

Water and Sewer Rates Increase

There will be a 5% increase on the water and sewer rates. The new rates will be effective on the September 2012 water bill. To see the new rates visit News & Announcements on the Town website, www.townofaberdeen.net.

Tampering with Fire Hydrants

Tampering with a fire hydrant is against the law! If you see anyone doing this or see a hydrant running, please notify the Public Works Department at (910) 944-7012.

Lead and Copper Test Results

The results for the lead and copper samples have been received by the Public Works Department. All results were good and the Town is in compliance.

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 and take advantage of the options available through the site.

On the Calendar

September & October

• Bingo

Thursday, September 6 at 1:00 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.

• Fall Senior Lunch

Thursday, September 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Station. RSVP by August 31. Meat and drinks provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. (910) 944-4574.

• NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick

Wednesday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial "C" Field in Southern Pines. Ages 8 – 15. This event is free but registration is required. (910) 944-4572.

• Bingo

Thursday, October 4 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.

• Youth Basketball League

Registration is October 8 through November 2. The league is for boys and girls ages 5 -12. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Practices will begin in December. (910) 944-4572.

• Sardine Festival

Friday, October 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park. This event is free but donations are encouraged. For more information contact, Jamie Boles (910) 692-6262 or Parks & Recreation Department. (910) 944-PARK.

• Fall-O-Ween Carnival

Saturday, October 20 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park. The cost is \$3 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. (910) 944-PARK.

• Senior Chair Exercises

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Station. Cost is \$2 per month for residents and \$5 per month for non-residents. Classes are on-going. (910) 944-4574.

• Senior Art Classes

Every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Station. Cost is \$2 per month for residents and \$5 per month for non-residents. Participants must supply own materials. Classes are on-going. (910) 944-4574.

• Water Bills

\$5 or 5% late fee added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on September 20. \$25 penalty added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on October 5 and disconnected October 8.

For a full listing of community events, visit www.townofaberdeen.net/calendar.aspx.

Recycle Dates

Monday Dates:

- September 5 (Wednesday)
- September 17
- October 1
- October 15
- October 29

Friday Dates:

- September 14
- September 28
- October 12
- October 26

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School Safety

Monday, August 27, 2012 means back to school for most Moore County area students. The first day of school is very exciting and sometimes overwhelming for children who may not be paying as much attention as they should. Motorists will once again have to share the road with buses, which make frequent stops. With this in mind, we are asking the community to join us in keeping a watchful eye for our students.

Aberdeen Police Department and Moore County School Officials recommend all motorists allow extra time for their morning commute, and be aware of children waiting for the bus. Extra police officers will be on patrol in an attempt to make the first day of school a safe one. Listed below are some recommended safety guidelines to help ensure every day is a safe day for both students and motorists.

Guidelines for children waiting on the school bus:

- Do not horseplay or act in a way that could cause harm to others.
- Do not play in the street.
- Do not throw things.
- When the bus arrives, line up in an orderly fashion.
- Stay back from the bus until it stops, and the driver signals it's OK to get on.

Guidelines for children riding the bus:

- Observe the same conduct as in the classroom.
- Be courteous and do not use profane language.
- Cooperate with the driver.
- Stay in your seat.
- Do not be destructive.
- Keep head, hands and feet inside the bus.
- If your child has a problem, inform the bus driver.

Guidelines for motorist:

- Resist the urge to speed because you are running late.
- Know all traffic rules concerning school zones and traffic flows.
- Refrain from using your cell phone, while around school zones.



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Message from Town Manager, Bill Zell

The Community Development Block Grant, or CDBG as it's more commonly called, has been great for the Town of Aberdeen over the years. It has allowed for the rehabilitation of homes, for new home construction, along with the installation of water and sewer lines and the connection to many homes in the Berkeley, Midway and Broadway communities.

Congress amended the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCD Act) in 1981 to give each State the opportunity to administer the CDBG funds, because they felt that the States are in the best position to know how to respond to the needs of local governments. The primary statutory objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. The State must ensure that at least 70 percent of its CDBG grant funds are used for activities that benefit low and moderate income persons over a one, two or three year time period.

CDBG funds can be used for many kinds of community development activities including, but not limited to, acquisition of property for public purposes; construction or reconstruction of streets, water and sewer facilities, neighborhood centers, recreation facilities, and other public works; demolition; rehabilitation of public and private buildings; public services; planning activities; assistance to nonprofit entities for community development activities; and

assistance to private, for profit entities to carry out economic development activities (including assistance to micro-enterprises).

Each year the Town of Aberdeen applies for the various CDBG grants for specific projects. Some of the recent projects awarded to Aberdeen were the \$850,000 Bethune St. project where five homes were rehabbed along with three new Habitat Homes added, the sewer line connection to all the homes, the street was widened and a sidewalk was put in place (2010), and an infrastructure grant for \$250,000 for roads, water and sewer lines and sidewalks in Midway Gardens (2011). Recently the Town received a \$225,000 for two of our local businesses to create up to 17 new jobs in our downtown area (2012).

Our Town Board of Commissioners approved a new employee position this year for a Community Development Planner, who will be responsible for investigating the needs of our neighborhoods and businesses for future CDBG grants. Jae Kim was hired to fill this position and he started on July 2nd, but Jae had already been working for the Town as an intern since May of 2011, as he was finishing up his Master's Degree in Public Affairs from UNC-Greensboro. So he's been able to hit the ground running and hopefully will be producing lots of CDBG grants in the future.

If you think you could benefit from one of these grants for a neighborhood or a business related issue please contact Jae Kim at jkim@townofaberdeen.net or (910) 944-4514, and let him see if your idea qualifies.

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 5th 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, 2012. All local winners will advance to a regional competition for an opportunity to qualify for the Carolina Panthers Team Championship. Registration is required and forms can be picked up from the Aberdeen, Southern Pines, and Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Departments.

Zumba Gold

Ditch the workout and join the party with Zumba Gold at Aberdeen Recreation Station this fall! Don't worry if you can't dance; it's all about having fun and getting in shape! This new event is for seniors.

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 2012 - 2013 cheerleading season will be October 8 through November 2. Volunteer coaches are needed. If you are interested in coaching please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (910) 944-PARK.

Fall Litter Sweep

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a Litter Sweep of Poplar Street and the downtown area on Saturday, September 22nd from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. All citizens, church groups, civic clubs, youth organizations, and neighborhoods are invited to participate in the Litter Sweep through a variety of methods. Citizens of all ages are encouraged to participate by meeting at the Aberdeen Lake Park Picnic Shelter with pickers and gloves to pick up trash and beautify Aberdeen. If you cannot meet during the specified time, another option is to clean up streets in your neighborhood. We need everyone's participation to clean up and preserve the beauty of Aberdeen!

For additional information or to participate, please call Leigh Baggs at the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at 944-PARK.

Fall-O-Ween Festival

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the Eighth Annual Fall-O-Ween Carnival on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at the Aberdeen Lake Park.

This event is for children ages 10 and under. The cost is \$3 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. The event

will include games, activities, clowns, face painting, and prizes for the kids. Mr. McGruff and Sparky the Fire Dog will be at the event.

Children will be able to Trick or Treat in a safe environment with candy and prizes provided by the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department. Be sure to wear your costume! The event will be held in the Aberdeen Recreation Station if rain occurs. For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (910) 944-PARK.

Christmas Parade Grand Marshal Nominations

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is seeking nominations for the Grand Marshal of the Aberdeen Christmas Parade on December 8th.

Aberdeen citizens or local businesses can nominate a candidate that has made outstanding contributions to improving the quality of living, working, and playing in Aberdeen. The winning nominee will serve as the Grand Marshal and start the Aberdeen Christmas Parade.

Nominations will be accepted through September 19th. For additional information or a Nomination Form, please contact Leigh Baggs at lbaggs@townofaberdeen.net or (910) 944-PARK.

What's going on in Parks and Recreation?

Community service events, festivals, and activities for citizens of all ages.

Public Input Sought on Parks Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a public meeting on the Comprehensive Plan for Parks, Recreation Programs, Special Events, Greenways, and Open Space on Monday, September 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the Aberdeen Recreation Station.

The purpose of the public meeting is to receive comments from citizens about their needs and wishes for parks and recreational opportunities in Aberdeen.

This public meeting is part of the process utilized by Site Solutions, who has been hired by the Town of Aberdeen to prepare this document. Site Solutions has completed an Inventory of Existing Facilities and Analysis of Community Standards.

For additional information or to express comments, please contact Leigh Baggs, Parks and Recreation Director, at (910) 944-PARK or lbaggs@townofaberdeen.net

Citizens Academy Program (CAP)

The 7TH Annual Citizens Academy Program is a unique opportunity for citizens to learn about Aberdeen Municipal Government in order to foster a better understanding and working relationship between the two. The Citizens Academy requires a time commitment on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for seven weeks. Dinner will be served to participants at each session from local Aberdeen restaurants. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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

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 2012 Queen arriving on a fire truck around 12:00 noon.

Tee shirts and hats will be on sale, so plan to purchase your commemorative shirt of this fun day!

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

For more information about the Sardine Festival, call the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at (910) 944-7275 or Jamie Boles at (910) 692-6262.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn more about how the Town of Aberdeen operates.

Your Government

Board of Commissioners Work Session

2nd Thursday before Board Meeting | 5:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room
September 27th & November 1st

Board of Commissioners Meeting

2nd Monday | 6:00 p.m.
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
September 10th & October 8th

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
September 20th & October 18th

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Town Hall Closing

In observation of Labor Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed September 3, 2012.

There will be no recycle pick up on September 3rd; the make-up day will be Wednesday, September 5, 2012.