

## Phone Scam Warning - Did you get a call from someone needing bail money??

There is a phone scam that has been reported to the Aberdeen Police Department where citizens are receiving a phone call from a "grandson" that has been arrested and needs money for bail. The scam is targeting older citizens and the scammer will have the name of the citizen's grandson.

If you receive a phone call requesting bail money, DO NOT give any information, and hang up immediately!!

If you or someone you know received this scam call and gave bank account information, report the call immediately to the Police Department by dialing 911.

## Grilling Safety Tips

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons. To keep you and your family safe while grilling, follow these general guidelines.

### General grilling tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

### Propane grills

Before you use your grill:

- Check the major connection points between the gas (propane) tank hose and the regulator and cylinder, and where the hose connects to the burners. Tighten if loose.
- Check the gas (propane) tank hose for the potential (gas) leaks. To do that:
  - Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush or spray bottle.
  - Turn the propane tank on. If there is a gas leak, the propane will release bubbles around the hose (big enough to see).
  - If there are no bubbles, your grill is safe to use.
  - If there are bubbles, turn off the tank and check connections, then have your grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
  - If the leak doesn't stop, call the fire department immediately.

When the grill is on:

- As you are cooking, if you smell gas, turn off the gas tank and burners.
- If the leak stops immediately, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the smell continues, move away from the grill and call the fire department immediately. Do not move the grill.

### Charcoal grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



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## Water & Sewer Rates to Increase July 1, 2018

There will be an increase for water and sewer rates effective on the September 2018 water bill. Below are the new rates.

### In-Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):

Residential \$14.00

Commercial & Institutional \$17.00

Industrial \$52.00

1,000 – 5,000 gal. \$3.35 per thousand

5,001 – 10,000 gal. \$3.58 per thousand

10,001 – 15,000 gal. \$3.81 per thousand

15,001 – 20,000 gal. \$4.04 per thousand

20,001 – 25,000 gal. \$4.50 per thousand

Over 25,000 gal. \$4.92 per thousand

### In-Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):

Residential \$14.00

Commercial & Institutional \$17.00

Industrial \$52.00

1,000 – 5,000 gal. \$3.76 per thousand

5,001 – 10,000 gal. \$4.50 per thousand

10,001 – 15,000 gal. \$5.22 per thousand

15,001 – 20,000 gal. \$5.98 per thousand

20,001 – 25,000 gal. \$6.74 per thousand

Over 25,000 gal. \$7.48 per thousand

### Out of Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):

Residential \$22.00

Commercial & Institutional \$32.00

Industrial \$102.00

1,000 – 5,000 gal. \$6.73 per thousand

5,001 – 10,000 gal. \$7.73 per thousand

10,001 – 15,000 gal. \$8.01 per thousand

15,001 – 20,000 gal. \$8.67 per thousand

20,001 – 25,000 gal. \$9.30 per thousand

Over 25,000 gal. \$9.96 per thousand

### Out of Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):

Residential \$22.00

Commercial & Institutional \$32.00

Industrial \$102.00

1,000 – 5,000 gal. \$7.50 per thousand

5,001 – 10,000 gal. \$8.16 per thousand

10,001 – 15,000 gal. \$8.79 per thousand

15,001 – 20,000 gal. \$9.43 per thousand

20,001 – 25,000 gal. \$10.06 per thousand

Over 25,000 gal. \$10.72 per thousand

Residential Garbage - \$21.00 (per billing cycle)

Business Garbage - \$26.50 (per billing cycle)



Photo by: Clarence Burke

## Message from Town Manager, Paul Sabiston

The Town recently approved its new **annual budget for fiscal year 2018-2019**, which begins on July 1, 2018. The total budget, including the Water and Sewer Fund, is \$13,349,421. Upcoming projects in this new budget include a continuation of IT and financial system improvements, design fees for a proposed new police facility, FEMA funding and other financial support for an expanded fire facility at Station #2 (Crestline), a new leaf vacuum truck for the streets department, and structural improvements to the Malcolm Blue farm to help preserve that facility. The Planning Department continues to work on multiple improvement projects to the downtown and surrounding areas, such as stormwater improvements on N. Poplar, paving improvements on Talbooth Street and other sidewalk/ crossing projects in the downtown and US 1 areas. The budget also funds the annual re-surfacing program for several of our town streets.

The **Water and Sewer Fund** has budgeted several major projects this fiscal year, including the beginning of the phased-in installation of new electronic water meters which will allow meters to be read automatically by devices in vehicles when the vehicles drive by or near the meters. This will speed up the meter-reading process by several days and eventually allow the consumer the ability to check their own water usage and detect leaks/overuse problems

earlier and on their own. We hope to install one-third of the town's meters this fiscal year and continue with the project for two more years until it is completed. Also, this year the town plans to assist on the funding of a new sewer line off of Highway 5 that will serve the planned new K-5 public school serving Aberdeen recently approved by the bond referendum in May. This important sewer line will allow other new surrounding properties to connect to a gravity sewer system and avoid the use of septic systems as they develop.

Work on the **Lake Park Dam** that was damaged by Hurricane Matthew in 2016 started in early May with the lowering of the lake. The lake remained at a low level for 30 to 40 days while a coffer dam was built and other improvements to the dam were made. Just recently the water was returned to the Lake and will be present during our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks event. After the Fireworks show, the water will be lowered again for a few weeks to complete remaining repairs to the coffer dam and the gate that controls the flow of water at the dam. These repairs will be funded by FEMA and allow for the dam to be restored and the gate that controls the water level to be replaced.

Be sure to check out the **scheduled events and programs** for this summer at the town website – [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net).

## Fun Family 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Now that summer is here and school is out of session, there are a few opportunities for families to enjoy in Aberdeen. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is a long running tradition in the town, while the Movies by the Lake is a relatively 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 Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The 2018 "Fun Family Fourth of July" will be held at the Aberdeen Lake Park. This 54<sup>th</sup> annual celebration will offer entertainment and activities for people of all ages. Activities and games for children will start at 5:00 p.m., with live music from the Sand Band beginning at 6:00 p.m. Admission to the park is free. Children can purchase a wrist band for \$5.00, which will allow them unlimited access to the 24' 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, Philly cheesesteaks, 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 or open carry of weapons, and no coolers!**



Beach Volleyball Court at Colonial Heights Park

### Movies by the Lake

Join us the third Friday in July through October 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 various sponsors present the following movies:

- **July 20** at 8:30 p.m. – Paddington 2
  - **August 17** at 8:15 p.m. – Jumanji
  - **September 21** at 7:45 p.m. – Cars 3
  - **October 19** at 7:15 p.m. – TBD
- \*Rain dates will be the same time, the following day.

### Drafts & a Laugh

Join us for a night out at Aberdeen Lake Park sponsored by Railhouse Brewery! Watch **Dodgeball** on the big screen and enjoy some cold beer. Food trucks will also be there for all your hunger needs.

- **August 24** at 7:00 p.m.
- \*Rain dates will be same time, the next day.

### T-Ball

This league introduces your little one, ages 4-5, to the game of baseball and focuses on the very basic fundamentals. Practices and games will be held Tuesday

& Thursday evenings, beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer coaches and sponsors are needed. For more information contact Kacey Blackmon, Athletic Coordinator, at (910) 944-7275.

Registration deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>. Fees are \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

### Youth Flag Football

Flag football is one of our newest athletic leagues and it promises to be exciting. Flag Football is a co-ed sport, for ages 6-12. Practices & some games will be held at Colonial Heights Park, with other games being played in Pinehurst & Southern Pines. Practices will be held Monday & Wednesday evenings starting September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Registration deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>. Fees are \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

### Youth Volleyball

Girls will learn the rules of volleyball and develop important skills for the game. This league is open for girls, ages 10-14. Practices will be held Tuesday & Thursday evenings. The first practices will be held September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Registration deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>. Fees are \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

### Adult Flag Football

Want to take part in a fun, but competitive game on the gridiron? Sign up for Adult Flag Football!

## What is being offered by Parks & Rec this summer?

Athletics and programs for every age.

Participants will establish their own teams, purchase their own uniforms, and have some fun pulling flags. Individuals can sign up as "free agents" also. Games will be played Monday & Wednesday nights at Colonial Heights Park.

Registration deadline is August 24<sup>th</sup>. Fees are \$300 per team + \$10 per non-resident player.

### Tai Chi

Join Master Lee Holbrook as he teaches the fundamentals of tai chi and helps alleviate stress & anxiety and improves mood & joint pain. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration per month:  
\$21 Residents  
\$32 Non-Residents

### Stroller Strong Moms

SLAM is a fun, but challenging workout for moms of all levels. You'll meet other moms while doing burpees and your little ones get to make friends, too. They have weekly playgroups and monthly Mom's Night Out events. Whether you've never worked out, you're a marathon runner, or you just want to socialize, SLAM is for you. Come Sweat Like a Mother!!!

Join SLAM Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday at Aberdeen Lake Park.

Fees:  
\$52 – monthly unlimited  
\$37 – 2x per week  
\$22 – 1 day per week

## Family Friendly Events in Downton Aberdeen

4TH OF JULY  
BLOCK PARTY  
PRESENTED BY  
RAILHOUSE BREWERY & HIGH OCTANE  
LIVE MUSIC!  
FEATURING MARK MCKINNEY TRIO  
FOOD TRUCKS: ROME 'N ROUND, GRUMPY'S HOT DOGGIES & POLAR ICE OF PINEHURST  
FACE PAINTING, KIDS GAMES, LAWN GAMES & GIVEAWAYS  
... and the best of all ...  
WATCH THE TOWN OF ABERDEEN FIREWORKS!  
BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND SETTLE IN FOR THE FUN!  
JULY 4, 2018  
2:00 PM UNTIL THE LAST FIREWORK  
EVENTS TIMES MAY VARY BY VENUE.  
Railhouse Brewery \* 105 E. South St.  
High Octane \* 140 S. Sycamore St.

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Block Party

Another Downtown Aberdeen small business collaboration brings you a 4<sup>th</sup> of July block party with food concessions, live music, face painting, kid and family activities, and other red, white and blue surprises! Come on down to South and Sycamore and celebrate our independence!

### Sunday Exchange Concert Series

Grab your chairs and blankets to join us for Downtown Aberdeen's Second Sunday Exchange Concert Series held on the Exchange Lawn - 129 Exchange St. (Next to the Artists' League)!

This year we start the series off with three national bands and close out the season with one locally followed band:

- July 8 - Ruby Velle & The Soulphonics  
<https://www.facebook.com/Soulphonics/>

2018  
SUNDAY EXCHANGE  
CONCERT SERIES  
JULY 8TH - RUBY VELLE AND THE SOULPHONICS  
AUGUST 12TH - GINA CHAVEZ  
SEPTEMBER 9 - DEAD CITY SYMPHONY  
FREE  
Downtown Aberdeen  
ALL CONCERTS HELD ON THE EXCHANGE LAWN  
129 EXCHANGE STREET AT 6:30PM  
THE SUNDAY EXCHANGE CONCERT SERIES is brought to you by the Town of Aberdeen and our supporter, Orthotics & Prosthetics of Pinehurst, building community through the exchange of ideas, arts, and entertainment.  
FOR MORE INFO visit DowntownAberdeen.net

- August 12 - Gina Chavez  
<https://www.facebook.com/ginachavezmusic/>
- September 9 - Dead City Symphony  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ea0Tod4TfG8>

These are national bands that are bringing a dash of culture to the Sandhills! You can't see any bands this great anywhere for FREE so make sure you take advantage of this opportunity!

Each concert is completely FREE to the public with food and beverage options available for purchase on-site: The MarketPlace, One Nine Drive, and Rome-N-Round Food Trucks, Kona Ice Truck, Railhouse Brewery and Buggy Town Coffee.

To top it off, we will be hosting a 50/50 Raffle and FREE door prize drawing – just show up to enter! We will also have Sunday Exchange Concert Series logoed chairs for sale in a variety of colors.

## Your Government

Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

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

Town Hall Conference Room

August 13<sup>th</sup>

Board of Commissioners  
Meeting

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

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

August 27<sup>th</sup>

Planning Board Meeting

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

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

August 16<sup>th</sup>

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## Town Hall Closing

In observation of Independence Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Water Bills Due

Bills that are on bank draft will be drafted on July 15<sup>th</sup>. A 5% or \$5 late fee will be added for those bills not paid by July 20<sup>th</sup>. A \$25 penalty will be added for those bills not paid by August 6<sup>th</sup> and disconnected August 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Paperless Water Bill & Online Payment

We now offer paperless billing. Customers can now receive their bill through email by creating an account by clicking on the "Pay Online" link at [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net) homepage and selecting email bill option once signed in. To set up an online account, the required information can be found on your current water bill. You will be asked to enter your account number (10 digits with dashes) and the last amount you paid on your account. The website will require you to confirm your email address. Or if

you already have an account setup, just log in.

The new site allows customers to view payment history, make a payment, look at consumption history, and view their current bill. The online payment option has an independent fee of \$1.25 per transaction.

If you have any questions about how to set up an account, call the Water Department at (910) 944-7799.