

## Car Seat & Booster Seat Basics

Car crashes are the number one killer of children, ages 1 to 12 years old, in the United States. The best way to protect them in the car is to put them in the right seat, at the right time, and use it the right way.

There are so many car seat types and models, how do you know which one is right for your child? The right car seat or booster fits your child and your car, and is one you will use correctly every time you travel. Not only will your child ride as safely as possible, you will be establishing the foundation for a lifelong habit of seat belt use every time your child travels.

The following are some tips for selecting the right seat:

- Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, and choose a seat that fits in your vehicle and use it every time.
- Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions; read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system; and check height and weight limits.
- To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.



- Birth - 12 months  
Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.



- 1 - 3 years  
Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.



- 4 - 7 years  
Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.



- 8 - 12 years  
Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

There are police officers and firefighters with the Town of Aberdeen that are Certified Safety Seat Technicians, if you need any assistance in properly installing your child safety seat.

## On the Calendar

### JULY & AUGUST

#### • Bingo

Thursday, August 1 at 2:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Station. The cost is \$1 for residents and \$2 for non-residents. Refreshments provided and participants are asked to bring a wrapped prize of \$5 or less. (910) 944-PARK

#### • Summer Day Camp

July 1 – August 23 at Aberdeen Recreation Station. Ages 6 – 12. Full day camp is \$60 residents and \$90 non-residents. A \$10 holding fee will apply for any additional weeks being registered for and it will be applied toward that week's camp fee. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. (910) 944-PARK

#### • Fun Family Fourth of July Celebration

July 4 at Aberdeen Lake Park. Activities and games start at 5:30 p.m. and music starts at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free to the park. Wristbands for activities are \$3.00. Fireworks start at 9:15 p.m. (910) 944-PARK

#### • T-ball

Registration is August 5 through 23. The league is for boys and girls ages 4 – 5. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Practices and games will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Colonial Heights Park. (910) 944-4572

#### • Water Bills

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 6.

For a full listing of community events, visit [www.townofaberdeen.net/calendar.aspx](http://www.townofaberdeen.net/calendar.aspx).

## Recycle Dates

Monday Dates: Friday Dates:

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|-------------|-------------|
| • July 8    | • July 5    |
| • July 22   | • July 19   |
| • August 5  | • August 2  |
| • August 19 | • August 16 |
|             | • August 30 |



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## Water & Sewer Rates Increase

There will be a 5% increase on water and sewer rates effective on the September 2013 water bill. Below are the new rates.

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

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Base Charge (includes no usage) | \$10.00             |
| 1,000 – 5,000 gal.              | \$2.73 per thousand |
| 5,001 – 10,000 gal.             | \$2.92 per thousand |
| 10,001 – 15,000 gal.            | \$3.10 per thousand |
| 15,001 – 20,000 gal.            | \$3.29 per thousand |
| 20,001 – 25,000 gal.            | \$3.66 per thousand |
| Over 25,000 gal.                | \$4.01 per thousand |

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

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Base Charge (includes no usage) | \$10.00             |
| 1,000 – 5,000 gal.              | \$3.05 per thousand |
| 5,001 – 10,000 gal.             | \$3.66 per thousand |
| 10,001 – 15,000 gal.            | \$4.25 per thousand |
| 15,001 – 20,000 gal.            | \$4.86 per thousand |
| 20,001 – 25,000 gal.            | \$5.48 per thousand |
| Over 25,000 gal.                | \$6.08 per thousand |

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

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Base Charge (includes no usage) | \$16.00             |
| 1,000 – 5,000 gal.              | \$5.47 per thousand |
| 5,001 – 10,000 gal.             | \$6.00 per thousand |
| 10,001 – 15,000 gal.            | \$6.52 per thousand |
| 15,001 – 20,000 gal.            | \$7.05 per thousand |
| 20,001 – 25,000 gal.            | \$7.57 per thousand |
| Over 25,000 gal.                | \$8.10 per thousand |

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

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Base Charge (includes no usage) | \$16.00             |
| 1,000 – 5,000 gal.              | \$6.10 per thousand |
| 5,001 – 10,000 gal.             | \$6.63 per thousand |
| 10,001 – 15,000 gal.            | \$7.15 per thousand |
| 15,001 – 20,000 gal.            | \$7.68 per thousand |
| 20,001 – 25,000 gal.            | \$8.20 per thousand |
| Over 25,000 gal.                | \$8.73 per thousand |

Residential Garbage - \$16.00 (per billing cycle)  
Business Garbage - \$21.50 (per billing cycle)

## Message from the Manager, Bill Zell

#### Recent Boil Water Notice

We recently had an event where a contractor putting in fiber optic lines punched a hole into one of our water main lines and for the next 30 minutes our phones rung continuously with citizens asking what happened. Calling us is always an option and we welcome your calls but maybe an easier way to find out what's going on in cases like this is to go to our website at [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net). Whenever there is a significant event of any kind, we will immediately notify all the local TV and radio stations, and place all pertinent information on channel 99, Social Media, and of course the website.

Something that comes out of these type situations (water line break) is a "Boil Water" notice. This is a recent addition to our procedures in repairing broken water lines by NCDENR (Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources). For the past 60 to 75 years we would repair a water line break and go on about our business, but now we have to declare a "Boil Water" notice and send off a water sample to be tested, which takes about 24 hours before we get results so that it can be lifted. Of course in those 60 to 75 years we never had anyone adversely affected by not boiling their water, but all these additional procedures do cost the Town.

#### 12 Ways to Foil ID Thieves

There was a recent article in the AARP Bulletin by Sid Kirchheimer and the title was "12 Ways to Foil ID Thieves", and I thought that it was good information for all of us. He said that as many as 16 million households fell victim to this crime last year. We can reduce our risk with some simple free steps:

1. Get off mailing lists for preapproved credit card offers, ([optoutprescreen.com](http://optoutprescreen.com)) or call 888-567-8688,

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stop junk mail at [dmachoice.org](http://dmachoice.org).

2. Enroll for free alerts from your bank and credit card issuers to flag unusual activity on accounts.
3. Ask your credit card providers to issue you new "smart cards" with safer EMV chip technology. If unavailable request replacement plastic with your photograph.
4. Safeguard personal data on your electronic devices. Use passwords that are at least 12 characters long and mix it up with upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols such as # and %. Don't use the same password on all accounts.
5. Access the free credit report you're entitled to at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com).
6. If you don't plan to apply for new credit, loans, insurance or utility services, freeze your report so crooks can't get new accounts in your name. Rules vary by state but the \$5 to \$20 fees are often waived if you are 65 or older or provide proof of past identity theft. Type "security freeze" at the websites of Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion for instructions.
7. Mail outgoing payments from a US Postal Service mailbox or the post office not from your more vulnerable home mailbox.
8. Shred unneeded documents that contain personal information.
9. Ask if your Internet provider offers free antivirus software. Set it for automatic security updates and a weekly full scan.
10. Never click on links in emails from strangers or those purporting to be from a government agency or your bank warning of a "problem." The likely result is that identity stealing malware will be installed on your computer.
11. Carry your Medicare card only for planned doctor or hospital visits. Carry your Social Security card only for visits to the Social Security offices.
12. Never provide personal information such as your Social Security number to anyone unless you initiate contact.

## What's New in the Parks?

The following improvements have been made to facilities in the Aberdeen Park system.

Aberdeen Lake Park – Wood and concrete have been replaced on the Gazebo. A fresh coat of white paint makes it look new, perfect for a lake front wedding!

Colonial Heights Park – new Hardy Plank was installed on the Concession Stand/ Restroom/ Storage Facility. The plank was painted to match the playground and the dug-outs. The dug-out roofs on Farrell Field were replaced with a metal roof to match the ones on Tyndall Field. Three lights were replaced on Tyndall Field. These lights and the installation were donated by the Optimist Club of the Sandhills. The Optimist Club used both fields for their recent Rookie Baseball Season. Thanks to the Optimist Club for their generosity in replacing these lights!

The above repairs were completed by the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department to improve the safety and appearance of the parks for our visitors!

## July is Parks and Recreation Month

July is National Parks and Recreation Month, so the staff of the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department encourages citizens to visit one of our local parks and participate in the recreation and leisure offerings of the department during the month. Hike the trail, picnic with your family, ride a bike, watch the birds, canoe or kayak, play on the playground, watch the fireworks on July 4th! Enjoy your beautiful parks, especially during July 2013!



## Want to know more about the Town of Aberdeen?

Participate in CAP or serve on the Planning Board or one of the Commissions.

### Citizens Academy Program

Beginning mid-September, the Town of Aberdeen will host its eighth annual Citizens Academy Program (CAP). The purpose of the program is to improve understanding, communication, and cooperation between local government and the citizens we serve. 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 (located on the Town website), and be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. 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. The sessions begin in mid-September and will be held

each Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. for seven (7) weeks at various town locations. Site visits will include trips to the public works, police, and fire departments, and parks and recreational areas. Since many participants will arrive directly from work without eating, a light dinner will also be provided each week.

For more information about this program, please contact Regina Rosy at (910) 944-4515 or [rosy@townofaberdeem.net](mailto:rosy@townofaberdeem.net).

### Members Needed for the Planning Board and Commissions

"We encourage you to get involved in the community you live in."

Each year the Town of Aberdeen appoints members to the Planning Board, Appearance and Beautification Committee, and Historic Preservation Commission. The members of these boards provide valuable service ensuring that the Town of Aberdeen grows in an effective and healthy way.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Amy Fulp at [afulp@townofaberdeem.net](mailto:afulp@townofaberdeem.net) or 910-944-7024 for an application. For additional information, contact Pam Graham at [pgraham@townofaberdeem.net](mailto:pgraham@townofaberdeem.net) or 910-944-4517.



## Celebrate America's Birthday

Aberdeen plans to celebrate America's Birthday with a day of fabulous fun activities on Thursday, July 4th. The 2013 "Fun Family Fourth of July", sponsored by the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, will be held at the Aberdeen Lake Park.

The Town of Aberdeen's 49th Annual Celebration will offer entertainment and activities for people of all ages. Activities and games for children will start around 5:30 p.m., with live music beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Admission is free to the park. Children can purchase a wrist band for \$3.00, which will allow them to participate in games and a

variety of activities, win prizes, jump in an inflatable bouncy castle, and have their face painted.

Some of the activities include: face painting, inflatable bouncy castles, and games. The games for children and teenagers include duck pond; patriotic spin art, patriotic bean bag toss, basketball toss, crafts, and American bead necklaces. Glow in the dark necklaces and American flags will be sold by two local organizations.

Red, white and blue colors will adorn the park as folks gather to honor America and to celebrate this patriotic day! Citizens of all ages are encouraged to dress in their patriotic colors and participate

in the costume contest. Prizes will be awarded in the Most Patriotic, Best Costume, and Most Original Costume.

There will be several food vendors present selling funnel cakes, barbecue, lemonade, hot dogs, Philly steak sandwiches, tacos, sodas, Italian icees, popcorn, and cotton candy.

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. **Please no pets, no alcoholic beverages, no personal fireworks, and no coolers!**

## Leaf and Limb Collection

The Streets Department strives to pick up leaves and brush from the homes of residents in a timely manner. Sometimes during the year, such as spring and fall and after inclement weather, there is a higher volume of debris. During these times it will take a longer period of time to pick up debris from your residence.

You can help speed up debris pick up by placing the debris correctly at the street. Do not put anything out for pick up greater than 6 inches in diameter. Limbs should be cut up in lengths of 6 to 8 feet if possible and leaves and pinecones should be in separate piles from limbs. Also please place piles in a spot on the right of way where there are no sewer

cleanouts, meter boxes, or other utilities that may be damaged by the equipment picking up the debris.

We do not pick up bricks, blocks, stumps, crossties, or building materials. There is no pickup from vacant lots or lot clearing debris.

### Lawn Care Businesses

Also, there are some people in town that have lawn care businesses. The town will not pick up any debris that is generated by these contractors and brought into town and dumped on the town's right of way. It is the responsibility of the contractor to dispose of this debris. If there are any questions about debris pick up, please call the Public Works Department at 944-7012.

## Your Government

Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Before Board

Meeting | 5:30 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room

August 1<sup>st</sup> & August 29<sup>th</sup>

Board of Commissioners  
Meeting

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

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

August 12<sup>th</sup>

Planning Board Meeting

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

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

August 15<sup>th</sup>

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## Town Hall Closing

In observation of Independence Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Thursday, July 4, 2013.

There will be no garbage pick-up on July 4<sup>th</sup>; the make-up day will be Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.