

## Spring Spree Festival

The Town of Aberdeen in partnership with the Aberdeen Business Guild is sponsoring the 5th Annual Spring Spree Festival on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 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.

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 **\$35 for those who apply prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>**, and \$50 following this date. 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 Daniel Martin, Planning Department at (910) 944-4506 or Molly Menard, President of the Aberdeen Business Guild at (910) 944-1212.

## Façade Improvement Grant Program

Congratulations to the first three applicants that were approved this month! The properties located at: 111 W. Main Street, 301 Poplar Street, and 102-110 W. South Street, have all received funding to put towards their façade improvement projects. Funds are still available but with this program operating on a "first come first serve" basis you will need to act fast to take advantage of this great opportunity! Contact Daniel Martin at (910) 944-4506 to learn more about the program!

## On the Calendar

### March & April

#### • Zumba

Tuesday & Thursday, March 1 – 29 and April 5 – 26 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. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Step Aerobics

Monday, February 29 – March 28 and April 4 - 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. The cost is for 4 classes. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Youth Kickball

Registration will end on March 18. The league is for boys and girls ages 4 -15. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Practices will begin in April 4<sup>th</sup>. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 a.m. Set clocks forward one hour.

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

Friday, March 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Fire Station. Plates are \$8 and includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and drink. Dine in or carryout. (910) 944-7888.

#### • Senior Fit

Tuesday, March 8 – April 5 & April 12 – May 3 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 4 classes. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 19 at Malcolm Blue Farm, 1177 Bethesda Road. Face painting begins at 10:30 a.m. the Easter egg hunt begins at 11:00 a.m. Activities are for ages 9 and under. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Spring Break Camp

Monday – Friday, March 28 – April 1 from 7:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Camp is for boys and girls ages 5 – 12. Cost is \$80 for residents and \$120 non-residents. Registration deadline is March 21. (910)944-7275.

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

Saturday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Field C 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.

#### • Tai Chi

Tuesday, March 1 – 29 and April 5 - 26 at 1:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Cost is \$21 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Women's Self Defense

Wednesday, March 2 – 23, March 30 – April 20, and April 27 – May 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Cost is \$50 for residents per session and \$63 for non-residents per session. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Adult Kickball

Organizational meeting April 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Colonial Heights Park to discuss information, rules and fees. Games are played Monday & Wednesday nights. The first game of the season is June 8. (910) 944-7275.

#### • Water Bills

\$5 or 5% late fee added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on March 20. Accounts with outstanding balance will have a \$25 fee added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on April 5 and disconnected April 6.



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## Police Warn Citizens of Phone Scam

Recently we have experienced a few phone scams that seem to target primarily the elderly. These scams are not new and have many variations; however they all prey on either people's greed or their emotions. These, let's call them what they are, criminals have their scripts ready when they call and can sound extremely convincing, they seem to have a comeback for anything you say and will not take no for an answer.

Chief Wenzel just wants to be perfectly clear, "You did not win the lottery, you are not needed by some foreign millionaire to use your bank account to get his money into the country, and chances are your grandchild has not been locked up in New York and needs bail money wired immediately to prevent him/her from going to jail!" These are just some of the scams we have heard of and there are more. **DO NOT EVER** give out financial information over the phone. Do not make arrangements to send money to people you do not know, whether it is wiring cash, mailing checks or buying gift cards and providing the numbers. If you receive a call where you are feeling pressured to do any of the above or does not sound right, please call your local police department and ask them if it sounds legitimate.

Remember, "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is". Also remember how hard you worked for that money and you don't want to allow some lying criminal to take it from you!



## Services to Citizens are Being Improved

The Town of Aberdeen is always looking for opportunities to improve service to our citizens. In this article we'll discuss a couple of our latest efforts to accomplish this goal.

First, we have just implemented a new software program through Official Payments that will allow for electronic online payments for citizens and for anyone else doing business with the Town of Aberdeen. You'll be able to pay your water and sanitation utility bill, Parks and Recreation rentals, programs and athletic registrations, building permit fees and parking citations.

You will have easy access to this service via our Town Website, where you'll find the bar on the left side of the home page that says "Pay Online". When you click on it, you'll be taken to the page where you'll decide what type payment you want to make out of the listed options above. From there you'll just fill in the boxes with amounts to be paid and payment information and you're done.

There will be a convenience fee added to your charges, which will be \$2.95 for credit card use and \$1.00 for debit card use. We are excited about this new opportunity and hope that you find it easy and convenient.

Our second opportunity has to do with the implementation of an Automated Metering Infrastructure System (AMI) for all the Town's water meters. This system will eliminate the labor intensive aspect of physically having to read

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## Senior Games

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, 2016 to be eligible to compete. A participant's age on December 31, 2016 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.

**Dates:** April 14 - May 12

### Registration:

- Early Bird Registration Deadline: Friday, March 18, 2016
- Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2016

## Aberdeen Golf Academy

Lessons emphasize on swing, mechanics, club selection, and etiquette. This is a great way to introduce the game of Golf or brush up on skills for your son or daughter. Lessons are available to boys and girls ages 8 - 15. Lessons will be held at Legacy Links in Aberdeen, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lessons start on June 20<sup>th</sup> and continue every Monday and Wednesday (excluding the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>) through July 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration deadline is June 10<sup>th</sup>. Get your son or daughter started with the lifetime sport of Golf today! Min/Max- 4/8

Fees for 8 lessons:  
\$85 for residents  
\$110 for non-residents



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

**Tai Chi, Self Defense Class, Kickball, Art Classes, Easter Eggstravaganza, Senior Fit and more!**

### Coffee & Crafting

Grab a friend or meet some new ones and get your creativity brewing over at the Recreation Center on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. Price covers supplies and unlimited coffee.

### Fee per class:

\$15 for residents  
\$22 for non-residents

### Petit Picasso

Art program open to homeschoolers and preschoolers ages 4-7 every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Cost covers supplies.

### Fee per class:

\$8 for residents  
\$12 for non-residents

### Open Art Studio

Kids ages 10-14 are welcome to get their creativity on with guided art projects or free range self-expression with instructor Nicole Torres. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Cost covers supplies.

### Fee per class:

\$14 for residents  
\$21 for non-residents

### Easter Eggstravaganza

Children ages 9 years old and younger can visit with the Easter Bunny, have their face painted, and hunt for Easter eggs at Malcolm Blue Farm, 1177 Bethesda Road. Ages will be divided as such: 0-3, 4-6, and 7-9. Prize eggs will be hidden in each

age group. Don't forget your Easter baskets!

**Date:** Saturday, March 19

**Time:** Face painting begins at 10:30 a.m., the hunt starts at 11:00 a.m.

### Tai Chi

Join Master Lee Holbrook as he teaches the fundamentals and helps alleviate stress, anxiety and improves mood and joint pain. Sessions are four weeks and are held on Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.

Session 1: Mar 1 - 29  
Session 2: Apr 5 - 26

### Fees per session:

\$21 for residents  
\$32 for non-residents

### Women's Self Defense Class

Learn basic tactics and strategies to help protect yourself and gain confidence.

Instructor Lynn Lane will teach you defense techniques for various situations during this four week class. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center

Session 1: Mar 2 - 23  
Session 2: Mar 30 - Apr 20  
Session 3: Apr 27 - May 18

### Fee per session:

\$50 for residents  
\$63 for non-residents

### Youth Kickball

Come join the Aberdeen Parks and

Recreation Department's Youth Kickball league. This activity is geared for boys and girls ages 4-15, as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Practices and games are held at Colonial Heights Park, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Practices will begin on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open and forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Center.

**Registration deadline:** March 18<sup>th</sup>

### Fees:

\$12 for residents  
\$25 for non-residents

### MLB Pitch, Hit, and Run

The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, along

with the Southern Pines and Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Departments, is sponsoring the 2016 local qualifying Major League Pitch, Hit and Run competition to be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. This event is for children ages 7 - 14, as of July 17, 2016. 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. 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.

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



## Camp for Kids

### Spring Break Camp

Open to ages 5 - 12, this camp runs during the week of Moore County Schools' spring break week. Campers will take field trips around the county and Raleigh and many other fun activities. Children are required to wear closed toe shoes through the duration of camp and must bring their own lunch, snacks, and water.

**Dates:** March 28-April 1

**Hours:** 7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** March 21<sup>st</sup> or until full

**Fees:** \$80 for residents  
\$120 for non-residents

### Summer Camp

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation is offering eight weeks of fun and excitement for children ages 5 - 12. Campers will play group games, participate in arts and crafts, listen to educational guest speakers, go

swimming and bowling, and visit Sandhills Gymnastics. Aberdeen Parks and Recreation will also provide breakfast and lunch for participants.

**Dates:** June 20 - August 12

**Hours:** 7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Fee per week:

\$80 for residents  
\$120 for non-residents

**Registration deadline:** June 13<sup>th</sup> or until full

### All-Star Camp

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is holding an All-Star Camp where kids, ages 5 - 12 as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, will learn the basics of different sports. The All-Star Camp runs from June 13<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup>. Each day a specific sport will be taught. All-Star Camp will include skills taught in Kickball, Baseball, Basketball, Lacrosse and

Soccer. The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Colonial Heights Park and one session will be held at Aberdeen Elementary School. Campers will receive a snack and drink after every session and conclude with a 2016 All-Star Sports Camp T-shirt. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Center. Min/Max: 8/25

**Registration deadline:** March 18<sup>th</sup> or until full

**Fees:** \$30 for residents  
\$40 for non-residents

The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is looking for staff and volunteers for our upcoming events as well as our Spring Break and Summer Camps. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please contact Kayla Hillman at khillman@townofaberdeen.net or (910) 944-7275.

## Your Government

Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday | 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room  
March 14<sup>th</sup> & April 11<sup>th</sup>

Board of Commissioners  
Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Monday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room  
March 28<sup>th</sup> & April 25<sup>th</sup>

Planning Board Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room  
March 17<sup>th</sup> & April 21<sup>st</sup>

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## Town Hall Closing

- In observation of Good Friday, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Friday, March 25, 2016.

## Garbage & Recycle Make-Up Date

Garbage & recycle will not be picked up on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday. The make-up day will be Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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 18<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 \$8.00.

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. Call the Fire Department at (910) 944-7888 to place a delivery order or orders may also be faxed to (910) 944-9755.

If you have any questions, contact the Aberdeen Fire Department at (910) 944-7888.