

## Let's Go Fishing

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department has rods and reels available for rent inside the Aberdeen Recreation Station Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The rental is free for residents and \$3 for non-residents.

NC state law requires ages 16 and up to have a fishing license. A 10 day license is available at Wal-Mart for \$5. Ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information contact Jack Clelland at 910-944-7275 or [jclelland@townofaberdeen.net](mailto:jclelland@townofaberdeen.net).

## Spring Spree 2014

Thanks goes out to the many that supported this year's Spring Spree event in downtown Aberdeen on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The day was perfect, and we had a larger crowd and more vendors than ever before. The entertainment included a wide array of musicians, mostly local talent including Tony Barnes and Bryon Morris, and a professional storyteller. The Kids' Zone was bigger and better than ever, offering a great selection of free activities for kids of various ages. We hope to build on this event and make it better with each year and want Aberdeen citizens to enjoy this community effort.

Special thank you goes out to the sponsors for this year's event, who helped to make it such a success. Those businesses are: Meridian Zero Degrees, One Eleven Main, Aberdeen Bead Company, Coca Cola Bottling Co., Set in Stone Tile, Eloise, Curves of Southern Pines, Davenport's Galaxy, Star 102.5 and NutriShop of Southern Pines. We also want to thank the Aberdeen Business Guild for their involvement, particularly Molly Menard of Aberdeen Bead for her expert management of the Kids' Zone.

We are already looking ahead to Spring Spree 2015! Watch the town's website and future Bon Accord articles after the first of the year for more information.

## On the Calendar

### JULY & AUGUST

#### • Bingo

Thursday, July 10 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-PARK

#### • Summer Day Camp

July 1 – August 22 at Aberdeen Recreation Station. Ages 6 – 12. Full day camp is \$60 residents and \$100 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. There is a one-time administrative fee of \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. (910) 944-PARK

#### • 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. (910) 944-PARK

#### • T-ball

Registration is July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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. (910) 944-4572

#### • Bingo

Thursday, August 14 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-PARK

#### • 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 will be disconnected.

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

## Call 911

The Aberdeen Police Department reports that burglaries are on the rise and is requesting the assistance of all citizens.

If you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, please do not hesitate to call 911. Officers will investigate all calls made.

## Recycle Dates

Monday Dates: Friday Dates:

- |             |                      |
|-------------|----------------------|
| • July 7    | • July 2 (Wednesday) |
| • July 21   | • July 18            |
| • August 4  | • August 1           |
| • August 18 | • August 15          |
|             | • August 29          |



# Bon Accord

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## Water & Sewer Rates Increase

There will be a 5% increase on water and sewer rates effective on the September 2014 water bill. Below are the new rates.

#### In-Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage)	\$10.00
1,000 – 5,000 gal.	\$2.87 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gal.	\$3.01 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gal.	\$3.16 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gal.	\$3.45 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gal.	\$3.84 per thousand
Over 25,000 gal.	\$4.21 per thousand

#### In-Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage)	\$10.00
1,000 – 5,000 gal.	\$3.20 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gal.	\$3.84 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gal.	\$4.46 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gal.	\$5.10 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gal.	\$5.75 per thousand
Over 25,000 gal.	\$6.38 per thousand

#### Out of Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage)	\$16.00
1,000 – 5,000 gal.	\$5.74 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gal.	\$6.30 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gal.	\$6.85 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gal.	\$7.40 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gal.	\$7.95 per thousand
Over 25,000 gal.	\$8.51 per thousand

#### Out of Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage)	\$16.00
1,000 – 5,000 gal.	\$6.41 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gal.	\$6.96 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gal.	\$7.51 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gal.	\$8.06 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gal.	\$8.61 per thousand
Over 25,000 gal.	\$9.17 per thousand

Residential Garbage - \$16.00 (per billing cycle)  
Business Garbage - \$21.50 (per billing cycle)

## Message from the Manager, Bill Zell

On Monday night, the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, the Board of Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2015 Town of Aberdeen budget. We started working on this budget at the beginning of February. One thing that you need to always remember is that our budget is at best an educated estimate, but an estimate none the less. We base the amount of our revenues on the collection rates from the past years, but every year is different. Some of the highlights of our budget are the following:

- Total General Fund budget this year will be \$6,768,120.
- Our tax rate will remain at \$0.43 per \$100 dollars of property value.
- This represents a 3.45% growth over last year's valuation.
- In the 2003 FY budget Aberdeen's total valuation was \$305,000,000 and this year's budget will be based on our current valuation of \$750,000,000.
- Each penny of tax raises \$73,875, and this is based on a 98.5% collection basis by the Moore County Tax Office. They normally collect over 99%.
- Medical benefits went up 8.99%.
- We will continue to pay 100% of our full time employees' medical benefits.
- There will be a 2% Cost Of Living Adjustment for all employees.
- Capital expenditures for Public Works, Police and Fire Departments are included.
- We will be finishing up the \$252,000 Parks and Rec Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant so we can open up the Ray's Mill Pond Park.
- 33% of our general fund budget is for Police, 18%

for Fire and 18% for Streets and Sanitation (Public Works). So as you can see 69% of our budget goes to three departments.

- Our debt service is at 7%, which is well within our 10% of the budget threshold.
- 48.41% of our revenue comes from property taxes.

Some issues that will have to be addressed in the general fund budget as we go forward is finding revenues to replace our privilege license tax for businesses, which will run approximately \$180,000 to be collected this year, because the State Legislature created a bill (HB-1050), that effective July 1, 2015, will remove our right to collect this tax.

The Water and Sewer Budget highlights are the following:

- The budget is \$2,664,093.
- We will continue to sell water to Moore County Public Utilities at the rate of 228,000 gallons per day 365 days per year.
- Continuing to work with NCDENR for two new wells for our water system.
- Tank #2 located by KFC and Grannie's Doughnuts will be painted inside and out following the Women's US Open.
- Because the Moore County Wastewater Treatment Plant raised their cost per 1,000 gallons they treat by 5%, we had to raise our rates the same 5%.
- Capital items included in this budget are for a ground penetrating radar system, sewer lateral camera, and a Seek-Tech pipe locator.

Working on the budget is a concerted effort of all the Department Heads, Board of Commissioners, the Finance Officer and the Town Manager.

## Entrepreneurial Seminars

The Town is providing Entrepreneurial and Business seminars from the collaboration with the Small Business Center of Sandhills Community College. This opportunity is made possible with the funding of a grant the Town was awarded in 2011 as a way of nurturing an entrepreneurial environment. A total of eight (8) seminars will be taking place starting in late July until early November of this year. The seminars will be open to the public and be held in the Aberdeen Fire Department located at 800 Holly Street, Aberdeen, NC. The dates and names of the seminars (shown below) will be posted on the Town's website under "News & Announcements", Facebook, and Twitter accounts. If you have additional questions, please contact the Community/Downtown Development Planner, Daniel Martin, at (910) 944-7024.

- July 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. – "Can Skype Benefit You in Your Small Business" by Christina Bethony-Whitten
- August 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. – "Grow Your Business with Email and Social Media" by Tom Zaleski
- August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. – "The Nonprofit Entrepreneur-Writing and Discovering Grants" by Sam Gore
- September 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. – "LinkedIn for Small Business" by Sven Schaefer
- September 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. – "Tweet Your Way to Small Business Success" by Sven Schaefer
- October 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. – "Build Your Marketing Toolkit" by Tom Zaleski
- October 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. – "How to Raise Your Credit Score to Over 740 Points and Get that Loan" by Bob Moore
- November 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. – "Why Successful Businesses and Entrepreneurs ARE Successful" by Bob Moore



## Want to know more about the Town of Aberdeen?

Serve on the Planning Board or one of the Commissions.

### Advisory Board for Aberdeen's Brownfields Assessment Program

In May 2014, the Town was awarded \$400,000 related to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Assessment Program. These funds will be split evenly, with \$200,000 allocated to sites with potential hazardous substances and the remaining \$200,000 to sites with potential petroleum contamination. The grant enables the Town to perform a number of actions; the main objectives will be to conduct public involvement activities, develop an inventory of potential brownfield sites, complete environmental site assessments, and create cleanup and redevelopment plans.

Over the next couple months (June – September), the Town will be searching for eager community members to participate in this program and be part of the obligatory advisory board. Team members (approximately six to ten people) will attend regularly scheduled meetings to prioritize sites for assessment, bring any unidentified properties of concern up for discussion, receive project updates that they will in turn share with the communities they represent, and give their opinions on redevelopment options, health and/or environmental concerns, and overall project progress. They will essentially serve as the liaison between the citizens of Aberdeen and the brownfields project. The board will be influential in ensuring the sustainable redevelopment of

our brownfield sites.

If you would like to be considered as a candidate for this advisory board, please contact Community/Downtown Development Planner, Daniel Martin at (910) 944-7024 by **September 1<sup>st</sup>**. This program officially commences on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the goal is to have the board in place by the start date, in an effort to get the most out of these funds for the Town of Aberdeen.

### 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. The Board of Commissioners will be considering reappointments and new appointments in August for the following boards:

The Planning Board currently has three members who are eligible for reappointment and one Alternate Member position that needs to be filled. The Planning Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. The Planning Board is an advisory body to the Town Board and deals with land use and zoning and development issues. Terms on this Board are for 3 years.

The Historic Preservation

Commission (HPC) has one member eligible for reappointment and one opening for a new member. This Commission meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 5:00 pm. This commission was put in place to help property owners conserve our historic district by providing guidance and resources when changes are proposed within the district. The commission reviews and approves Certificates of Appropriateness in accordance with guidelines adopted by the town and approved by the State Historic Preservation Office. HPC members serve 4 year terms.

The Appearance and Beautification Commission (ABC) currently has 3 members eligible for reappointment and an opening for one additional new member. This commission initiates, promotes, and assists programs of general community beautification in the town and directs the attention of the Town Board to ways in which the Town government may take direct action affecting appearance issues. The ABC has been heavily involved in recent high profile projects including entry signage at several gateway locations and planters in the downtown area.

We are very fortunate to have so many individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to serve their community. We hope you will become one of those by contacting the Planning Dept. at 115 N. Poplar Street or 944-7024 to request an application form or more information.



## Celebrate America's Birthday

Aberdeen plans to celebrate America's Birthday with a day of fabulous fun activities on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The 2014 "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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

There will be several food vendors present selling a variety of foods and drinks.

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!**

## Pool Safety First

Pools provide a refreshing break from the summer heat, but have you made sure your pool is safe for you and your family? Pools are defined as any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas. If you plan to place or install a pool temporarily or permanently that meets this definition, you will need to apply with the Planning and Inspections Department for a pool permit. A permit ensures that an

inspector will come out and verify that the pool is properly installed so that it is safe for use, and that it is properly enclosed to reduce liability potential. All permanent in-ground or above ground pools will require a Zoning Compliance Permit with a \$50.00 fee, a Fence Permit (fencing is required by state building code) with a \$50.00 fee, and a Pool Permit with a \$150.00 fee. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 944-7024.

## Your Government

Board of Commissioners  
Work Session  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday | 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Conference Room  
August 4<sup>th</sup>

Board of Commissioners  
Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday | 6:00 p.m.  
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room  
August 18<sup>th</sup>

Planning Board Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday | 6:00 p.m.  
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room  
August 21<sup>st</sup>

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## Town Hall Closing

In observation of Independence Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Friday, July 4, 2014.

There will be no garbage pick-up on July 4<sup>th</sup>; the make-up day will be Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.