

BON ACCORD

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR CITIZENS ACADEMY PROGRAM

Beginning on September 13, 2011, the Town of Aberdeen will host its seventh annual Citizens Academy Program (CAP). The purpose of the program is to improve understanding, communication, and cooperation between local government and those it serves. The sessions will provide a "toolbox" of information to help citizens navigate the complex system of government operations and services. The program is designed to provide an overview of town government, keeping in mind that providing minute detail is impossible within the established two-hour time constraints. Citizens will be interested in attending for many reasons including an expectation to become better acquainted with the town and its programs and services, learning about the policies and procedures of town government, meeting new people, or finding ways to volunteer in the community. Participants may be representatives from a cross-section of citizens - new or life-long residents, professionals, home-makers, business owners, retirees,

civic group leaders, and high school students - all of whom share an interest in becoming better informed about how a town operates.

Specifically, the goals of the Academy are to provide participants with a better understanding of the town's municipal services, the council-manager form of government, and the challenges local governments face. The program will help teach and cultivate new community leaders and to help move those new leaders into important positions within the community. The curriculum enables participants to develop leadership capabilities and build strong relationships, and encourage citizen involvement to affect positive change in the community.

Interested participants should submit an application and will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. Class size will be limited to 15 participants. When class capacity has been met, the excess applications are carried over to the next academy. Applications re-

quest the standard information, such as name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and employer name and address, but they also ask for the applicant's birthplace, length of time living in Aberdeen and Moore County, interests and accomplishments, and expectations from the program.

There is no cost to attend the program, but the Town strongly encourages participants to commit the time to attend each session. The sessions begin September 13th and will be held each Tuesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for seven (7) weeks at various town locations. Site visits will include trips to the Public Works Dept., Police Dept., Fire Dept., and Parks and Recreation areas. Since many participants will arrive directly from work without eating, a light dinner will also be provided each week.

For more information about this program or to register, please contact Regina Rosy at 944-4515.

TOWN HALL CLOSING

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

- Monday, September 5, 2011 in observance of Labor Day.

There will be no recycle pick up on this day. The make-up day for recycle pick up will be Wednesday, September 7, 2011.



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CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY REDESIGNED WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the Town of Aberdeen's newly redesigned website. The newly redesigned site includes many popular features such as "report a concern", e-notifications, a document center, uploaded agendas and minutes, a calendar of events, newsfeeds to Facebook and Twitter, and much more. The Town will also have the capability to post surveys and obtain feedback from the public on various issues. Citizens are encouraged to visit

the newly redesigned website at www.townofaberdeen.net and take advantage of the options available through the site. Comments are always welcome from the public as we are trying to make our website more user-friendly and appeal to a larger audience. Please contact Regina Rosy at 910-944-4515 or rrosy@townofaberdeen.net to share your comments about Aberdeen's newly redesigned website.

THE FAMILY'S FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Fire Prevention week is October 9 - 15, 2011. This year's theme is "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!"

Everyone in your family has a role to play in your home's fire safety. Both adults and kids should be familiar with smoke alarms and home fire escape planning.

Kid's Checklist

- Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area?
- Do you know the sound that a smoke alarm makes?
- Do you know what to do if your smoke alarm sounds?
- Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- Can you see the number on your house from the street (have a grown-up go with you to check)?
- Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside if a fire occurs?

Grown-Up's Checklist

- Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms?
- Does your home have interconnected smoke alarms (when one sounds they all sound)?
- Do you test the batteries in the smoke alarms at least once a month?
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out each room?
- Does your entire family practice your plan twice a year?

Do the Drill

1. Call the family together. Let everyone know that you are going to do a practice fire drill.
2. Explain that when the smoke alarm goes off, everyone should quickly and carefully leave the home and go to the Outside Meeting Place.
3. Ask everyone to go to a different room and wait for the alarm. After several minutes, set off the smoke alarm by pushing the test button and watch your family's actions.
4. When everyone reassembles at the Outside Meeting Place, ask each family member to explain exactly what they did when the alarm went off.
5. Review any questions and repeat the drill at least one more time.

CHEERLEADING

Basketball season is not far away and Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is looking for girls ages 6 - 11 that can show their team spirit for Aberdeen's Winter Basketball League. Girls will learn basic cheers, jumps, kicks, and much more. Registration for the 2011 - 2012 Cheerleading season will start early October. Volunteer coaches will be needed. If you have any questions, please contact Program Coordinator Ryan Gordon at rgordon@townofaberdeen.net or 944-PARK.

SARDINE FESTIVAL

The 19th Annual Sardine Festival will be on Friday, October 14, 2011 at Aberdeen Lake Park. The activities will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude around 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join their family, friends, neighbors, Town officials and staff at Aberdeen Lake Park for a lunch of sardines, crackers, Moon Pies, RC Colas, and Cokes.

The sardines and other delicacies are free, but people are encouraged to make a small donation. The donations support youth athletic programs in Aberdeen and across Moore County.

The Sardine Festival started many years ago when the late Mr. Randall Moss wanted to eat his lunch of sardines and crackers in his office. His daughter Kay promptly told him to take that smelly lunch somewhere else...like eat it at the park. Randall did just that and invited all his friends to join him! Thus the unique Sardine Festival was created at Aberdeen Lake Park!

Through the years many Sardine Queens have been crowned. All have been proud title holders and represented the Festival extremely well in the community. The tradition continues this year, with the 2011 Queen arriving around 12:00 noon.

The Sardine Festival is sponsored by Mr. Jamie Boles, his friends, and the Town of Aberdeen's Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information about the Sardine Festival, call the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at 944-7275 or Jamie Boles at 692-6262.

FALL LITTER SWEEP

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is seeking volunteers to assist with the Fall Litter Sweep on Saturday, September 24th. The Litter Sweep is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and all church groups, civic groups, neighborhood associations, and citizens are encouraged to participate! Participants are needed to pick up trash along the streets in downtown Historic Aberdeen and in Aberdeen's parks. For more information, contact Leigh Baggs at 944-PARK.

LOW WATER PRESSURE

If you experience low water pressure or no water from the Town due to a water main break, you will automatically be on a "Boil Your Water Notice" until sample results are received. This notice will be posted on TV Channel 99 and www.townofaberdeen.net when in effect.

MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Internet Safety Information

Computers are wonderful learning tools, but they also expose children to dangers like unwanted and inappropriate contact from adults through the internet.

Parents, educators and caregivers can limit the danger and help children learn to navigate the Internet safely. By protecting their personal information and being cautious about what they view, families can reduce the risks.

Set rules! Know what your kids are doing. Talk to them about the dangers. Get parental control software or activate the controls that are on the computer your kids use.

Internet safety begins with securing your home/business computer

- Keep your virus protection software updated regularly.
- Keep your operation system software updated regularly.
- Install and run spyware monitoring software.
- Use a firewall program or install a hardware fire wall, especially if you have high-speed internet access which maintains continuous internet connection.
- Install or activate a pop-up window blocker.
- Make regular back-ups of all important information.

Enjoy the internet safely

- Use a strong password – a combination of letters, numbers and symbols.
- Change your password frequently, at least twice a year.
- Use unique passwords. Do not use the same password on all accounts.
- Do not use the links provided in emails to access a webpage. Type the web address for the company directly into the browser.
- Be suspicious of any emails with urgent request for personal or financial information.
- A secure web address begins with https:// rather than just http://.
- When submitting information also look for the lock or key icon on the browser's status bar.
- To report an internet crime file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.IC3.gov.

Internet safety especially for Children

- Never tell anyone your home address, telephone number or school name without asking a parent, and never share personal information publicly online (like in a chat room or newsgroup/message board post).
- Don't give your password to anyone but your parents-not even your best friend.
- Never say you'll meet someone in person without asking your parents first.
- Don't accept things from strangers (e-mails, files, links or URLs).
- If someone says something that makes you feel unsafe or funny, notify your parents, librarian or teacher and leave the chat room or website.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Town Board Work Session
Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Board Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- Town Board Work Session
Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Board Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH ATHLETICS

NFL Punt, Pass, & Kick

If you want a chance to show off your football skills at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, sign up for this year's local Punt, Pass & Kick competition. This free event is sponsored by the Aberdeen, Southern Pines, and Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Departments. This event will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Memorial "C" Field in Southern Pines. This event is for boys and girls, ages 8 - 15 years old by December 31, 2011. All local winners will advance to a regional competition for an opportunity to qualify for the Carolina Panthers Team Championship. Forms can be picked up from the Aberdeen, Southern Pines, and Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Departments. Registration is required and will take place September 1st - September 14th.

Basketball

Registration for basketball will begin on October 24th and run through November 10th. Basketball is available for boys and girls ages 5 - 12. Please stop by the Aberdeen Recreation Station to register. For any questions concerning athletic leagues, contact Joseph Keel at 944-PARK.

Youth Kickball

This activity is available for children, ages 4 to 14, who are looking to participate in a fun, safe, out of the ordinary sport. Practices will begin in March. Fees are \$12 Residents and \$25 Non-Residents. Registration begins in February. For more information or questions, contact Joseph Keel at 944-PARK or jkeel@townofaberdeen.net.

RECYCLE DATES

Monday Recycle Dates:

September 7 October 17
September 19 October 31
October 3

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Monthly Movie Night

Monthly Movie Night is a great way for kids to take a break from a long week at school and enjoy a fun evening with other kids their age. We will have snacks, a movie and other activities planned. Parents can use this time to run errands or go out while their kids enjoy a great evening with the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department.

Date: Friday, September 16, 2011
Registration Deadline: September 12, 2011
Date: Friday, October 7, 2011
Registration Deadline: October 4, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Cost: \$2 Residents & \$4 Non-Residents
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station

Pumpkins for You and Me

Have you ever wanted a pumpkin that you could call your very own? Now you can, Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department would like to invite you to "Pumpkins for you and Me." Here you will receive your own pumpkin along with the supplies to decorate it. We have one requirement. You must use your imagination. Pre-Registration is required by the listed deadline.

Ages 3-5

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2011
Time: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$5 Residents & \$8 Non-Residents
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 6, 2011

Ages 6-9

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5 Residents & \$8 Non-Residents
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 6, 2011

Ooey Goey Creepy Crawlies (Ages 6-10)

Come and have some old fashion Halloween fun with the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department on Friday, October 14, 2011 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. You will make your very own homemade SLIME and other SPOOKY projects along with GOOEY DESSERTS that even the smelliest goblin couldn't turn down. Space is limited, so please sign up today! Registration Forms are available at the Aberdeen Recreation Station

Date: Friday, October 14, 2011
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Cost: \$10 Residents & \$20 Non-Residents
Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Friday Recycle Dates:

September 2 October 14
September 16 October 28
September 30

REMINDER FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS

Water bills are due by 5:00 p.m., **September 20th**. Please remember that there is a \$5.00 or 5% late fee applied to all outstanding bills on **September 21st**. Those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the **5th** of October will be disconnected on **Thursday, October 6, 2011**.

Payments made through Online Banking

Please remember that when you make a payment for your water bill through your online banking, the Town of Aberdeen is not electronically linked to any banks. Therefore, all payments the Town receives are in check form. All banks actually mail a check to the Town or use a check writing facility, so please take into consideration the time it takes for the Town to receive your bill through the mail. Payments made through your online banking are not exempt from receiving late fees or penalty's because of the date on the check. Checks are posted according to when they are physically received in the Water Department office.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES!!

All business licenses are now past due for the 2011 Business License year. The Business License year runs July 1st thru June 30th. If you have not renewed your Business License and are currently doing business within the Town of Aberdeen, you are not in accordance with the Town of Aberdeen's Ordinance. *Late fees will be added September 1st to all past due licenses.*

According to Town of Aberdeen's Ordinance "it shall be unlawful for any person or his agent or servant to engage in or carry on a business in the town for which there is required a license. ('75 Code, § 11-1) Penalty, see § 10.99". The Town requires all business activities to be licensed except ones prohibited by law.

RECYCLE AND GARBAGE REMINDERS

- The green container is for garbage only and the brown container is for recyclable materials only. If garbage is placed in the recycle container it will not be picked up. The issue must be resolved before the recyclable materials will be picked up.

- Place the garbage and recycle containers at the curb by 8:00 a.m. on morning of pick-up. Remove the garbage and recycle containers from the curb by the evening after pick up.

FAMILY CAREGIVING WORKSHOPS

If you are caring for a loved one at home, we can help! The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce a series of American Red Cross Family Caregiving Workshops to be held at the Aberdeen Recreation Station. Space is limited to 30 participants. The series focuses on the needs of those providing care as well as the needs of those requiring care. Snacks will be provided by the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at each session. You must pre-register by the listed deadlines.

Day: Wednesday
 Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
 Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$5 Resident & \$7 Non-Resident/Class
 \$27 Resident & \$39 Non-Resident for
 6 Classes
 \$35 Resident & \$51 Non-Resident for
 8 Classes

Workshops

Session 1: Home Safety

Date: September 21, 2011
 Registration Deadline: September 14, 2011

Session 2: General Caregiving Skills

Date: September 28, 2011
 Registration Deadline: September 21, 2011

Session 3: Positioning and Helping Your Loved One Move

Date: October 5, 2011
 Registration Deadline: September 28, 2011

Session 4: Assisting with Personal Care

Date: October 12, 2011
 Registration Deadline: October 5, 2011

Session 5: Healthy Eating

Date: October 19, 2011
 Registration Deadline: October 12, 2011

Session 6: Caring for the Caregiver

Date: October 26, 2011
 Registration Deadline: October 19, 2011

FALL-O-WEEN CARNIVAL

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the Annual Fall-O-Ween Carnival on **Saturday, October 22, 2011** at the Aberdeen Lake Park. This event is for children ages 10 and under. The event will include games, activities, clowns, an obstacle maze, face painting, and prizes for the kids. Mr. McGruff, Sparky the Fire Dog, and Smokey the Bear will be at the event. Children will be able to Trick or Treat in a safe and supervised environment with candy and prizes provided by the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department. Be sure to wear your costume! For more information, please contact Program Coordinator Ryan Gordon at 944-PARK.

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$3 Residents & \$5 Non-Residents
 Rain Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station

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. Participants must supply own materials.

Bingo

Dates: September 1, 2011 & October 6, 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.

Fall Senior Lunch

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2011
 Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Cost: Free
 Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
 RSVP Deadline: September 8, 2011

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

Pumpkin Decorating

Get into the Halloween spirit with friends by decorating your very own pumpkin for Halloween. You will receive your own pumpkin along with supplies to get you started. Snacks will be provided.

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2011
 Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$5 Residents & \$8 Non-Residents
 Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
 Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 6, 2011

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, discipline issues, how to identify safety hazards and prevent injuries, cover emergency situations, and more. Each participant will receive a certification card, training handbook, emergency reference guide, and CD-Rom. Registration forms are available at the Aberdeen Recreation Station.

Dates:

Class - September 17, 2011
 Registration Deadline: September 12, 2011
 Class - November 5, 2011
 Registration Deadline: October 31, 2011
 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$50.00

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Town of Aberdeen has levels of combined radium (226 & 228) above drinking water standards.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The standard for combined radium (226 & 228) is 5 picoCuries per liter (pCi/L). Our test results for combined radium 226 and 228 for the past quarter was 6.2.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, certain minerals are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation. Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done? When will the problem be corrected?

We have completed our pilot project for a filtration system and are in the process of completing this project. We hope to have this system on line by October and all test results have confirmed that this will remove the Radium 226 & 228 from the water produced by Well #12.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information on the notice about drinking water, please contact:

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 PO Box 785, 121 Purnell Circle
 Aberdeen, NC 28315
 910-944-7012
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