

An Opportunity to Serve on the Aberdeen Planning Board

The Town of Aberdeen is soliciting applications to fill vacancies on the Planning Board for a Regular Member and an Alternate Member, both representing the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Alternates Members sit in lieu when a Regular Member is absent. Planning Board members serve three year terms with regularly scheduled meetings the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. The Planning Board makes recommendations on various land use planning decisions such as zoning ordinance text amendments, rezoning requests and conditional use permits, and issues special use permits.

If you are uncertain if your residence falls within the town's ETJ, please contact the Planning Department at 910-944-7024 or visit the website at www.townofaberdeen.net. A map can be found under the Unified Development Ordinance in the Document Center.

The application for service on any of the town's advisory boards, including the Planning Board, is also located on the town's website in the Planning folder of the Document Center. Your input is important as the town continues to grow.

On the Calendar

July & August

• Fun Family Fourth of July

July 4 at Aberdeen Lake Park. Activities and games start at 5:00 p.m. and music starts at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free to the park. Wristbands for activities are \$5.00. Fireworks start around 9:15 p.m.

• Summer Day Camp

July 5 – August 19 at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Ages 5 – 12. Camp fees per week are \$80 residents and \$120 non-residents. (910) 944-7275.

• Movies by the Lake

July 8 at 8:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park. The movie will be Norm of the North. Free for all ages. (910) 944-7275.

• Mini-Masters ½ Day Camp

July 11 – 15 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Ages 5 – 12. Camp fees per week are \$55 residents and \$75 non-residents. (910) 944-7275.

• Step Aerobics

Class is held Mondays from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Fees per session are \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Sessions are July 11 – August 1 and August 8 – August 29. (910) 944-7275.

• Tai Chi

Sessions are held on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Fees are \$21 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. Sessions are July 12 – August 2 and August 9 - 30. (910) 944-7275.

• Zumba

Class is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Fees per session are \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Sessions are July 26 – August 18 and August 23 – September 15. (910) 944-7275.

• Movies by the Lake

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• Open Play Beach Volleyball

Every Saturday from 12:00 p.m. – 4:0 p.m. at Colonial Heights Park. Games are pick-up style and free. (910) 944-7275.

• Chair Exercise

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

• Water Bills

Bills that are on bank draft will be drafted on July 10. 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 disconnected August 8.

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



Bon Accord

ISSUE July & August 2016



Water & Sewer Rates to Increase July 1, 2016

There will be a 5% increase for water and sewer rates effective on the September 2016 water bill. Below are the new rates.

In-Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):	
Residential	\$12.00
Commercial & Institutional	\$15.00
Industrial	\$50.00
1,000 – 5,000 gal.	\$3.16 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gal.	\$3.38 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gal.	\$3.59 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gal.	\$3.81 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gal.	\$4.24 per thousand
Over 25,000 gal.	\$4.64 per thousand

In-Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):	
Residential	\$12.00
Commercial & Institutional	\$15.00
Industrial	\$50.00
1,000 – 5,000 gal.	\$3.54 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gal.	\$4.24 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gal.	\$4.92 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gal.	\$5.64 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gal.	\$6.35 per thousand
Over 25,000 gal.	\$7.05 per thousand

Out of Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):	
Residential	\$20.00
Commercial & Institutional	\$30.00
Industrial	\$100.00
1,000 – 5,000 gal.	\$6.34 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gal.	\$6.95 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gal.	\$7.55 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gal.	\$8.17 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gal.	\$8.77 per thousand
Over 25,000 gal.	\$9.39 per thousand

Out of Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):	
Residential	\$20.00
Commercial & Institutional	\$30.00
Industrial	\$100.00
1,000 – 5,000 gal.	\$7.07 per thousand
5,001 – 10,000 gal.	\$7.69 per thousand
10,001 – 15,000 gal.	\$8.28 per thousand
15,001 – 20,000 gal.	\$8.89 per thousand
20,001 – 25,000 gal.	\$9.49 per thousand
Over 25,000 gal.	\$10.11 per thousand

Residential Garbage - \$20.00 (per billing cycle)
Business Garbage - \$25.50 (per billing cycle)



Special Olympics Torch Run

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Message from the Manager, Bill Zell

As the Town Manager one of my main duties is the preparation of an annual budget that is then adopted by the Board of Commissioners (BOC). The budget process begins in February each year and culminates at a regular board meeting in either May or June.

The manager always prepares a budget calendar so that the BOC and my staff know where we are in the process at all times. One of the most important aspects of the process is our annual budget retreat, where each department head comes before the BOC and presents their departmental goals for the next year and what they need to accomplish those goals. The BOC is our governing body and they are responsible for adopting the budget so for them to make the best decisions on where the funds are allocated they need to understand what each department is doing and what their specific needs are.

The first thing that is developed when putting the Town's budget together is to determine what our revenues will be for the upcoming year. The Town has done well in some areas of our revenues, but not so well in others. Our consistent growth has helped us each year in that we continue to build between 75 and 100 homes each year. That residential construction along with commercial has seen our total property valuation grow from \$305 million to \$790 million since 2003. Our largest revenue source comes from our property taxes and it represents almost 47% of all our general fund revenues. Another area that we've done well in is our sales tax receipts. These sales tax receipts are based on population and so our growth has produced excellent revenues from sales tax receipts. They represent 19% of our general fund revenues.

Areas where we've lost revenues are through legislated mandates from the State Legislators. Recently they voted to abolish the privilege tax, which cost Aberdeen some \$180,000 a year, and we've had several of our cell tower antenna contracts consolidated, which is

another \$75,000 loss. Also Moore County has now begun to charge us for the limbs and debris that we drop off at the landfill and as of this July they will begin charging us for each ton of recyclables that we unload. Fuel costs have been low for most of this fiscal year, but in the last couple of months prices have increased by nearly 50 cents per gallon.

My staff's responsibility in the budget process is to develop their operational and capital outlay budgets. The manager is responsible for the salaries and benefits for all departments. This year each of the department heads received their budget worksheets on February 19th and they had until March 24th to complete them. When the departmental budgets were completed and returned and all the numbers were plugged into our main budget excel sheet, we were \$1,222,034 out of balance.

As we began to look at the departmental budgets it was determined that the requests being made were legitimate and not frivolous where it would be easy to cut them out. So we had to figure out how to pay for these needs. It was determined after much deliberation that along with the financing of several vehicles we would also need to raise our tax rate.

Raising taxes is not something that we here at the Town take lightly. What we do take very seriously though is our service to the citizens of Aberdeen and to maintain the quality of service that you have come to expect is getting more expensive each year. It was determined that we needed to raise the tax rate from \$0.43 to \$0.47 per \$100 of property value. Each penny of tax will raise an additional \$77,420 in revenue.

How this tax increase will affect property owners is that for every \$100,000 of value the additional four pennies will increase your payment another \$40. The average home price in Aberdeen is around \$180,000, and for that value your tax this year will be \$72 dollars more than last year.

Summer Camp

Campers will play group games, participate in arts and crafts, listen to educational guest speakers, and go swimming. Aberdeen Parks & Recreation Department will provide breakfast and lunch to campers. Camp will run through August 19th from 7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Camp is for children ages 5-12 and held at the Aberdeen Recreation Center.

Fees are \$80 for residents and \$120 for non-residents per week. Payment for the first week is due at registration and a \$15 non-refundable holding fee is due for each additional week. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Center. Space is limited; early registration is encouraged!

Schedule:

July 5th – 8th
July 11th – 15th
July 18th – 22nd
July 25th – 29th
August 1st – 5th
August 8th – 12th
August 15th – 19th

For more information, contact Parks & Rec at (910) 944-7275.

Mini-Masters ½ Day Camp

Create your own masterpieces with Nicole Torres at the Aberdeen Recreation Center. Campers ages 5-12 will learn about famous artists throughout history and create their own masterpieces. Campers will need to bring a water bottle and snack each day.

Dates: July 11 - July 15
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$55 for residents \$75 for non-residents
Registration deadline: July 1st

*Note: For those who need all day care, children will have the opportunity to join our Summer Camp for the rest of the day for an additional \$40 for residents and \$60 for non-residents



Beach Volleyball Court at Colonial Heights Park

T-Ball

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a Fall T-Ball League. This activity is available for children ages 4-5 (age as of August 31, 2016). Practices and games will be held at Colonial Heights Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Fees are \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Registration will run through August 21st or until full. Registration form and payment must be received by August 21st. Volunteer coaches and sponsors are needed. For more information contact Joseph Keel, Athletic Coordinator, at (910) 944-7275.

Flag Football

NEW!!!! The Town of Aberdeen is pleased to announce that we will be offering a Flag Football program this fall. This is the department's newest athletic league and it promises to be exciting. Flag Football is geared towards boys and girls ages 9-12, as of August 1st, 2016. Games and practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at Colonial Height Parks, with the possibility of playing other teams in the area at their facilities.

Registration deadline is August 26th. Fees are \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

Open Play Beach Volleyball

Looking for something fun to do on Saturday afternoons? Grab

Zumba

your friends and join others for beach volleyball pick-up games at Colonial Heights Park. The newly renovated beach volleyball court is maintained by the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department. Open play games are every Saturday June through September from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Let's have some fun in the sun! These games are FREE.

Zumba

Enjoy Zumba classes at the Aberdeen Recreation Center Tuesdays and Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. with instructor Sarah Calleja. Pre-registration is required. Registration is \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Registration fee is for 8 classes. Registration is open

for all classes with the deadline for each month being the day before the first class.

Session: June 28 – July 21
Session: July 26 – August 18
Session: August 23 – September 15

Tai Chi

Join Master Lee Holbrook as he teaches the fundamentals of tai chi and helps alleviate stress and anxiety and improves mood and joint pain. Classes are held on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. at the

What is being offered by Parks & Rec this summer?

Athletics and programs for every age.

Recreation Center. Registration fees (4 classes) are \$21 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required.

Session: July 12 – August 2

Session: August 9 – August 30

Step Aerobics

Step your way into shape with instructor Grace Dumayas every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Registration per session (4 classes) is \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required.

Session: July 11 –

August 1

Session: August 8 - 29

“Play or Exercise? A child’s body doesn’t know the difference, but their mind tells them when they’re having fun!”

Chair Exercise

Exercise for Seniors is a very important part to our wellbeing when it comes to our health and wellness. By getting up and exercising you have just boosted your metabolism, alertness, and energy levels. Benefits to chair exercising include the increase of muscle strength, circulation, range of motion, and puts you on the right track to a healthier lifestyle. Fee includes four weeks of classes (8 classes) which is payable at the beginning of each month. Pre-registration is required.

Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Monthly Fees: \$2 Residents & \$5 Non-Residents



Fun Family 4th of July & Movies by the Lake

Now that summer is here and school is out of session, there are a few opportunities for families to enjoy in Aberdeen. The 4th of July celebration is a long running tradition in the town, while the Movies by the Lake is a new favorite. Both programs are a wonderful opportunity for children and adults alike to come to the lake, and enjoy some fun.

Aberdeen will celebrate America's Birthday with an evening of fabulous fun activities on Monday, July 4th. The 2016 “Fun Family Fourth of July” will be held at the Aberdeen Lake Park. This 52nd annual celebration will offer entertainment and activities for people of all ages. Activities and games for children will start at 5:00 pm, with live music from the Sand Band beginning at 6:00 pm. Admission to the park is free. Children can purchase a wrist band for \$5.00, which will

allow them unlimited access to the 25' Rock Climbing wall, inflatable slide, bounce house, obstacle course, and more. Red, white, and blue colors will adorn the park as folks gather to honor America, and celebrate this patriotic day! There will be several food vendors present selling funnel cakes, shaved ice, deli sandwiches, hot dogs and hamburgers, barbeque, fish sandwiches, ice cream, and a variety of other tasty treats. 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. The fireworks will go off between 9:15 and 9:30 pm. **Please no pets, no alcoholic beverages, no personal fireworks, and no coolers!**

This will be the second year for Movies by the Lake. Join us one Friday each month, between July and October 9, at Aberdeen

Lake Park to enjoy family movies on the big screen. Admission is free and concessions will be available for purchase. The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, along with our sponsors, Aberdeen Coca-Cola, This Little Piggy, Air Specialties, and Aberdeen Bead Company present the following movies:

- **July 8 at 8:30 pm**– Norm of the North
- **August 12 at 8:15 pm**– The Good Dinosaur
- **September 16 at 7:45 pm**– Zootopia
- **October 14 at 7:15 pm**–Hotel Transylvania 2

For more information regarding these programs, or any other programs or facilities, please feel free to contact the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at (910) 944-7275, aprd@townofaberdeen.net, or visit our Facebook page.

Crafting Classes for Youth and Adults

Petit Picasso

Art program open to homeschoolers and preschoolers ages 4-7 every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30am. Costs cover supplies. Fees per class are \$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 6:00pm. Costs cover supplies. Fees per class are \$14 for residents & \$21 for non-residents.

Coffee & Crafting

Grab a friend or meet some new ones and get your creativity brewing over at the Recreation Center on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30pm. Prices cover supplies and unlimited coffee. Fees per class are \$15 for residents & \$22 for non-residents.

Your Government

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

2nd Monday | 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room

August 8th

Board of Commissioners
Meeting

4th Monday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

August 22nd

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

August 18th

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Town Hall Closing

In observation of Independence Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Monday, July 4, 2016.

There will be no garbage pick-up on July 4th; the make-up day will be Wednesday, July 6th.