

## Ways to be Informed of Happenings in Aberdeen

There are many ways for citizens to be informed of activities and emergencies in the Town of Aberdeen.

The first is the Town website, [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net), where all Parks & Recreation athletics, activities, and special events are listed, Town Board and Commissions meetings are advertised, any news that may be pertinent to citizens, information about water main breaks that may result in water being turned off, and more.

The second is the Town of Aberdeen Facebook page. News, Parks & Recreation activities and athletics, information about water main breaks, any emergency announcements, and employment opportunities are posted to the Facebook page.

The third way is CodeRED. CodeRED is an emergency notification service that the Town uses to send messages of water main breaks in areas that require water to be shut off and the Police and Fire Departments use CodeRED to inform citizens of police activity in certain areas or other emergencies. Citizens can sign up for CodeRED by visiting the Town's website [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net) and click on the CodeRED logo at the bottom left side of the homepage. You will be required to enter your name, resident or business address, and at least one phone number. You can enter multiple phone numbers and email addresses. This service is free for citizens to sign up.

The fourth way is to sign up for Nixle. Nixle is a community notification system that the Police Department uses to notify citizens of emergencies such as serious accidents, road closures, missing person, and police activity in your area, just to name a few. Citizens can sign up for Nixle by sending a text message to 888777 and in the body of the message enter the Aberdeen zip code 28315 and hit send. Citizens will then receive confirmation text that you have signed up. Citizens can also sign up at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and enter your email address to receive email notifications.

The last way is Channel 1 for those that have a digital cable box from Time Warner Cable and 97-1 for those without a digital cable box. News, Parks & Recreation activities and athletics, information about water main breaks, any emergency announcements, and employment opportunities are displayed on these channels.

If you need more information or have questions on how to sign up for any of these ways of communication contact the Town at (910) 944-1115.

## On the Calendar

### March & April

#### • Zumba

Tuesday & Thursday, March 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 & April 2 and April 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, May 5, & 7 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. The cost is for 8 classes. Registration deadline for March classes is March 9 and for April classes is April 13. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Bingo

Thursday, March 12 & April 9 at 1:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. The cost is \$1 for residents and \$2 for non-residents. Refreshments provided and participants are asked to bring 2 prizes of no more than \$5 total. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Youth Kickball

Registration will end on March 6. The league is for boys and girls ages 4 -15. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Practices will begin in March 24<sup>th</sup>. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 a.m. Set clocks forward one hour.

#### • Aberdeen Fire Department's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, March 20 from 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.

#### • Senior Fit

Tuesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 14, 21, 28 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Cost is \$15 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Cost is for four classes. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Lacrosse Camp

Monday – Friday, March 2 – 5 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. at Colonial Heights Park. The camp is for boys and girls ages 5 – 10. Cost is \$30 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. Equipment will be provided for use at camp. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Yoga

Wednesday, March 11, 18, 25, & April 1 and April 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 9:00 a.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Cost is \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Cost is for four classes. Registration deadline is March 6. Participants should bring a towel, yoga mat, & water. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park. Activities are for ages 9 and under. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Spring Break Camp

Monday – Friday, April 6 – 10 from 7:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Camp is for boys and girls ages 6 – 12. Cost is \$80 for residents and \$120 non-residents. Registration deadline is March 27. (910)944-7275.

#### • Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit, and Run

Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Fields in Southern Pines. This is a FREE event for ages 7 – 14. Contact Parks & Recreation to register. (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 March 20. \$25 penalty added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on April 6 and disconnected.



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## Senior Games in the Pines

Senior Games is a network of 53 local games held in every county or region of North Carolina. It consists of two divisions of competition- SilverArts for the creative person and official sports for those more athletically inclined. Senior Games is a wellness and health promotion program that includes fun, fitness and fellowship. You must be age 50 or better on December 31, 2015 to be eligible to compete. A participant's age on December 31, 2015 determines the age category in which they compete.

Registration forms can be picked up at Aberdeen Parks & Recreation Department, Pinehurst Parks & Recreation Department, Moore County Parks & Recreation Department, Douglass Community Center in Southern Pines, and the Senior Enrichment Center in Pinehurst or to download a form visit [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net).

Dates: April 16 - May 14, 2015

Registration:

- Early Bird Registration Deadline: Friday, March 20, 2015
- Deadline: Thursday, April 2, 2015



## A Message From the Friends of the Aberdeen Library: A Library for the Next 100 Years

Aberdeen has a tradition of literacy that is grounded by the Page Memorial Library, which is beginning its 108th year of service in downtown Aberdeen. It is the second oldest continuous use public library in North Carolina. The building is 960 square feet, containing approximately 6,500 volumes and is opened four hours a day Monday through Friday. This facility has faithfully served southern Moore County as a library free to the public since 1907. We are committed to continuing the tradition set by Page Memorial Library. The Friends of the Aberdeen Library was formed by a group of citizens dedicated to bringing a new library to Aberdeen that will serve the needs of our citizens for the next 100 years.

The goal is ambitious – bring a new library to a site in Aberdeen's Historic District with approximately 10,000 to 12,000 square feet of space that will provide the following:

- A children's section
- After school programs for our children
- Summer reading and activities for our children
- Access to volumes of books through the continued association with the Sandhill Regional Library System
- Meeting space for local civic groups
- Learning areas for English as a Second Language and Adult Reading classes
- Access to computers for school research, job searches and general access to the World Wide Web as a resource for students and businesses
- Adequate space for the library staff to support the needs of the library and its users
- Full time hours on a weekly basis with the appropriate staff and volunteers

We have been working with the Town Board of Commissioners to determine a suitable site in the

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downtown area and are close to making a selection.

Once we have the site locked down, we will begin a fund raising campaign to find the necessary monies to build this facility. This endeavor will take several years to raise the necessary funding. We anticipate our fund raising efforts to begin now and culminate in 2017 with a new facility being constructed and opened in 2018. And through it all we will be working with the Town Board to ensure that Page Memorial Library remains a part of the Sandhill Regional Library System.

The Friends of the Aberdeen Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to help fund funding to build and sustain this new library – all donations are tax deductible. The new facility will be a member of the Sandhill Regional Library System and will be maintained by the Town of Aberdeen. Our Capital Campaign to raise the necessary funds has begun – and we hope that you will join us! You can become a supporter of The Friends of the Aberdeen Library for \$25/annual dues and/or you can make a contribution towards the library funding.

If you would like for us to meet with your organization or group and share our vision statement and goals, please drop us a line and we will set up a date. Our mailing address is: P. O. Box 583, Aberdeen, NC 28315. We look forward to your involvement in this endeavor.

Please check out our web page: <http://aberdeenlibrary.wix.com/aberdeenlibrary>. Take the survey on the right hand side of the web page and let your voice be heard. Also, like us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/friendofaberdeenlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/friendofaberdeenlibrary) and take the survey on that page. Or drop us a line at: P. O. Box 583, Aberdeen, NC 28315. We look forward to working with you to bring a new library to Aberdeen – one that will be here for the next 100 years!

## Spring Spree Festival

The Town of Aberdeen in partnership with the Aberdeen Business Guild is sponsoring the 4th Annual Spring Spree Festival on Saturday, May 16, 2015 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 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.

The 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, games, face painting and other events will be provided free of charge.

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, wood crafters, potters, photographers, and other crafters. 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. We hope residents will come and enjoy themselves and celebrate what the Town has to offer.

The cost to setup as a vendor is \$50 for new vendors and \$35 for returning vendors. **We have implemented an "Early Bird Special" this year - \$35 for ALL vendors who apply prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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 Daniel Martin or Jae Kim at (910) 944-7024 or Molly Menard, President of the Aberdeen Business Guild at (910) 944-1212.



## Parks & Recreation has lots of sports and classes to offer.

**Spring Break Camp, Kickball, Lacrosse Camp, Easter Eggstravaganza, Senior Fit and more!**

Winter is a good time in Parks and Recreation to try to get outdoor projects done, before the growing season starts again, and routine maintenance takes back over. Several projects have either taken place, are in the process, or just getting ready to start.

The Public Works Department has assisted with a few projects, including helping with a drainage issue at Colonial Heights Park. They will also be helping with clearing brush and foliage to help widen the trail at Aberdeen Lake Park. Additional lighting has been added by the parking lot and shelter in Aberdeen Lake Park to help with visibility. Staff is also in the process of tilling ball fields and playgrounds, to help with the playability of those areas. New benches and sitting areas will be added at Aberdeen Lake Park, as well.

Programs continue through the season as well. 156 children are participating in the Youth Basketball League, while 30 cheerleaders are participating as well. The Adult Zumba class has become so popular, it has now moved to twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have also added a Senior Fit program, which is in addition to our Senior Chair Exercise class. Staff is also busy getting ready for the Spring/Summer season, planning youth day camps, Senior Games in the Pines, adult and youth kickball, the Easter Eggstravaganza, and new programs such as Movies by the Lake. We are always seeking more instructors interested in helping to offer programs, and camp counselors

interested in working school break and summer camp programs. If you are interested in learning more about upcoming programs, or are interested in becoming an instructor or counselor, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (910) 944-7275.

### Youth Kickball

Come join Aberdeen's Spring Youth Kickball league. This activity is available for boys and girls ages 4-15, as of August 31, 2015, who are looking to participate in a fun, safe, and exciting sport. Registration is open now and closes on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Practices and games will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Colonial Heights Park. Practices will begin March 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Center. Payment is due at registration. Fees are \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

### Lacrosse Camp

Lacrosse is a unique and upcoming sport in our area. We are holding a Lacrosse Camp March 2 through March 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Lacrosse camp is held at Colonial Heights Park for boys and girls ages 5-10, as of August 31, 2015. Each camper will receive a Lacrosse Camp t-shirt. Coach Brad Thomson will be instructing the camp. Equipment and supplies will be provided, by camp sponsor Dick's Sporting Goods, for use at the camp.

Cost for the camp is \$30 for residents and \$40 for non-residents.

### Yoga

Classes begin Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with instructor AnnMarie Mello-Morris. Register at the Aberdeen Recreation Center by March 9<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20 for residents and \$30 non-residents. Cost is for 4 classes.

### Senior Fit

Senior Fit classes are held on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with instructor Gloria Megyas. Senior Fit focuses on increasing mobility, strengthens core muscles for balance, and improves flexibility. Cost is \$15 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. The cost is for 4 classes.

**"Volunteer coaches and sponsors are always needed!"**

### Spring Break Camp

Camp, for children 6-12 years old, will be offered April 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> at the Aberdeen Recreation Center. There will be arts and crafts, group games, guest speakers, and field trips to the Aberdeen Fire Department, Sanlee Park, and Skyzone indoor trampoline park. Cost is \$80 for residents and \$120 for non-residents.

### Easter Eggstravaganza

Easter Eggstravaganza will be March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park for children 9 years old and younger. Visit with the Easter Bunny, have your face painted, and hunt for Easter eggs.



## Planning Department News

### 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 reappointments to the Appearance and Beautification Commission.

The Appearance and Beautification Commission (ABC) has two members who received reappointments: Elease Goodwin, who serves as Chairperson of the commission, and Dene Moon. Sitting members that will continue to serve are Gail Clay, Stephen Greer, Eldiweiss Lockey, Janet Peele, and Dale Streicker. 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 most recently been involved in a landscaping project along US Highway 1 that included new trees, mulch, and Christmas lights, and new benches and trashcans in the downtown area. Upcoming spring projects will include landscaping at The Depot and other downtown locations, painting of the fence at The Depot, and promotion of Phase 2 of the Master Sign Plan.

The ABC meets on the third Tuesday of each month at noon at Town Hall. For more information please contact the Planning Department at 115 N. Poplar Street or (910) 944-7024.

### Display Your Address

Did you know that buildings in the

Town of Aberdeen are required to display their assigned addresses? Aberdeen's Code of Ordinances, section 150.27 states: "All residential, commercial, industrial and accessory structures assigned addresses shall prominently display and maintain the assigned number on the structure on the side nearest the street and at the point where the driveway meets the street. The driveway address display shall be either on a mailbox or a post. The numbers on the driveway display shall be no less than three inches (3") in height and have a night reflective surface." Numbers should be on both sides of your mailbox or post.

Displaying your address facilitates emergency responders when a call comes in for help.

## Annual Fire Department Spaghetti Dinner

The time is here for the Aberdeen Fire Department's Annual Spaghetti Dinner!

The dinner will be held Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or until sold out.

Come out and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings: spaghetti, meat sauce (meatless *will* be available), salad, and bread. Dessert & drink available for eat in only. Plates are \$7.00.

You can dine in or carry out. Pre-orders for large orders are encouraged and currently being taken. If you have an order of 5 or more plates it can be delivered to your business. Orders may also be faxed to the Aberdeen Fire Department at 910-944-9755.

For more information contact, the Aberdeen Fire Department at 910-944-7888.

## Your Government

### Board of Commissioners Work Session

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday | 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Conference Room  
March 9<sup>th</sup> & April 13<sup>th</sup>

### Board of Commissioners Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Monday | 6:00 p.m.  
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> & April 27<sup>th</sup>

### Planning Board Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday | 6:00 p.m.  
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room  
March 19<sup>th</sup> & April 16<sup>th</sup>

Have agendas delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up for E-news at: [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net).

## Town Hall Closing

- In observation of Good Friday, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Friday, April 3, 2015.

## Recycle Dates

Monday Dates:

- March 2
- March 16
- March 30
- April 13
- April 27

Friday Dates:

- March 13
- March 27
- April 10
- April 24