

## Business License Renewals

The 2011 Business License year has expired and renewal invoices were mailed out in June. The 2012 Business License year begins July 1, 2012 and all businesses (except those exempt by the State) in the Town of Aberdeen or operating in the Town must have a valid 2012 Business License to operate. If you have not received your new Business License, please contact the Water Dept. and pay your invoice before August 1, 2012, at which time a late fee and penalty will be applied. For questions or concerns please contact Shelbi O'Brien at [sobrien@townofaberdeen.net](mailto:sobrien@townofaberdeen.net) or 944-7799.

## Useful Tools on the Town Website

Be sure to check out the Town of Aberdeen's website that 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 also has the capability to post surveys and obtain feedback from the public on various issues. Citizens are encouraged to visit [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net) and take advantage of the options available through the site.

## On the Calendar

### JULY & AUGUST

#### • Bingo

Thursday, July 5 and August 2 at 2:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Station. The cost is \$1 for residents and \$2 for non-residents. Refreshments provided and participants are asked to bring a wrapped prize of \$5 or less. (910) 944-4574

#### • Summer Day Camp

June 11 – August 10 at Aberdeen Recreation Station. Ages 6 – 12. ½ day camp is \$35 for residents and \$65 for non-residents and full day camp is \$60 residents and \$90 non-residents. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. (910) 944-4574

#### • Fun Family Fourth of July Celebration

July 4 at Aberdeen Lake Park. Activities and games start at 5:30 p.m. and music starts at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free to the park. Wristbands for activities are \$3.00. Fireworks start at 9:15 p.m.

#### • All Star Camp

July 23 – 27 at Colonial Heights Park & Southern Middle School. Ages 5 – 12. Registration Deadline is July 13. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. (910) 944-4572

#### • T-ball

Registration is August 6 through 24. The league is for boys and girls ages 4 – 5. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Practices and games will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Colonial Heights Park.

#### • Fall Senior Lunch

Thursday, September 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Station. Registration deadline is June 1. Meat and drinks provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. (910) 944-4574.

#### • Water Bills

5% or \$5 late fee added for those bills not paid by July 20. \$25 penalty added for those bills not paid by August 5 and disconnected August 6.

For a full listing of community events, visit [www.townofaberdeen.net/calendar.aspx](http://www.townofaberdeen.net/calendar.aspx).

## Water & Sewer Rates Increase

There will be a 5% increase on water and sewer rates. The new rates will be effective on the September 2012 water bill. To see the new rates, visit [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net).

## Recycle Dates

Monday Dates: Friday Dates:

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| • July 9    | • July 6    |
| • July 23   | • July 20   |
| • August 6  | • August 3  |
| • August 20 | • August 17 |
|             | • August 31 |



# Bon Accord

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## Information About Your Drinking Water

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. Testing results for samples taken from entry point E05 during the time period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum containment level (MCL), for Trichloroethylene. The standard for Trichloroethylene is 0.005 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The average level of Trichloroethylene over the referenced compliance period was 0.006 mg/L (level).

#### 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, some people who drink water containing Trichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

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

Well 5 has exceeded the limits for Trichloroethylene. We are working with EPA. As of May 7, 2012 Well 5 was cut off and valved from our system, Well 5 will not produce any water until a filter system is installed. We plan to keep testing this well quarterly to see if limits decrease.

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, please contact:

William R. Monroe  
Town of Aberdeen  
PO Box 785  
121 Purnell Circle  
910-944-7012  
System PWSID# 03-63-020  
Aberdeen, NC 28315  
Violation Awareness Date: June 5, 2012  
Date Notice Distributed: July 1, 2012  
Method of Distribution: Bon Accord Newsletter



## Message from the Manager, Bill Zell

Beginning on Tuesday, September 11th, 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 the citizens we serve. 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 and life-long residents; professionals, homemakers, 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 individuals 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

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to develop leadership capabilities and build strong relationships, and encourage citizen involvement to effect positive change in the community.

Interested participants will submit an application (located on the Town website), and be selected on a first-come, first-served 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 request 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 individuals who attend the sessions, but the Town strongly encourages participants to commit the time to attend each program. The sessions begin in mid-September and will be held each Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. for seven (7) weeks at various town locations. Site visits will include trips to the public works, police, and fire departments, and parks and recreational 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, please contact Regina Rosy at (910) 944-4515 or [rrosy@townofaberdeen.net](mailto:rrosy@townofaberdeen.net).

## ATM Safety

**OBSERVE THE SURROUNDINGS:** Before approaching any ATM, be alert for any suspicious persons, occupied vehicle(s) close by or odd circumstances. Should you observe suspicious persons or circumstances or otherwise feel uneasy or uncomfortable with your surroundings, leave the area immediately—do not use the ATM. Come back at a later or more appropriate time or use an ATM at another location. Report any suspicious persons or activity to law enforcement authorities.

**BE READY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS:** Before approaching any ATM, have your access card and any other paperwork necessary for your particular transaction ready and in your hand; your transaction becomes quicker and safer. Having to retrieve these items from a purse or wallet is time consuming and allows a potential offender easier access to your valuables.

**REMAIN OBSERVANT WHILE USING THE ATM:** While transacting business at the ATM, continue to observe your surroundings. Be careful not to disclose or otherwise reveal your PIN to others while using the ATM. Never begin a transaction when strangers have a clear view of the ATM keyboard. Use your body to shield the ATM keyboard as you access the machine. You should check your surroundings every few seconds while actually using the ATM. Should you observe any suspicious persons or circumstances, terminate your transaction immediately, leave the area, and contact law enforcement authorities.

**LEAVE QUICKLY:** Upon completing your transaction and retrieving your card, immediately leave the ATM area. Do not count or otherwise visually expose any money received from the ATM. Continue to observe your surroundings for any suspicious persons or circumstances, such as anyone following or approaching you. Always maintain a safe distance between you and any stranger. If you believe that you are being followed, you should go to the nearest place where there are people and contact law enforcement authorities.

**IF APPROACHED:** If you are at a drive up ATM and someone approaches your vehicle on foot, immediately drive away, leave the area and call 911. Don't worry about getting your card out of the machine before you leave, it's not worth getting robbed or hurt. Your money is replaceable, your life isn't.



## What's going on in Planning?

### New members appointed to Planning Board and Commissions.

#### Fences and Walls

Anyone looking to install a new fence or replace an existing fence with new material is required to obtain a fence permit through the Town of Aberdeen Planning Department. A site plan and a \$50.00 application fee will need to be submitted with the application. We do ask for 3 to 5 business days to process your request. No work can begin before a permit is issued.

#### Accessory Buildings or Sheds

Any accessory structures, shed, detached garage, prefabricated building or other like buildings will require permits. A Zoning Compliance permit application shall be submitted along with a site plan showing the distance from the new building and the property lines and a \$50.00 application fee. If the building is larger than 12 feet in any direction a building permit will be required. A single trade permit application along with a \$50.00 application fee will be required. No work can start before a permit is issued.

Applications for permits can be found at [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net), under Document Center

#### Aberdeen Citizens Are Willing To Serve

The Planning Department would like to thank the many Aberdeen residents who have expressed their willingness to serve on town commissions and advisory boards. Recently, the Board of Commissioners appointed members for the Planning Board, the Historic Preservation Commission, and the Appearance and Beautification

Commission. We were very fortunate to have so many individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to serve their community. The appointments are:

#### Planning Board:

- Joe Dannelley – reappointed for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Janet Peele – moved from Alternate to Regular member
- Graylin King – new appointment
- Raymond Lee – new appointment
- Timothy Marcham – In-Town Alternate
- Peter Koch – ETJ Alternate

#### Historic Preservation Commission:

- Jon Ring – In District member
- Mollie Wilson – In District member

#### Appearance and Beautification

#### Commission:

Reappointments were made of current members for staggered terms in keeping with regulations. Those members are:

- Elease Goodwin, Chair
- Gail Clay
- Wayne Clay
- Eldiweiss Lockey
- Dene Moon
- Janet Peele
- Dale Streicker

#### How would you Rate Aberdeen's E-Climate?

“Is Aberdeen positioned to support its business community?”

The Office of Engagement, Innovation and Economic Development at East Carolina University has prepared a survey for Aberdeen residents to rate the entrepreneurial climate of the town. This survey will assess people's perceptions of Aberdeen's "climate" as it relates to entrepreneurial activity. Your insights will contribute to a greater understanding of small business survival and sustainable growth in Aberdeen. To complete the survey, come into the Town Hall or go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/AberdeenEClimate](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AberdeenEClimate).



## Celebrate America's Birthday

Join Aberdeen in celebrating America's Birthday with a day of fabulous fun activities on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Aberdeen Lake Park.

The Town of Aberdeen's 48th 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.

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, popcorn, and cotton candy.

Grab your blankets and lawn chairs and bring the family and friends to enjoy the one of the largest and most exciting fireworks display in the area.

**Please no pets, no alcoholic beverages, no personal fireworks, and no coolers!**

## Aberdeen Receives Certified Local Government Status

The Certified Local Government (CLG) program is a local, state, and federal partnership that serves to support local preservation efforts and affirms the local commitment to historic preservation. With assistance from the State Historic Preservation Office in Raleigh, Aberdeen has just been granted CLG status by the National Park Service, which oversees historic preservation at the federal level and also granted the National Register status to Aberdeen's Historic District in 1989. Benefits of being a CLG include:

- Access to technical assistance and training for staff and members of Historic Commissions;

- Allows the community to have more input during any pending National Register nomination process within its jurisdiction;
- Availability of grant funds designated specifically for CLGs to accomplish projects such as historic surveys to identify significant properties, creation of educational materials regarding historic preservation, and development of or updates to design guidelines to assist commissions in their decision making and insure the historic character of the community is protected.

## Your Government

### Board of Commissioners Work Session

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Before Board Meeting | 5:30 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> & August 30<sup>th</sup>

### Board of Commissioners Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room  
August 13<sup>th</sup>

### Planning Board Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room  
July 19<sup>th</sup> & August 16<sup>th</sup>

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## Town Hall Closing

In observation of Independence Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed July 4, 2012.