

Ways for Citizens to Receive Town Information

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.

Information Channel 99

Channel 99, for Time Warner Cable customers, is a great source for those who don't have a computer or internet access. Those citizens residing within the Aberdeen Town limits can view Aberdeen's Channel 99, and those residing outside of Aberdeen's Town limits can view Moore County's Channel 99. The information listed on the Town website is also listed on Aberdeen's Channel 99. The channel has up-to-date information available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

National Rural Water Association

The average gallons of water a person uses per day is 69.3. The average adult will use on average 4000 gallons in a billing cycle. A billing cycle for the Town of Aberdeen is approximately 60 days.

On the Calendar

March & April

• Bingo

Thursday, March 7 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-PARK.

• Youth Kickball

Registration will end March 8. The league is for boys and girls ages 4 -15. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Practices will begin in late March. (910) 944-4572.

• Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 a.m. Set clocks forward one hour.

• Aberdeen Fire Department's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Fire Station. Plates are \$7 and includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and drink. Dine in or carryout. (910) 944-7888.

• Bingo

Thursday, April 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-PARK.

• Women's Softball Organizational Meeting

Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Colonial Heights Park. Rules, regulations, dates, and fees will be discussed. Games start May 14. (910) 944-4572

• Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit, and Run

Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Field C in Southern Pines. This is a FREE event for ages 7 – 14. Registration deadline is April 26. (910) 944-4572.

• 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-PARK.

• 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-PARK.

• Water Bills

\$5 or 5% late fee added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on March 20. \$25 penalty added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on April 5 and disconnected April 6.

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

Recycle Dates

Monday Dates: Friday Dates:

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| • March 4 | • March 1 |
| • March 18 | • March 15 |
| • April 1 | • March 27 |
| • April 15 | (Wednesday) |
| • April 29 | • April 12 |
| | • April 26 |



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Operation Medicine Drop

Operation Medicine Drop is a partnership of Safe Kids North Carolina, the Riverkeepers of North Carolina, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of North Carolina and local law enforcement agencies, working together to encourage the public to safely dispose of unused and unwanted medication. By providing safe and secure ways for people to get rid of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, Operation Medicine Drop helps prevent accidental poisonings and drug abuse while protecting our waters.

North Carolina will hold its 4th Annual Operation Medicine Drop the week of March 17th thru March 23rd to coincide with National Poison Prevention Week.

Drop Sites in Aberdeen:

- Monday, March 18th thru Friday, March 22nd from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Aberdeen Police Department
- Saturday, March 23rd from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Aberdeen Recreation Station

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Message from Town Manager, Bill Zell

Look What is Coming to Aberdeen!

If you've been on US 1 at or about the Hwy 15-501 north area lately, then you've definitely seen the construction process for the new CVS Pharmacy coming to Aberdeen. What's not known though is what's coming right next door to the new pharmacy on the old hotel site.

We've been told by the developers that what's coming to the site is an ALDI Grocery Store. Most of us probably have not ever been to one so the following will give you a little insight into what an ALDI Grocery Store is and how they do business.

"Customers can expect to find more than 1,400 of the most frequently purchased items sold under ALDI exclusive brands for prices up to 50 percent less (based upon a price comparison of comparable products sold at leading national retail grocery stores) than traditional supermarkets. A model of efficiency, ALDI eliminates overhead costs by offering smart practices, such as a cart rental system through which shoppers insert a quarter to release a cart and receive the quarter back upon the cart's return. Other cost-savings practices include a smaller store footprint, open carton displays and encouragement of customers to bring their own shopping bags". This was an excerpt taken from one of their grand opening statements.

Presenting the truths, the whole truths, and nothing but the truths. "At ALDI, "Simply Smarter Shopping" comes from a series of truths that we live by. These truths drive us every day to deliver impressively high quality at impossibly low

prices."

A sample of some of these truths; "When deciding between eating well and saving money, always choose both". "We cut prices not corners". "You can't eat frills so why pay for them" (taken from the ALDI website).

I guess if you can have a pharmacy on just about every corner then why not a grocery store? I guess the proof is in the pudding.

Town Transitions to New Software

The Town of Aberdeen is going to be upgrading its financial software beginning in May and completing the process going live at the end of June. Not only will there be issues for the staff to contend with during this time, but also you, our citizens, will have to deal with some minor inconveniences.

Any time you deal with change there is always a learning curve to deal with. One issue we know right now that you, our customer, needs to be aware of is that your July water bill will only be for approximately 50 days, which means it'll be smaller than your usual bill (that's always great and easy to deal with), but then your September bill will be for approximately 70 days and that will be a larger bill (not as easy to take).

We ask you to please bear with us as we go through the learning curve because we do believe the new software will allow us to be more responsive to your needs going forward. We also have other projects that we are working on that we believe will increase our customer service delivery and make us much more efficient. We'll talk about them next time.

Youth Kickball

Join Aberdeen's Spring Kickball League. Due to the growing popularity of kickball, the age requirement has been extended to age 15. This activity is available for children, ages 4 to 15, as of February 1st, who are looking to participate in a fun, safe, out of the ordinary sport. Practices will begin in late March. Fees are \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Registration ends March 8th. Registration forms are available at the Aberdeen Recreation Station or www.townofaberdeen.net.

If anyone is interested in coaching or sponsoring a team please contact the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at 944-PARK.

MLB Pitch, Hit & Run

The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, along with the Southern Pines and Pinehurst Recreation Departments, is sponsoring the 2013 local qualifying Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run competition to be held on Saturday, May 4th. This event is for children ages 7 - 14, as of July 17, 2013. The event will take place at Memorial Park Field C in Southern Pines at 10:00 a.m. This is a FREE event and winners will qualify to compete at the regional, state, and possibly national level in Atlanta at the Braves stadium. The registration deadline is April 26th. A copy of your child's birth certificate is required on the day of competition. NO metal spikes are allowed during any portion of the competition.

Women's Softball

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department wants to invite all women, ages 16 and up, to participate in the Women's Softball League. There will be an organizational meeting at Colonial Heights Park in Aberdeen on April 4th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss rules, regulations, dates, and fees. Games will be scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The first game is scheduled for May 14th. Contact Joseph Keel, Athletic Coordinator, at 944-4572 or jkeel@townofaberdeen.net if you have any questions concerning this league.



What is going on in Aberdeen Parks?

Palustris Festival, Spring Sports, Easter Egg Hunts, and more!

Pack in the Park

Palustris Activities for Children and Kids (PACK) in the Park will be held on Saturday, March 23rd from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Aberdeen Lake Park. This free special event is part of the 4th Annual Palustris Festival. The PACK event is for children ages 10 & under.

Activities include clowns, live entertainment, a bouncy castle, make and take craft projects, kids ID's, Easter egg hunt and many more fun activities.

History of Beach Music & the Shag

Remember the old days under the boardwalk, down by the sea? Then you are familiar with the sandy shores of the Carolinas and with people dancing to the sounds of beach music. But, do you know the history of beach music and its popular dance, the Shag?

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department will present the history of beach music and how this popular sound led to the Shag becoming the state dance of North Carolina on Friday, March 22nd.

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$10 per person (Price includes the presentation, demonstration of the shag, and refreshments. Tickets must be purchased in advance.)

Arbor Day

All citizens are invited to Aberdeen's annual "Arbor Day Celebration" in

Aberdeen Lake Park on Thursday, March 21st. Activities and the ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will last approximately one hour.

Activities during this special event will include: a ceremony, the history of Arbor Day, reading of the Proclamation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and planting of a Longleaf pine tree. This event is part of the Fourth Annual Palustris Festival, which celebrates arts, crafts, and cultural events for citizens of all ages. Refreshments will be served. Hope your schedule permits you to participate in this special event!

If you need additional information, please contact Leigh Baggs, Parks and Recreation Director, at 944-PARK or email at lbaggs@townofaberdeen.net.

Lunch with the Easter Bunny

March 22, 2013 is a special day for children in Aberdeen! Children, ages 2-5, can eat lunch with the Easter Bunny at Aberdeen Lake Park. This event includes lunch with the Easter Bunny, an opportunity to take pictures with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting). Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$4 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Tickets may be purchased at the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. For additional information, call the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at 944-PARK.

Sonic Drive-In Fundraiser

Support Aberdeen Parks and Recreation programs while eating some great food! Every Saturday when you eat at Sonic Drive-In, 10% of your sales will be donated to Aberdeen Parks and Recreation programs. All you have to do is mention "Aberdeen Parks and Recreation" when ordering.

This is a great way to support a local restaurant and parks and recreation programs.

Park Improvements

Aberdeen Lake Park

The playground in Aberdeen Lake Park will be closed for 3 days in April to replace the mulch ground cover under the equipment. The playground will be closed in order to install the ground cover and make safety improvements.

Ray's Mill Pond Park

A spring clean-up of Ray's Mill Pond Park is scheduled in late April. Volunteers are needed to pick up branches, rake leaves, clean debris and other minor yard improvements. The improvements are necessary prior to improvements to the Environmental Education Center, trail, picnic shelter, and pier being constructed.



Do You Use Your Recycle Container?

The Town of Aberdeen started a Curbside Recycle Program three years ago to help in keeping as much waste out of the landfills as possible. The cost of recycling is less than the cost of taking waste to the landfill.

The Curbside Recycle program is voluntary but it is highly encouraged that all citizens participate. However, some residents have various reasons to not recycle; inconvenience should not be one of them. The recycle containers provided to each residence is 95 gallons and only has to be rolled to the curbside twice a month. Not knowing what to recycle should not be a reason

either. All items on the list below can just be tossed into the container loose.

Residents who do not recycle and have no plans to recycle should contact the Public Works Department at 944-7012 or 944-7799 to have their recycle container picked up. This will allow the Town to distribute containers to those who want to recycle without having to purchase extra containers.

The containers that are empty and not being used are one of the biggest expenses for the Town.

Items to recycle:

- Plastics numbered 1

through 7

- Glass of any color
- Aluminum cans
- Tin or metal cans
- Unwaxed cardboard like cereal boxes, cracker boxes, etc.
- Pizza boxes
- Newspaper including advertising inserts
- Magazines, catalogues, brochures, etc. shiny or not
- Shredded paper (only item accepted in a bag)
- Aluminum foil
- Junk mail
- Other items with a recycle triangle

Business License Renewal

Anyone doing business in the Town of Aberdeen must have a current Business License. The license must be renewed each year. To avoid late renewal penalties, renew your license on or before June 30, 2013.

The Town of Aberdeen will send you a renewal notice approximately 60 days before your current license expires. It's your responsibility to renew on time, whether you receive the renewal form or not.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelbi O'Brien at 944-7799.



Your Government

Board of Commissioners Work Session

2nd Thursday before Board Meeting | 5:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room
March 28th & May 2nd

Board of Commissioners Meeting

2nd Monday | 6:00 p.m.
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
March 11th & April 8th

Budget Meetings

5:30 p.m. | Town Hall Conference Room
March 5th-Public Works & Planning
March 7th-Administration & Fire
March 12th-Police & Parks & Recreation

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
March 21st & April 18th

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Town Hall Closing

- In observation of Good Friday, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed March 29, 2013.

There will be no recycle pick-up on March 29th; the make-up day will be Wednesday, March 27, 2013.