 25,000 gallons	\$ 7.29 per thousand

Out of Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage) \$ 16.00

1,000 – 5,000 gallons	\$ 5.53 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gallons	\$ 6.06 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gallons	\$ 6.58 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gallons	\$ 7.11 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gallons	\$ 7.63 per thousand
Over 25,000 gallons	\$ 8.16 per thousand

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Chair Exercises

Date: **Every Tuesday & Thursday**

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$2/month Residents &
\$5/month Non-Residents

Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station

Art Classes

Date: **Every Wednesday**

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$2/month Residents &
\$5/month Non-Residents

Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station

Participants must supply own materials.

Bingo

Dates: **Thursday, July 7 & August 4**

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$1 Residents & \$2 Non-Residents

Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station

Participants should bring a wrapped prize or prizes of \$5 or less.

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 rgordon@townofaberdeen.net or 944-PARK. Please RSVP by August 12, 2011.

Date: **Friday, August 19, 2011**

Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station

Cost: \$9 Family/Group of 4 Residents
\$12 Family/Group of 4 Non-Residents
\$2 for each additional member

RECYCLE DATES

Monday Recycle Dates:

* July 11 * August 8

* July 25 * August 22

Friday Recycle Dates:

* July 8 * August 5

* July 22 * August 19

BANK DRAFT FOR WATER BILLS

The Water Department still offers and encourages bank draft for utility payments. This option for payment requires the customer to sign up on bank draft (ACH Withdrawal) by submitting a voided check and a signed copy of a release for the funds to be withdrawn from. The water bill payment is drafted from the customer's bank account on or around the 10th day of the billing month. This method is a wonderful option for those who travel often or just need one less worry about getting their payment in on time.



PLEASE REMEMBER: When signing up for bank draft, your account has to be pre-noted through your bank with a 00.00 charge one billing cycle prior to your account actually being drafted. We recommend you plan for this. Check your bank account to confirm the pre-note amount is 00.00. When you receive your water bill statement after the pre-note, your water bill statement will state "Your account will be drafted..." at this point you know all your information has cleared and you're successfully set up for bank draft (ACH Withdrawal). If you have any questions, please call the Water Department at 944-7799.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Town Board Work Session
Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Board Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESSES IN ABERDEEN!

The 2010 Business License year has expired and renewals were mailed out in May. The 2011 Business License year begins July 1, 2011 and all businesses (except those exempt by the State) in the Town of Aberdeen or operating in the Town must have a valid 2011 Business License to operate. If you have not received your new Business License, please make all effort to renew the license before August 1, 2011, at which time late fees and penalties will be applied. For questions or concerns, please call Shelbi O'Brien at 944-7799. When you receive your official 2011 Business License, enclosed will be a sticker which represents the new Town of Aberdeen brand, please display the sticker in your store window.

YOUTH ATHLETICS

Girls Flag Football

The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is developing a Girls Flag Football League for girls ages 9 to 12. This league will allow the participants to take part in learning the fundamentals and strategies of football while having fun with their teammates. Games and practices will be held at Colonial Heights Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Registration runs through July 8th. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Station at Aberdeen Lake Park. A registration form and copy of the birth certificate are required. Girls flag football is increasing in popularity around the United States, so join Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department in this fun and latest trend! Fees are \$12 Residents and \$25 Non-Residents.



Fall Baseball

Dust off your glove and shine up your cleats, Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a Fall Baseball League for boys and girls ages 9-12 (age as of August 1, 2011). Practices and games will be held at Colonial Heights Park on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Fees are \$12 for Residents and \$25 for Non-Residents. Registration will start August 1st and run through August 19th. A copy of the birth certificate is required for all new participants. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Station at Aberdeen Lake Park. A registration form and payment must be received by August 19th. For additional information, please contact Joseph Keel at 944-7275 or jkeel@townofaberdeen.net.

T-Ball

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a Fall T-Ball League. This activity is available for boys and girls ages 4-5 (age as of August 1, 2011). Practices and games will be held at Colonial Heights Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Fees are \$12 for Residents and \$25 for Non-Residents. Registration will start August 1st and run through August 19th. A copy of the birth certificate is required for all new participants. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Station at Aberdeen Lake Park. A registration form and payment must be received by August 19th.



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. 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 - July 9, 2011

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2011

Class - August 27, 2011

Registration Deadline: August 24, 2011

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

Cost: \$40.00

IS YOUR SIGN LEGAL?

PORTABLE signs are defined as any sign which rests upon, but is not permanently attached to the ground, a structure frame, building or other surface and is designed and constructed to be moved, at minimal cost, from one location to another. Portable signs include but are not limited to the following: trailer signs, signs on the top of a vehicle, sandwich board signs and sidewalk or curb signs. **Portable signs are prohibited** with the exception of temporary real estate signs and banners. Temporary real estate signs may not exceed 12 square feet in area and must be displayed on the property proposed for sale or lease and located on private property behind the property line. Such signs may be indirectly illuminated in nonresidential districts. They do not require a permit, but banners do.

Banners (temporary signs) are allowed in town and will be regulated in compliance with the Town's new Unified Development Ordinance. They may be up to 24 square feet in size and may stay up for 21 consecutive days. They may not be issued for the same business, group or event in less than 3 month intervals. For questions, contact the Planning Dept. at 944-7024.

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

Monthly Movie Night

Date: **Friday, August 5, 2011**

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$2 Residents & \$4 Non-Residents

Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station

Registration Deadline: August 2, 2011



Monthly Movie Night is for children of all ages. Chips, soda, and popcorn will be provided to the children.

Summer Camp

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a full day and 1/2 day summer camp through August 12, 2010. 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 1st, July 4th, or July 5th 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

* Sessions 3: \$50 Residents per session

\$80 Non-Residents per session

* Sessions 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

* Sessions 3: \$30 Residents per session

\$60 Non-Residents per session

* Sessions 4: \$25 Residents per session

\$55 Non-Residents per session

There are still spaces available for summer camp. If you would like to register, please contact Ryan Gordon at 944-PARK or rgordon@townofaberdeen.net.

Session 4: July 6–8

Session 5: July 11–15

Registration Deadline: July 5, 2011

Session 6: July 18–22

Registration Deadline: July 11, 2011

Session 7: July 25–29

Registration Deadline: July 18, 2011

Session 8: August 1–5

Registration Deadline: July 25, 2011

Session 9: August 8-12

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE DEPT.

Your personal safety does not have to be left up to chance. Though you can't eliminate all possibility of becoming a victim, there are steps you can take to reduce the odds. An attacker looks for essentially three things when picking a victim:

- **Vulnerability**
- **Accessibility**
- **Availability**

Practicing the following personal safety tips as you go about your daily activities may make you less attractive to would be criminals.

- **BE ALERT!!** Know who is near you and what activities are going on around you.
- Walk with authority, look ahead and scan your surroundings.
- Do not walk in poorly lit areas.
- Avoid standing at a bus stop alone, especially at night.
- If approached by someone in a car, change your direction and enter a crowded store or business.
- Carry a cell phone and some type of safety device (i.e.: flashlight, whistle, pepper spray and etc.) when walking at night.
- Be alert to someone who asks for directions and/or continues to engage you in conversation.
- If you are being robbed, obey all of the robber's orders. Keep all communication with the robber short and simple. Don't argue!
- Be identification conscious. Observe your attacker's personal appearance, type of weapon used, and type of vehicle so you can accurately describe them to police.

Immediately report the incident to the police and do not hang up until the police arrive. If you have any questions concerning crime prevention topics please contact:

Aberdeen Police Department
804 N Sandhills Blvd, Aberdeen
910-944-9721 or apd@aberdeenpolice.com

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPT.

Summer is here, bringing along with it summer vacations, camping, picnics, barbecues, and the 4th of July. Summer is also a time when we see an increase in grill fires and injuries from fireworks. Annually, more than 8,000 Americans are injured by fireworks or grill fires. Surprisingly, half of these injuries occur during the first week of July.

We want your summer to be a time of happy memories and fun, so we are focusing on grilling tips and fireworks safety .

GRILL SAFETY:

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes, where the air and gas mix, are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

FIREWORKS SAFETY:

- The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
- Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If a device is not marked with the contents, direction and a warning label, do not light it.