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ISSUE March & April 2020



Your Government

Board of Commissioners Work Session

2nd Monday | 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room

March 9th & April 13th

Board of Commissioners Meeting

4th Monday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

March 23rd & April 27th

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

March 19th & April 16th

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Town Holiday Closing

In observation of Good Friday, Town administrative offices will be closed Friday, April 10, 2020.

There will be no garbage/recycle pick up on Friday, April 10th. It will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled day, April 17th.



Message from the Manager

Budget for FY 20/21 - The Town has started working on its annual budget for the next fiscal year – 2020-2021. The Town's budget year begins on July 1st and ends on the following June 30th. The Town's budget operates as the spending plan for the year and is easily the most important document that the Board of Commissioners considers each year.

There are several important items being considered in the upcoming budget. These items include continuing to fund a new police facility that is expected to cost approximately \$5.6 million once completed and furnished. Other items under consideration for this budget are: replacement of police vehicles, design for a new fire engine to be purchased in the next FY, park land improvements, annual street resurfacing program and funding for other larger equipment items for various departments. In the Water/Sewer Fund, under consideration are: completion of phase 3 of the AMR system (automated water meters) project and general water/sewer line replacements and improvements.

The Town's budget schedule calls for a budget retreat with the Board of Commissioners in early March, review of the draft budget at the **April 13th** Work Session, preliminary review of the proposed budget at the **May 11th** Work Session, and consideration for adoption of the final budget at the **May 26th** Board Meeting at Town Hall. These dates are subject to change so please check our website, www.townofaberdeen.net,

for the most current budget and meeting information.

Big Projects Moving Forward – As mentioned, the Town is already well into the planning and financing for the planned **new police facility** that will add an entirely new building at the present site and renovate the existing facility for secondary uses by the police and the community. The police department has outgrown the present 30-year-old structure and is in need of additional space to accommodate our growing police department. Additionally, the Town recently purchased 15 acres of proposed park land off Highway 15-501 and received a donation of an additional 16 acres of adjacent land to be used for park development. The Town is in the permitting stage for the development of a **sports complex** on this property and we hope to be in the construction phase as early as this spring. Once developed, the space will be used for various sporting activities to support our recreational and local programs.

New Finance Director – Following the retirement of long-time finance officer Beth Wentland this past December, the Town is happy to announce the hiring of Butch Watson as the Town's new Finance Director. Mr. Watson comes to the Town from Spring Lake where he has served as its finance director for over four years. Mr. Watson has over 25 years of varied experience in local government financing in North Carolina and we look forward to his first day with the Town on March 9th.

Fire Department Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser

Each plate includes spaghetti, salad, roll, dessert, and a drink. You can eat in, carry out, or have plates delivered. Delivery is available only for pre-orders of 5 plates or more. To place an order, call the Fire Station at 910-944-7888.

Date: Friday, March 20
Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$8 per plate

One-Day Baseball Camp

This camp will enhance the fundamentals of baseball and allow any skill level player to hone their baseball abilities! Camp is for ages 8-12.

Date: Saturday, May 2
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Colonial Heights Parks
Cost: Free

Kid Pitch Baseball

Kid pitch baseball is for kids aging out of coach pitch. Skill level ranges from beginner to experienced. No matter the level, baseball fundamentals will be the primary focus. Practices and games will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Colonial Heights Park. This league is for ages 9-12.

Registration Deadline: May 2
Evaluations: May 9
First Practice: May 12
Location: Colonial Heights Park
Cost: \$12 Aberdeen Residents
\$25 Non-Residents

Spring Break Camp

Open to ages, 5-12, this camp runs during the week of Moore County Schools' spring break week. Campers will take field trips around the County and enjoy several fun activities.

Dates: April 6-9
Hours: 7:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Cost: \$70 for residents and \$105 for non-residents

Senior Games in the Pines

Senior Games in the Pines seeks to create a competitive and fun atmosphere for all seniors looking to join athletic or creative events. To register, pick up an application at your local Parks & Recreation Department or Moore County Senior Enrichment Center.

Games will be held April 2 - May 14.
Early Bird Registration: Thru March 6 - \$10
Registration: March 7 - March 27 - \$15

2020 Census – Make Sure You are Counted!

The 2020 Census is important for you and the community! The census affects your voice in government, how much funding your community receives and how your community plans for the future. The census is more than just a head count—it can shape many different aspects of Moore County.

Results are used to help determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities. These funds are spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs. Also, the number of seats each state gets in Congress is determined by the census count.

By April 2020, households will receive a postcard style invitation to participate in the census. You'll then

have three options to respond.

- 1) Online (for the first time!)
- 2) By phone
- 3) By mail

If you are filling out the census for your household, you should count anyone, especially children ages 0-4, who are living there as of April 1, 2020. This includes anyone who is living and sleeping there most of the time. Get details on how to count young children and how to handle special circumstances at 2020census.gov/en/who-to-count.

Communities that don't get fully counted in 2020 will miss out for the next ten years. This is the time to get involved.

April Events at Malcolm Blue Farm

Easter Eggstravaganza

Children, ages 9 and younger, can visit with the Easter Bunny, have their face painted, and hunt for Easter eggs at Malcolm Blue Farm. Ages will be divided as such: 0-3, 4-6, 7-9. Face painting, pony rides, train rides, and petting zoo will start at 10:00 a.m. and the Easter egg hunt starts at 11:00 a.m. Don't forget your Easter basket!

Date: Saturday, April 4
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Blue & Brews: A Festival at the Farm

Join us for a day at the Farm with bluegrass performances & yard games all day! Beer, cider, and food will be available for purchase.

Date: Saturday, April 18
Hours: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Admission: \$5

Malcolm Blue Farm is located at 1177 Bethesda Road.

Wellhead Protection Plan – Draft Available for Public Review

The Town of Aberdeen, with assistance from the North Carolina Rural Water Association, is in the process of updating its Wellhead Protection Plan. This is a voluntary program intended to assist in protecting the Town's water supply from contamination, and to identify vulnerable areas around our wells called "Wellhead Protection Area(s)." Another goal of this program is to make residents and businesses aware that chemicals and other pollutants spilled or dumped in the vicinity of the "Wellhead Protection Area(s)" can be drawn into the wells, possibly contaminating the Town's drinking water supply.

A draft copy of the Wellhead Protection Plan is available for review and comment at the Aberdeen Town Hall located at 115 N. Poplar Street, or the plan can be viewed at www.townofaberdeen.net. You are invited to review the plan available for 30 days and submit any comments or suggestions to the Town of Aberdeen. All written comments will be reviewed by the Wellhead Protection Committee, and any suggestions or comments that may be beneficial will be incorporated into the plan.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Town of Aberdeen at 910-944-1115.

Downtown Aberdeen Dog Fair & Annual Spring Open House



04.04.20
10AM - 2PM

**CONTESTS
PHOTO BOOTH
PLAY AREA
RAFFLES
FREE SAMPLES
GIVEAWAYS**

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**CRAFTERS . PET BOUTIQUES . GROOMERS . TRAINERS
PET SUPPLIES . PHOTOGRAPHERS . PET SITTERS
HOMEMADE TREATS . ADOPTABLE DOGS . LOCAL RESCUES
FOOD TRUCKS . RAFFLES . AND SO MUCH MORE!**

WELL BEHAVED DOGS ON LEASHES ARE WELCOME

Proceeds go to our local shelters & rescues

**WANT TO BE A VENDOR OR A SPONSOR?
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Uncorked: A Wine Crawl in downtown Aberdeen! And Annual Spring Open House

Save the date: April 3, 2020. Who's ready to crawl?

Stroll around Downtown Aberdeen, sipping several varieties of wine, shop at 15 participating venues, and enjoy tasty bites along the way.

Sand & Pine's Uncorked coincides with Aberdeen's annual Spring Open House shopping extravaganza that kicks off an awesome weekend. Bargains, sales, socializing, wine and treats. Is there anything better? We think not!