

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.

Ever wanted to voice your opinion about things in Aberdeen?

Serving on one of the Boards or Commissions in Aberdeen is an excellent way to do this. Each year the Town of Aberdeen appoints members to the Planning Board, Appearance and Beautification Committee, and Historic Preservation Commission. The members of these boards provide valuable service ensuring that the Town of Aberdeen grows in an effective and healthy way.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Amy Fulp at afulp@townofaberdeen.net or 910-944-7024 for an application. For additional information, contact Kathy Liles at kliles@townofaberdeen.net.

License Renewal

On the Calendar

May & June

• MLB Pitch, Hit, and Run

Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Field C in Southern Pines. The event is for children ages 7 – 14 and free. Compete to qualify for regional competition. (910) 944-4572.

• Women's Softball League

Tuesdays and Thursdays starting May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Colonial Heights Park. This league is for women age 16 and up. (910) 944-4572.

• Coach Pitch Baseball

Registration is June 3 through June 21. The league is for boys and girls ages 6 – 8 and costs \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. (910) 944-4572.

• Adult Kickball

This league is for ages 16 and up and games will begin June 11. (910) 944-4572.

• Bingo

Thursday, May 2 and June 6 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.

• Senior Summer Luncheon

Thursday, June 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Station. Registration deadline is May 31. Meat and drinks provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. (910) 944-PARK.

• Summer Day Camp

June 10 – August 23 at Aberdeen Recreation Station. Ages 6 – 12. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10 residents and \$20 non-residents. A \$10 holding fee will apply for any additional weeks being registered for and it will be applied toward that week's camp fee. A full day camp is \$60 residents and \$90 non-residents.

• All Star Camp

Learn skills for kickball, baseball, basketball, football, and soccer. June 17 – June 21 at Colonial Heights Park from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 5 – 12. Fees are \$30 residents and \$40 non-residents. Registration deadline is June 7. (910) 944-4572.

• Water Bills

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

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

Recycle Dates

Monday Dates: Friday Dates:

- May 13
- May 29 (Wednesday)
- June 10
- June 24
- May 10
- May 24
- June 7
- June 21



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2012 Sewer Collections System Performance Report

Overall the Town's sewer system is in good shape. The main issues encountered in our system stem from inflow & infiltration and root and grease buildup in the lines. The Public Works Department is consistently replacing old sewer lines, videotaping to identify trouble areas, and sealing older manholes.

2012 There were no violations.

Spills that were less than the required overflow, we have not listed. Spills that do not enter surface waters are dammed up to prevent spreading downstream and treated with an application of lime and then removed and taken to the Moore County Waste Water Treatment Plant.

I, certify under penalty of law, that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that this report has been made available to the users or customers of the named system and that those users have been notified of its availability.

-James Robert Matthews, Steven Templin, and William R. Monroe

Facility/System Name: Town of Aberdeen

Responsibility Entity: Town of Aberdeen Public Works Department

Person in Charge/Contact: James Robert Matthews (910-944-7012)

Alternate Contact: William R. Monroe (910-944-7012)

Applicable Permit (s): Grade II Collections System Only

Description of Collection System or Treatment Process: Approximately 20 miles of sanitary sewer main; approximately 2 miles of sanitary forced sewer main; 10 sewer lift pump stations – treatment is provided by Moore County.



Message from Town Manager, Bill Zell

You know the saying "All good things must come to an end", which we all know is very accurate in all aspects of life (especially golf). Thus the thirty year career of Michael D. Connor as a police officer in the Town of Aberdeen will be completed as of July 1st this year.

Chief Connor has done a tremendous job for the citizens of Aberdeen as our Police Chief, keeping the morale of his whole department high and the ability of his detectives to close their cases at a rate that has been well above State of North Carolina levels.

Chief Connor started his career with the Aberdeen Police Department as a patrol officer in September 1983, and he worked his way up through the ranks to the top of the ladder when he became Chief of Police on January 1, 2005, after the retirement of former Chief of Police Charles Campbell who hired him 22 years prior.

It will be a very difficult task to replace Chief Connor, and to help us find the very best individual to lead our Police Department into the future, we have asked Developmental Associates, Inc. out of Durham to help us conduct an assessment process. They are the same group used by the Town of Southern Pines for replacing Chief Letteney.

Developmental Associates' primary role will be to design a process to assess the qualifications of the finalists for our next Chief. The process, often called an Assessment Center, will be used to not only assist in selecting the most qualified person for the position but also to aid in selecting someone who is the best fit for Aberdeen.

In order to design a valid and reliable assessment process, Developmental Associates will hold a series of focus group meetings on April 30th

culminating with a Community Meeting at 6:00 pm that evening for all Aberdeen Citizens here at the Town Hall, (which is being advertised in several locations and different mediums since you won't receive this newsletter until May 1st), to gain insight into the position and community.

Developmental Associates will meet with groups of stakeholders and ask them to respond to the following questions:

- What are the most important job duties of the Chief of Police for the Town of Aberdeen?
- What are the most important traits/characteristics of a successful Chief of Police in Aberdeen?
- What are the most important job knowledge areas for the Aberdeen Chief of Police to possess?
- Identify any significant professional challenges facing the Aberdeen Police Dept.

The assessment center is scheduled for May 23rd and 24th where the final 6-8 candidates will go through four specific assessments, which will include a writing sample, a presentation, community meeting, and a role playing situation. Each of the assessment centers will have 3-4 assessors who will be evaluating each of the candidates. After the assessment is done we will narrow the choice down to the final 2-3 candidates and bring those candidates back for a final interview.

By the first of June we are hoping to at least have made a conditional offer to our top candidate and after he/she has passed the physical, psychological, background check, credit check and any other check that we deem necessary, and work their 30 day notice we should have our new Chief of Police ready to go the first of July.

Spring Spree

The Town of Aberdeen in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, Aberdeen Business Guild, and Star 102.5FM & WIOZ 550AM are sponsoring the 2nd Annual Spring Spree Festival on Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Historic Downtown Aberdeen. The festival is open and free to the public for a fun and enjoyable afternoon with family-friendly entertainment, food, arts and crafts.

The festival began in 2011 as a collaboration between the merchants from downtown Aberdeen and its local business guild. They wanted to have an event that celebrated and exposed the eclectic mixture of businesses that gave Aberdeen this funky and hip vibe as a community in the County. As more people are moving into the area, they wanted the residents to know and see our beautiful and charming downtown.

This year, we will be incorporating a children's art exhibition from students from the surrounding area. Their artwork will continue to be on display for several weeks in various downtown businesses after the festival. Children will also be encouraged to draw on the sidewalks and streets as chalk will be provided in front of businesses. In addition, a children's entertainment area will be located in the grassy area between Main and South Streets known to locals as the "Y" area. Bouncing castles and other games and events will be provided.

Arts and crafts merchants will be setting up side by side with local nonprofits from the area. You may find an assortment of beaded jewelers, potters, photographers, to someone who makes homemade dog treats for that special pet you have. An array of food vendors will also be present for the festival. Nonprofits will be there to educate people about their organization's mission and elicit volunteers for their foundation.

Live music from local artists and bands will be playing throughout the day of the event. A diverse category from bluegrass and country, contemporary Christian rock, and rock will be playing.

We hope that the residents will come and enjoy themselves and celebrate with what the Town has to offer.

The costs to setup as a vendor will be free of charge this year. Guidelines and applications can be found at the Town's website under news and announcements. If you have any interest or further questions, please contact the Planning Department and ask for Jae Kim or Pam Graham at (910) 944-7024.



Comprehensive Park Plan Update

Site Solutions has completed the Final Draft of the Comprehensive Plan for Parks, Greenways, and Open Space for Aberdeen. Derek Williams of Site Solutions will present his findings and recommendations at a meeting in the spring. Please watch for the date and time on the Town's website or TV Channel.

For additional information, please contact Leigh Baggs, Parks and Recreation Director, at 944-PARK (7275) or at lbaggs@townofaberdeen.net.

Ray's Mill Pond Park

After completing the required administrative elements, the Town is ready to proceed with the renovation and development of the Ray's Mill Pond Park project. Request for proposals will be accepted in May and an Architecture/Park Planner Firm will be selected for construction documents. Once those are prepared, the Town will receive bids for the project. If bids are successful, work will begin in June with the park complete and open in the late summer/early fall.

Aberdeen Lake Park

New ground cover has been

ordered to be placed under the playground equipment in Aberdeen Lake Park. Delivery is expected in May and spreading of the mulch will take approximately 2 days. The playground will be closed during the time of placing this new ground cover. Signs will be placed in the park, and the information placed on the Town's website and TV channel a week before the maintenance work begins. For additional information, please contact Leigh Baggs, at lbaggs@townofaberdeen.net or 944-PARK.

Accepting Vendors for the 2013 Fun Family Fourth of July Celebration

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is accepting Food Vendors for the upcoming Fun Family Fourth. The Fun Family Fourth is on Thursday, July 4th from 5:00 -10:00 pm in Aberdeen Lake Park.

All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 28th.

To receive an Application or for additional information, please contact Leigh Baggs at lbaggs@townofaberdeen.net or 944-4573.

Legislative Corner

The NC Legislature is in the process of revisiting many existing regulations. One of these

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revisions is House Bill 150 which will restrict local governments from applying building design elements to single and two-family homes. There are a few exceptions – most notably historic districts. Building design elements include exterior building color, type of style of cladding material, style of materials of roof structures or porches, architectural ornamentation, styles of windows and doors, interior layout and the number and types of rooms.

"Change is not always good, but the changes in Aberdeen Parks are beneficial."

Aberdeen's Unified Development Ordinance currently restricts the amount of metal for exterior cladding on almost all structures and requires two distinctive architectural elements for duplexes, although the town does not mandate what elements must be chosen. These include items such as dormers, porches, bay windows, balconies, etc. Should this legislation as currently proposed receive final approval and become law, these requirements will no longer apply.

Please email Senator Jerry Tillman at Jerry.Tillman@ncleg.net or Representative Jamie Boles at Jamie.Boles@ncleg.net to express your opinion regarding this or other pending legislation of interest to you.



Celebrate America's Birthday

Aberdeen plans to celebrate America's Birthday with a day of fabulous fun activities on Thursday, July 4th. The 2013 "Fun Family Fourth of July", sponsored by the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, will be held at the Aberdeen Lake Park.

The Town of Aberdeen's 49th Annual Celebration will offer entertainment and activities for people of all ages. Activities and games for children will start around 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, jump in an inflatable bouncy castle, 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 spin art, 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 one of the largest and most exciting fireworks displays in the area. **Please no pets, no alcoholic beverages, no personal fireworks, and no coolers!**

Bryan Lett Benefit Fundraiser – Chicken Tender Dinner

Bryan Lett, an Aberdeen Police Lieutenant, is fighting a courageous battle against cancer. In order to help the Lett family with their medical costs, the Aberdeen Police and Fire Departments have teamed up to host a Chicken Tender Dinner fundraiser.

Friday, May 17th from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (or until sold out) at the Aberdeen Fire Department, 800 Holly Street.

Plates are \$7.00. Dine in, carry out, or delivery for large orders (6 or more plates).

If you would like to pre-order plates, please contact the Fire Department at 944-7888.



Your Government

Board of Commissioners Work Session

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

Board of Commissioners Meeting

2nd Monday | 6:00 p.m.
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
May 13th & June 10th

Budget Meetings

5:30 p.m. | Town Hall Conference Room
May 7th, May 9th, & May 14th

Special Called Meeting – Budget Approval

5:30 p.m. | J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
June 17th

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
May 16th & June 20th

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Town Hall Closing

- In observation of Memorial Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed May 27, 2013.

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