

Garbage & Recycle Pick Up Schedules

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Tuesday Garbage/Friday Recycle

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- Garbage Day
- Recycle Day
- Holiday: Town of Aberdeen Closed

On the Calendar

November & December

• Bingo

Thursday, November 13, 2014 and December 11, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. The cost is \$1 for residents and \$2 for non-residents. (910) 944-7275.

• Youth Basketball League

Registration is through November 7, 2014. The league is for boys and girls ages 4 -12 as of October 12th. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Practices will begin the first week in December at Aberdeen Elementary School and Southern Middle School. (910) 944-4572.

• Cheerleading

Registration is through November 7, 2014. This activity is available for youth ages 6 – 12. Cost is \$30 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. Practices will begin the first week of December. (910) 944-4572.

• Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 2, 2014. Turn back clocks one hour.

• Zumba

Classes will begin December 2nd with instructor Sara Calleja at the Aberdeen Recreation Center. For more information contact Jack Clelland at (910) 944-7275.

• Reindeer Fun Run

Saturday, December 6, 2014 at Downtown Aberdeen. 12k will start at 9:00 a.m. and 5k will start at 9:15 a.m. Registration currently being accepted. (910) 944-7024.

• Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Depot in Downtown Aberdeen. Free for all the public. (910) 944-7275.

• Supper with Santa

Friday, December 5, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Tickets are available for purchase at the Aberdeen Recreation Station. (910) 944-7275.

• Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Downtown Aberdeen. Entry forms for participation are being accepted. (910) 944-7275.

• Senior Chair Exercises

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Cost is \$2 per month for residents and \$5 per month for non-residents. Classes are on-going. (910) 944-7275.

• Senior Art Classes

Every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Cost is \$2 per month for residents and \$5 per month for non-residents. Participants must supply own materials. Classes are on-going. (910) 944-7275.

• Water Bills

\$5 or 5% late fee added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on November 20, 2014. \$25 penalty added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2014 and disconnected December 8, 2014.

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



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Household Hazardous Waste Event

The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Pinecrest High School in the Parking lot off of Voit Gilmore Lane. This event is for Moore County residents only and it is free.

Examples of items to be collected are: paint and paint thinners, furniture strippers and finishing products, solvents and degreasers, wood preservatives, polishes, aerosols, fluorescent light tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs, NiCad batteries, alkaline batteries, lithium batteries, propane cylinders, swimming pool chemicals, used motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, hydraulic transmission and brake fluid.

Also pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and insecticides **WILL BE** accepted but **MUST** be in its original containers for identification purposes.

Commercial and electronic waste will not be accepted at this event; however, you may dispose of E-Waste at any of the seven (7) Moore County Collection Centers.

The Shredding Event will take place Saturday, November 22nd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Pinecrest High School in the parking lot off of Voit Gilmore Lane. This event is for Moore County residents only. Drive-thru service or watch your documents being shredded on site.



2013 Reindeer Fun Run

Message from Town Manager, Bill Zell

We'll use this space to bring you up to date on two of our newest parks and also talk about where we see Aberdeen headed in the near future.

First, Ray's Mill Pond will be our newest park located off Saunders Blvd. at the north edge of our town limits. It consists of approximately 32 acres of which 14 acres are the pond. We have received a PARTF Grant (Parks and Recreation Trust Fund) from the State of North Carolina for \$252,000 to create this park. Our plan is to have the park open sometime late in the spring of 2015.

There are several elements to this grant that have to be completed, which include an Open Air Educational Shelter, 1,000 linear foot walking trail, and a new fishing pier. We will be dredging part of the pond in the area of the current pier to make it accessible for kayaks and canoes and also repairing the spillway located up by the earthen dam.

You've probably noticed the water level going down at the pond, which is for both the dredging aspect and for the repairing of the spillway. The overabundance of weeds is slowly going away and will all die (hopefully) this winter. We plan to stock the pond with fish that will help us keep the weeds down and make it fun for the folks that like to fish.

The grant is due to expire on March 30, 2015, but if needed we'll be requesting an extension of the grant to get the work completed and the park open.

Second, the Malcolm Blue Farm which is not new to Aberdeen, but what is new about it is that the Town

now has taken over the ownership of all the properties and the upkeep of the seven acres.

The Malcolm Blue Farm will be incorporated into our Parks and Recreation Operations for budget purposes, and programs, while our plan is to continue using volunteers to keep it open for the public. We were able to have the School Day Event this past September, but won't have any other programs until next fiscal year after our Recreation Staff is able to put together a full budget for programming.

It is our desire that we'll be able to produce all past programs (i.e., Farm Skills Festival, Bluegrass groups, School Day), and also add some new programs that will generate broad interest.

Lastly, as Aberdeen continues to grow it is our intent to create a strategic plan that will be incorporated into our decision making process that will help us establish a vision of where we want to be in the near and long term future. To that effort, the Town Board of Commissioners, Town Staff, along with several Town Committee Chairpersons met at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 11th for a strategic planning retreat to start this process.

We were led by one of the North Carolina School of Government's Facilitators for strategic planning as she helped us formulate a foundation on what we are currently and what we envision we can be. After we receive the written summary of our day from her we will then determine our next steps in the preparation of our plan. We are determined to create the best Aberdeen we can be for all of us.

Parks & Recreation Events

A few special events were recently held with great success.

The Malcolm Blue Farmskills School Day was held Friday, September 26th. Approximately 400 school children from the area came for a tour of the farm, demonstrations of sheep herding, apple pressing, making pinch pots, and more.

The Big Sweep was held Saturday, October 4th at Aberdeen Lake Park. This was part of the national Big Sweep program, and was coordinated locally by Keep Moore County Beautiful. Eleven bags of trash, nearly 200 pounds, were removed from the park. Volunteers from the local Boy Scout Troop 800 and the Pinecrest High School Key Club assisted in this program.

Finally, the 22nd Annual Sardine Festival was held at Aberdeen Lake Park. Approximately 800 people came out to enjoy the sunshine, music, sardines, moon pies, RC Colas, and Cokes on Friday, October 10th.

A number of projects have taken place in the parks that included the inspection of all four playgrounds; the addition of new playground mulch to Aberdeen Lake, Sharpe, and Berkley playgrounds; repair of a slide and handgrips on the Aberdeen Lake Park playground; upgraded benches installed at Aberdeen Lake Park; and the removal of several dead trees at Aberdeen Lake and Colonial Heights Parks. If you have anything else you would like to see done, please feel free to contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (910) 944-7275.

Operation Stop Arm

North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper wants public school buses across the state equipped with cameras to help capture drivers violating school-bus traffic safety laws.

Cooper said Monday that the equipment – similar to what's being used at traffic lights – would take photos of the license plates of any drivers who illegally pass stopped school buses. Fines paid by violators, Cooper said, would go to pay for the system.

Monday marks the beginning of National Bus Safety Week. As part of the campaign, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol has kicked off its annual "Operation Stop Arm" to promote traffic safety around schools, school buses and school bus stops.



Christmas Parade 1988

Holiday Bread Bowl at the Crossroads

The 5th annual Holiday Open House and 3rd annual Bread Bowl Walking Tour will be held in historic downtown Aberdeen November 7th and 8th. This two day event is sponsored by the Aberdeen Business Guild and is a great way to explore the fine retail shops and boutiques in Aberdeen all while filling up your belly with tasty fillings provided by both professional and amateur chefs inside scrumptious bread bowls from The Bakehouse! All fillings will be scored by a panel of judges and the winner will be announced at 4:00 p.m. A grand prize of \$200 will be given to the amateur winner! For more information please contact Community/Downtown Development Planner, Daniel Martin at (910) 944-4506 or Aberdeen Business Guild President, Molly Menard at (910) 944-1212. Come on out and visit all the fine shops and restaurants that Aberdeen has to offer!

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Come join us in a traditional small-town holiday celebration on Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the Depot in Historic Downtown Aberdeen. There will be Christmas carols, reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, the lighting of the Christmas Trees, refreshments of hot chocolate, cider, coffee, and cookies, and the arrival of Santa Claus via the Fire Truck.

Reindeer Fun Run

Aberdeen is very excited to host the Reindeer Fun Run for the fourth year and hope all our citizens will be on hand to support the participants and join the fun downtown after the race. This year's event will be **Saturday, December 6, 2014**. The schedule of events is 9:00 a.m. – 12ks of Christmas Run, 9:15 a.m. - 5K Run/Walk, and 10:30 a.m. – Kids ½ mile Egg Nog Jog for kids 9 and under. There will be a costume competition and an After Party held in Downtown Aberdeen with live music, awards, Kids' Zone (open from 9:30 a.m. to Noon), and Santa!

A large crowd of participants and spectators are anticipated during the morning hours and some streets that are included in the routes will be closed for the duration of the race. While some streets will have one lane open during the race, leaving and entering driveways may not be possible while runners are on the Route. Planning your morning with this information in mind will help to avoid conflicts and inconveniences. It is expected that all roads will be re-opened no later than 12:00 noon. A map of streets to be closed due to race routes is enclosed.

Aberdeen thanks you for supporting this great community event and the proceeds from the race go to the

What Holiday events are happening in Aberdeen?

Lots of festivities for all ages to be enjoyed in Downtown Aberdeen.

Boys & Girls' Clubs of the Sandhills.

For more information please visit www.reindeerfunrun.com or contact Planning Staff at (910) 944-7024.

Supper with Santa

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor this very popular Holiday event, Supper with Santa. Children ages 8 & under and their families can enjoy a dinner, make crafts, enjoy a holiday movie, and visit with Santa (great picture opportunity). This annual dinner is scheduled on Friday evening, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the Aberdeen Recreation Center. For additional information, please call the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at (910) 944-PARK.

Christmas Parade

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13th at 11:00 a.m. in Historic Downtown Aberdeen.

There will be so much to see and fun for children of all ages. Of course Santa will visit during the parade.

To participate in the parade, sponsor a float, or for more information, please contact Program Coordinator Jack Clelland at (910) 944-7275.

"Events to get you in the Holiday spirit."



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 has recently made new appointments and reappointments to vacancies of the commissions and boards.

The Planning Board saw reappointments of Johnny Ransdell, Janet Peele, Raymond Lee and Ron Utley. Richard Gergle was also appointed as a new member. Mr. Gergle has been a long time business and property owner in Aberdeen and owns and operates RAILSIDE ANTIQUES on Exchange Street. The Planning Board is an advisory body to the Town Board and deals with land use and zoning and development issues. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Terms on this Board are for 3 years.

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) added a new member to their roster as a result of the appointment of Mike Ratkowski, owner of Railhouse Brewery on Garrett Street. This commission has one vacancy remaining to be filled and is looking for someone with special interest or background in history, architecture, archaeology or a related field. The HPC meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. and 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) has 3 members who received reappointments: Janet Peele, Eldiweiss Locky, and

Dale Streicker. New member Stephen Greer was appointed in September. Mr. Greer currently serves as the Director of Moore County's Cooperative Extension Service. The ABC 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, landscaping along US Highway 1, and planters, benches and trash cans 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 Department at 115 N. Poplar Street or (910) 944-7024 for more information or to request an application form.

Appearance & Beautification Commission

Aberdeen's Appearance & Beautification Commission has been busy working on projects in our downtown and along US 1 between John McQueen and Bonnie Brook Roads. New benches proudly displaying our town brand and trash cans have been placed at various locations downtown and more are on the way. The new look coordinates with the downtown planters and our signage plan which saw the implementation of Phase 1 over the summer.

The portion of the US 1 corridor adjacent to Forest Hills was landscaped with crape myrtles, coralbark maples, daylilies, and abelia and loropetalum bushes earlier this summer and the group is planning for additional landscaping this fall.

The Appearance & Beautification Commission meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at noon in the Town Hall Conference Room. We welcome your ideas and comments.



Your Government

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

1st Monday | 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room
November 3rd & December 1st

Board of Commissioners
Meeting

3rd Monday | 6:00 p.m.
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
November 17th & December 15th

Planning Board Meeting

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

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Town Hall Closings

In observation of Veterans Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed November 11, 2014.

In observation of Thanksgiving, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed November 27 & 28, 2014.

In observation of Christmas, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed December 24-26, 2014.

In observation of New Year's, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed January 1, 2014.