



# Bon Accord

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## Your Government

### Board of Commissioners Work Session

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

### Board of Commissioners Meeting

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

### Planning Board Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday | 6:00 p.m.  
August 19<sup>th</sup>

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## Town Holiday Closing

In observation of Independence Day, Town administrative offices will be closed Monday, July 5, 2021.

There will be no garbage or recycle pick up on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be picked up on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.



## Message from the Manager

The town continues to present most of its regular Board meetings on-line with remote access offered live to the public. In person attendance is permitted now but we still encourage residents to view on-line to avoid large crowds. Our website at [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net) provides a link to the live meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month starting at 6:00 p.m.

Recently, the Town Board completed its process for the Fiscal Year 21/22 budget which begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board adopted the final budget on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The approved budget is available for review on our website. The final budget did not increase property taxes or utility rates for the upcoming year. Some of the large projects and capital items include: financing the new police facility (\$5.7 mil.), completion of the infrastructure for our electronic meter-reading system for water/sewer (\$185,000), funding for a new fire engine (\$638,000), designated street resurfacing (\$285,000), jet-vac sewer truck (\$395,000), and other water/sewer line and manhole projects. Other programs we hope to undertake in the upcoming fiscal year include the study and design for a new municipal well to support our water system and the town's growth.

The town hopes to complete the construction of the new police facility located at the site of the former facility by mid-October 2021. This new facility will be state-of-the-art and serve the town for decades to come. Also, we are hopeful that the new town sportsplex will have at least two of its new fields in use by late summer/early fall 2021. This new facility, located on Highway 15-501 across from the Burney Hardware Store, will eventually support six full-sized rectangular fields in Aberdeen to be used by local sports clubs and the town for the recreational needs of our residents. These fields will be the first rectangular fields for the town.

Finally, the town will receive some \$2.5 million in funds from the federal government under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). While staff is still working through the permissible expenditures allowed under this law, it is clear that water, sewer, and broadband improvements are allowed along with reimbursement to the town for defined "losses" resulting from the impacts of COVID-19. The purpose of ARPA is to help local governments, businesses, and residents to recover from the recent health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The town plans to consider our options for using these funds starting now and over the next several months.

## Fun Family Fourth of July

Celebrate Independence Day with an evening of live entertainment, food vendors, and fireworks. Grab your blankets and lawn chairs, and bring family and friends to enjoy one of the largest and most exciting fireworks displays in the area!

Pets, alcoholic beverages, personal fireworks, and

coolers are not allowed. *The kid's zone will not be offered this year.*

Date: Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

Location: Aberdeen Lake Park

### **T-BALL**

This league, ages 4-5, introduces your little one to the game of baseball, and focuses on the very basic fundamentals. Practices and games will be held at Colonial Heights Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as a few Saturday mornings.

Registration Deadline: August 13<sup>th</sup>  
First Practice: August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Cost: \$12 Aberdeen Residents & \$25 Non-Residents

### **Youth Flag Football**

Flag Football is a co-ed sport for ages 6-8, 9-12 & 13-15. Games and practices will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. 6-8 age division will be at Colonial Heights and 9-12 & 13-15 age divisions will practice at Colonial Heights but games will be played in Aberdeen, Southern Pines, and Pinehurst.

Registration Deadline: August 20<sup>th</sup>  
First Practice: August 30<sup>th</sup>  
Cost: \$12 Aberdeen Residents & \$25 Non-Residents

### **Girls Youth Volleyball**

Girls will learn the rules and develop important skills for the game of volleyball. Age divisions will consist of 7-10 and 11-14 year olds. Practices and games will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the 11-14 age division while the 7-10 age division will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Registration Deadline: August 27<sup>th</sup>  
First Practice: September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Cost: \$12 Aberdeen Residents & \$25 Non-Residents

### **Cheerleading**

Boys and girls, ages 4-12, can show their team spirit for Aberdeen's Flag Football Teams. The cheerleaders will learn basic cheers, jumps, and kicks. Volunteer coaches and sponsors are always needed.

Registration Deadline: August 20<sup>th</sup>  
First Practice: August 30<sup>th</sup>  
Cost: \$30 Aberdeen Residents & \$45 Non-Residents

### **Movies by the Lake**

Grab some dinner and enjoy a family movie on the big screen at Aberdeen Lake Park. Concessions will be also available for purchase. \*Rain date for all movies will be the same time on the following day. All movies are FREE and open to the public!

- July 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. – The Croods: A New Age
- August 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 p.m. – Raya and the Last Dragon

### **Drafts & Laughs**

Join us for a movie night with yard games and brews at Aberdeen Lake Park. Good for a date night out or just a night away from the kiddos. Yard games, beer, & concessions will be available starting at 7:00 p.m. \*Rain date will be the same time, the following day. FREE and open to the public!

- August 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. – Game Night (rated R)

## Become an Aberdeen Ambassador

Beginning in October, the Town of Aberdeen will host its 13th Citizens Academy Program (CAP). The purpose of the program is to improve understanding, communication, and cooperation between local government and those it serves. The sessions will provide a "toolbox" of information to help citizens navigate the complex system of government operations and services. The program is designed to provide an overview of town government, keeping in mind that providing minute detail is impossible within the established two-hour time constraints. Citizens will be interested in attending for many reasons including an expectation to become better acquainted with the town and its programs and services, learning about the policies and procedures of town government, meeting new people, or finding ways to volunteer in the community. Participants may be representatives from a cross-section of citizens - New and life-long residents; professionals, homemakers, business owners, retirees, civic group leaders, and high school students - all of whom share an interest in becoming better informed about how a town operates.

Specifically, 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 the 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.

Interested participants will submit an application and be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications can be downloaded from the Town's website at [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net). Class size will be limited to 15 participants. When class capacity has been met, the excess applications are carried over to the next academy. Applications request the standard information, such as name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and employer name and address, but they also ask for the applicant's birthplace, length of time living in Aberdeen and Moore County, interests and accomplishments, and expectations from the program.

There is no cost to individuals who attend the sessions, but the Town strongly encourages participants to commit the time to attend each program. There will be 3 sessions held Tuesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in October and November. Since many participants will arrive directly from work without eating, dinner will be provided during each session.

## Going out of Town for Vacation – Will the Police Check my Residence?

Property owners may contact the Aberdeen Police Department to request an unattended residential security property check for their property. Officers will during regular patrols, as time permits, check the property for any signs of crimes, damage to the property, or other issues that should be reported to the property owner. The property owner can fill out a Residence/Business Check Request Form and email it to [mdembnicki@aberdeenpolice.com](mailto:mdembnicki@aberdeenpolice.com) or [kfrick@aberdeenpolice.com](mailto:kfrick@aberdeenpolice.com) or submit in person

at the Aberdeen Police Department located at 124 N. Poplar St., in downtown Aberdeen. A Residence/Business Check Request Form can be found on the Town's website at [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net).

This service is designed primarily for property that is normally inhabited, but will be unattended for a specific period of time such as going on vacation. Vacant properties will be maintained on the property check list for a maximum of thirty (30) days.

## Volunteers Needed for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is seeking applications for the Town's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. This board meets quarterly, on the last Thursday of the month in October, January, April, and July. All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Recreation Center at Aberdeen Lake Park.

Board members will provide input and feedback on subjects ranging from local parks and

facilities, to programs and special events, to upcoming projects and the future of the department as it serves the town and its citizens. Board members must be residents of Aberdeen and be willing to serve a minimum of a two year term. For more information or an application, please contact the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at (910) 944-7275, or an application can be downloaded from the Town's website, [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net).