

Youth Basketball League

Registration runs until November 4 or until full. The league is for boys and girls ages 4 -12, as of January 1, 2017. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. 4-6 year olds practices/games are held Mondays & Saturdays, 7-8 year olds practice/games are held Tuesdays & Saturdays, and 9-12 years old vary depending on schedule. (910) 944-4572.

Lacrosse Camp

October 24th – 29th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Colonial Heights Park. Camp is for boys & girls ages 5 – 10 years old as of August 31, 2016. Cost is \$30 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. Equipment and supplies will be provided for use at camp and each camper will receive a Lacrosse Camp t-shirt. Registration deadline is October 14 and registration forms can be picked up at the Recreation Center. (910) 944-7275.

Open Gym - Basketball

Open Gym is designed for the youth to get ready for basketball season, in a supervised environment. This program is held on Sundays at Aberdeen Elementary School. Come sharpen up your skills or just have fun with us at the gym. Open Gym Sessions are every Sundays October 2nd-November 13th.

- Ages 4-8
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Age as of 1/1/2017. Parents must stay for the whole duration.
- Ages 9-12
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Age as of 1/1/2017

Registration Deadline is September 23rd.

Cost for the whole session is \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

Malcolm Blue Farm Day

Malcolm Blue Farm Day is September 24th, 2016, held in honor of the memory of founder Martha Swaringen, and dedicated to keeping the tradition of the Farmskills Festival at Malcolm Blue's old farm alive. Farm Day is sponsored by the Friends of Malcolm Blue Farm, the Town of Aberdeen, and the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department.

Experience the way early settlers here in the Pine Barrens harvested naval stores and watch, as the "Tarheel Boys and Linda", extract turpentine from the still and make tar in the kiln. Take home a rosin bear or rabbit to remember your day, rosin being a by-product of turpentine making..

A wide array of handmade items will be available for purchase from our old-fashioned vendors. The selection of handmade items will range from pottery and leather crafts, to hand-dipped candles and handmade quilts, to honey, homemade peanut brittle and jellies.

Watch traditional crafters demonstrate pine needle basket making, spinning, weaving, quilting, potting, tobacco tying, woodworking and caning.

In the Blacksmith Shop, observe the shaping of hot iron into tools and implements by the skilled hands of our on-site blacksmith. Sparks will be flying, as he hammers the metal and bends it to his will, just as the settlers of the Sandhills used fire and anvil to heat and shape their own tools.

North Carolinian, and retired ordinance officer, Wade Sokolosky, author of *No Such Army Since the Days of Julius Caesar*" *Sherman's Carolinas Campaign: Fayetteville to Averasboro*, and, his newest work, "To Prepare for Sherman's Coming" *The Battle of Wise's Forks March 1865*, will be speaking on the 1865 Battle of Monroe's Crossroads and the night before, when the Union troops occupied the Malcolm Blue Farm and Bethesda Church. Remember to get him to sign your copy of his new book!

In the nearby meadow, guests will see sheep herding by Donald Thomas' famed border collies, which is always a crowd favorite.

The 71st Highlanders will demonstrate the soldier's arts of the Revolutionary War era. Civil War and Scotch Rifleman re-enactors will set up camp and await visitors in the far meadow. Will the Yankees come? Wait and see if they invade the Farm. Hopefully, the Blue family and ladies in the house will stay safe.

The Tarheel Civilians will demonstrate weaving, spinning, carding yarn, basket making, and other mid-nineteenth century skills that have been virtually forgotten. Come by the Blue farmhouse to see all their handiwork. Listen to the soft songs of the duo in the parlor, and sit a spell on the porch, while enjoying the home cooked samples from the larder.

Festival-goers who get hungry while wandering the grounds of the Malcolm Blue Farm will find plenty of goodies to satisfy their hunger or snack attack. Traditional NC BBQ and all the fixin's will be tantalizing your taste buds at the concession stand and lollipops, funnel cakes, ice cream, and homemade lemonade are just some of the treats that will be available throughout the day on the grounds. Also, Aberdeen's own RailHouse Brewery will be serving up ice cold beer for adults so inclined.

An all-day music program is planned at the main stage, of bluegrass and traditional sounds to delight the discerning ear. Jump on the dancing stage and "put it on the floor!" like your grandpa did. We invite dancing and frolic from young and old, and in-between.

Adult admissions is \$4, children 5 & under are admitted free, and a family ticket is only \$20 for the day.



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Water & Sewer Rates Increased 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)



Citizens Academy Program

A Message from Town Commissioner Joe Dannelley: A Personal Invitation to join me as a CAP Alumni

I would like to invite you to complete the Citizens Academy Program (CAP) which starts Thursday, Oct 4th. As a graduate of the CAP in 2012, I can attest to the positive impact it had on my awareness of how municipal government works across the spectrum of departments charged with providing our Town the services we all rely on. Since the completion of last year's CAP, which was one of the most well attended in several years, the Board of Commissioners established a vision for the town and also approved six goals with associated objectives. The CAP will provide you information on the tools the Town has to work towards the accomplishment of those goals and objectives in support of the Town's vision. Please contact Jamie Dockery at 944-4509 to sign up for this opportunity to become more informed, meet fellow citizens and possibly be led to an opportunity to serve in some future capacity.

- Joe Dannelley



CITIZENS ACADEMY PROGRAM

Additional information about Citizen's Academy Program

There is no cost to attend the Citizen's Academy Program, and a light dinner will be served each week spotlighting local restaurants. Participants will spend time learning about each of the Town Departments including Police, Fire, Planning and Inspections, Parks & Recreation, Finance, Administration, and Public Works which consists of Streets, Sanitation, Water Production, and Water & Sewer. Class size is limited to 15 participants. The first class will be held on Tuesday, October 4th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., and will meet once a week on Tuesday evenings thereafter from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. until November 15th. An application and course outline for the Citizen's Academy Program can be found on the Town's website at www.townofaberdeen.net. The goals of the Academy are to provide individuals with a better understanding of the Town's municipal services, the council-manager form of government, and he challenges local governments face. The program will help teach and cultivate new community leaders and to help move those new leaders into important positions within the community. The curriculum enables participants to develop leadership capabilities and build strong relationships, and encourage citizen involvement to effect positive change in the community. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn more about the community you live in!

Fall-O-Ween

Join us at Aberdeen Lake Park on Saturday, October 22nd from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for fun carnival games, inflatables, and a climbing wall. This event is for children ages 15 and under, and the cost is \$5 per child. The cost gives children access to all the games, inflatables, and climbing wall.

Cheerleading

Basketball season is not far away and Parks & Rec is looking for girls ages 4-12 that can show their team spirit for Aberdeen's winter basketball league. Girls will learn basic cheers, jumps, kicks, and much more. Registration deadline is November 9th. Cost is \$30 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

Movies by the Lake

September 16 at 7:45 p.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park. The movie will be Zootopia. October 14 at 7:15 p.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park. The movie is Hotel Transylvania 2. Free for all ages and concessions will be available for purchase.

Step Aerobics

Class is held Mondays from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Fees per session are \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Sessions are September 12 – October 3 and October 10 – 31.

Tai Chi

Sessions are held on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Fees per session are \$21 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. Sessions are September 27 – October 18 and October 25 – November 15.

Zumba

Class is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Fees per session are \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Sessions are September 20 – October 13 and October 18 – November 15.

Chair Exercise

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center. Cost is \$2 per month for residents and \$5 per month for non-residents. Classes are ongoing.

Updates on the Downtown Area and Ways Citizens Can Have Input on the Area.

Downtown Market Place Snapshot and Vision Forum

Downtown is the center of our community and its health and vitality are of critical importance to us all. With the assistance of the NC Main Street Center, we will be conducting a market place snapshot presentation and a vision forum for downtown Aberdeen and are encouraging your participation!

Purpose of the forum/workshop is to determine:

- What is good about downtown
- What needs improvement
- What downtown should become in the near future

Participants will work together in small groups to assess downtown's strengths and weaknesses and write vision statements, based on Aberdeen's economic drivers, describing what they want downtown to be.

Everyone will then determine the best themes and ideas to forge a single vision statement for downtown Aberdeen, which will help drive the ongoing downtown development efforts.

This process allows us to involve many people representing many interests in our community. Your input is critical as we begin to develop our long range plans for our downtown area.

The event will take place on September 13, 2016 from 5:00-8:00pm at Bethesda Presbyterian Church (1002 N Sandhills Blvd., Aberdeen). Please RSVP by filling out an RSVP form or simply contact Daniel Martin at 910.944.4506 to let him know you're coming!

Grant Funds Remaining!

The Town of Aberdeen received a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the fall of 2014 to address brownfields located throughout the Town. Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Grant funds are available to help property owners within the Town to identify, prioritize, and conduct environmental assessments on brownfields as well as complete redevelopment planning activities on high-priority sites. Grant funds may be used on eligible properties for Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments,

Including lead based paint and asbestos surveys. Phase I ESAs typically include record reviews and historical site use reviews while Phase II ESAs include collection of environmental samples from the property. Redevelopment plans may also be completed to help the property owner or potential purchaser of the property reimagine a new use for the site, including remediation planning if needed. Please contact Daniel Martin at 910.944.4506 to learn more about the program!

Downtown Clean Up!

From September 9th-13th we will be pressure washing downtown sidewalks within the boundary pictured below. To avoid traffic (both vehicular and pedestrian) complications, work will take place in the evenings after hours. However, if you own or rent buildings within this boundary we ask that you place a towel or some other mechanism under your doors to prevent the intrusion of water upon leaving for the evening. Also, it would be helpful to have all potted plants and merchandise removed from the sidewalks each evening to ensure no areas are missed. Thank you so much for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Martin at 910.944.4506.



Sardine Festival

The 24th Annual Sardine Festival will be held on Friday, October 14, 2016 at Aberdeen Lake Park. The activities will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude around 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join their family, friends, neighbors, Town officials and staff at Aberdeen Lake Park for a lunch of sardines, crackers, Moon Pies, RC Colas, and Cokes.

The sardines and other delicacies are free, but people are encouraged to make a small donation. The donations support youth athletic programs in Aberdeen and across

Moore County.

The Sardine Festival started many years ago when the late Mr. Randall Moss wanted to eat his lunch of sardines and crackers in his office. His daughter Kay promptly told him to take that smelly lunch somewhere else...like eat it at the park. Randall did just that and invited all his friends to join him! Thus the unique Sardine Festival was created at Aberdeen Lake Park!

Through the years many Sardine Queens have been crowned. All have been proud title holders and represented the Festival extremely

well in the community. The tradition continues this year, with the 2016 Queen arriving on a fire truck around 12:00 noon.

T-shirts will be on sale, so plan to purchase your commemorative shirt of this fun day!

The Sardine Festival is sponsored by Mr. Jamie Boles, his friends, and the Town of Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information about the Sardine Festival, call the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at (910) 944-7275 or Jamie Boles at (910) 692-6262.

Your Government

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

2nd Monday | 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room
September 12th & October 10th

Board of Commissioners
Meeting

4th Monday | 6:00 p.m.
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
September 26th & October 24th

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
September 15th & October 20th

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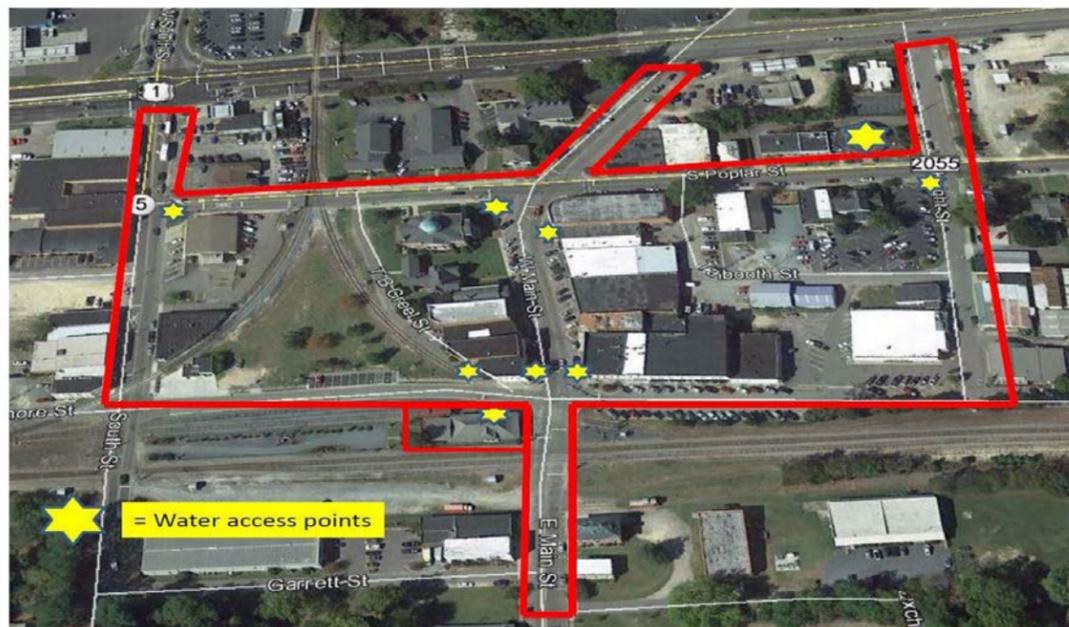
Town Hall Closing

In observation of Labor Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed September 5, 2016.

There will be no garbage/recycle collection on Monday, September 5th. The make-up day will be Wednesday, September 7th.

Water Bills

\$5 or 5% late fee added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on September 21. \$25 penalty added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on October 5 and disconnected October 6.



Aberdeen Fire Department Golf Tournament Benefit

The Aberdeen Fire Rescue Department is hosting a Golf Tournament Benefit on Saturday, September 17th at Hyland Hills Golf Course. The Benefit starts at 8:30 a.m. with a shot gun start.

Teams are Captains Choice Four Man teams. The cost is \$65 per person or \$260 per team. The cost includes green fees, cart fee, and lunch.

There are lots of prizes: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin. There 2 other ways to win: 50/50 Raffle and Mulligans.

This Benefit is a great opportunity for businesses. Sponsorships are available at \$100 per hole.

For more information contact Richard Allred at 910-944-7888 or rallred@townofaberdeen.net.

Back to School – Watch Out for Children & Buses

It's back to school time and we would like all motorists to watch out for school children. Please be mindful of the children walking to school as well as the school buses and the Aberdeen Police Officers who are assisting with school traffic on Hwy. 1. The school traffic detail is a particularly hazardous one because of the volume of traffic especially during the morning rush hour. Please slow down when driving in all school areas.

Officers will be following random school bus routes in the mornings and afternoons for the safety of the students riding those buses. This is a reminder that when the red lights come on, you cannot pass the school bus in either direction on a two lane road. Aberdeen Officers will enforce motor vehicle laws pertaining to passing a school bus.