

Spring Spree Festival NEW LOOK, NEW VIBE!

The Town of Aberdeen will be hosting the 6th Annual Spring Spree at the Crossroads Festival on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Historic Downtown Aberdeen. The festival is open and free to the public for a fun and enjoyable afternoon (and evening!) with family-friendly entertainment, food, arts and crafts.

The festival began in 2011 as collaboration between the merchants from downtown Aberdeen and its local business guild at the time. They wanted to have an event that celebrated and exposed the eclectic mixture of businesses that gave Aberdeen this funky and hip vibe as a community in the County. As more people are moving into the area, they wanted the residents to know and see our beautiful and charming downtown.

This year's event will certainly take on a different personality than years past. In an effort to bring the Downtown Aberdeen Vision Statement to life, we have focused this year's event on art, music, interior décor and design, and nighttime entertainment. Please see the revised schedule for the event below:

11:30am – 5:30pm | Vendors, food trucks, buskers, kid zone / paint the town
3:30pm - 5:30pm | First band performs – MikeMickXer
5:30pm – 6:30pm | Vendors leave and kids zone break down
6:30pm - 9:30pm | Second band performs – The Get Right Band

Note* food trucks will be available throughout the duration of the event > adult beverages will be available starting at 3:00pm.

The cost to setup as a vendor is **\$35 for those who apply prior to April 1st**, and \$50 following this date. Guidelines and applications can be found at the Town's website under News and Announcements. If you have any interest or further questions, please contact Pam Graham, Planning Department at (910) 944-7024 or pgraham@townofaberdeen.net.

On the Calendar

March & April

• Zumba

Tuesday & Thursday, March 2 – 30 and April 4 – 27 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. The cost is for one month. (910) 944-7275.

• Step Aerobics

Monday, March 6 - 27 and April 3 - 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. The cost is for 4 classes. (910) 944-7275.

• Youth Kickball

Registration will end on March 17. The league is for boys and girls ages 4 -15. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Practices will begin in April 4th. (910) 944-7275.

• Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 a.m. Set clocks forward one hour.

• Aberdeen Fire Department's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, March 17 from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Fire Station. Plates are \$8 and includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and drink. Dine in or carryout. (910) 944-7888.

• Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit, and Run

Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Field C in Southern Pines. This is a FREE event for ages 7 – 14. Contact Parks & Recreation to register. (910) 944-7275.

• Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 8 at Malcolm Blue Farm, 1177 Bethesda Road. Face painting begins at 10:30 a.m. the Easter egg hunt begins at 11:00 a.m. Activities are for ages 9 and under. (910) 944-7275.

• Spring Break Camp

Monday – Friday, April 17 - 21 from 7:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Camp is for boys and girls ages 5 – 12. Cost is \$80 for residents and \$120 non-residents. Registration deadline is April 3. (910) 944-7275.

• Senior Chair Exercises

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Cost is \$2 per month for residents and \$5 per month for non-residents. Classes are on-going. (910) 944-7275.

• Tai Chi

Tuesday, March 28 – April 18 and April 25 – May 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Center. Cost is \$21 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. (910) 944-7275.

• Water Bills

\$5 or 5% late fee added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on March 20. Accounts with outstanding balance will have a \$25 fee added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on April 5 and disconnected April 6.



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2016 Sewer Collections System Performance Report

Facility/System Name: Town of Aberdeen
Responsibility Entity: Town of Aberdeen Public Works Department
Person in Charge/Contact: James Robert Matthews
Applicable Permit (s): Grade II Collections System Only
Description of Collection System or Treatment Process: Approximately 20 miles of sanitary sewer main; approximately two miles of sanitary forced sewer main; seven sewer lift pump stations – treatment is provided by Moore County.

Text summary of System Performance for Calendar Year 2016

Overall the Town's sewer system is in good shape. The main issues we encounter in our system stem from inflow & infiltration and root and grease buildup in the lines. We are consistently replacing old sewer lines, videotaping to identify trouble areas and sealing older manholes.

2016 We did not have any violations

Spills that were less than the required overflow, we have not listed. Spills that do not enter surface water are dammed up to prevent spreading downstream and treated with an application of lime and then removed and taken to the Moore County Waste Water Treatment Plant.

I certify under penalty of law that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that this report has been made available to the users or customers of the named system and that those users have been notified of its availability.

James Robert Matthews
Water/Sewer Superintendent



Services to Citizens are Being Improved

In late January 2017, NCDOT presented to town staff a proposed plan regarding the **US 1/15-501 "Superstreet"** improvements to this busy business corridor in Aberdeen and parts of Southern Pines. A plan to improve this stretch of road has been on NCDOT's project list for several years. The actual plan submitted to town staff included new medians and restricted left-hand turns in many areas. We are extremely concerned about the plan as submitted and its potential impact on local businesses and on certain neighborhoods. Access will be available but will require a change in driving habits for most drivers in the impacted area. NCDOT is taking stakeholder input from staff, property owners, and businesses now and at upcoming meetings over the next several months. The Town has encouraged NCDOT to hold additional meetings and to fully engage those businesses and homeowners that will feel the biggest impact. Town residents and businesses need to work with NCDOT to find a solution that alleviates the congestion but also maintains reasonable access to all destinations. I want to encourage all businesses and residents along that highway corridor, or those that access the area on a regular basis, to become involved in the process and to let your opinions be known. The Board of Commissioners is considering a formal resolution to NCDOT noting these concerns and a need for additional resident input on this plan. We have the plan available for review at town hall.

As you may have noticed, the **Town's dam** and the sluice gate, which control the level of the town lake, were damaged during Hurricane Matthew in early October of 2016. The lake has been empty since the

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storm. The Mayor and Town Board of Commissioners received an update report relating to preliminary damage and the cost of repairs from an engineering firm working for the Town, Grimes Engineering, at its monthly work session on Jan. 9th. Grimes Engineering has estimated the cost to repair the sluice gate to be **\$180,000 to \$200,000** as Phase 1 of the repair project. Town staff has requested funding from FEMA for the repair to the dam and also for replacement of the **fire/rescue building** located next to the lake that was damaged during the Hurricane Matthew flooding. The Town must wait for a decision from FEMA before work can begin on both the dam and the fire/rescue building. A decision could occur as early as April of 2017. We still hope to have the initial repairs to the gate completed and the lake filled again for this summer's festivities. The cost to replace and relocate the fire/rescue building is approximately \$400,000 and a request to FEMA has been made to fund this project too.

A Phase 2 estimate for the more expansive repair work to the concrete wall of the dam supporting the gate is still under review and awaiting test results relating to the condition of the concrete. As a preliminary estimate for the concrete work (separate from the gate repair), Grimes has estimated as much as an **additional \$200,000** or more. However, this amount could be higher or lower depending on the condition of the concrete wall. The Phase 2 work will require up to 12 months to obtain a state permit and to design the needed work. Therefore, the total amount of construction costs will be from \$220,000 to as high as \$520,000 for both Phase 1 and 2.

34th Annual Senior Games

Senior Games is a network of 53 local games held in every county or region of North Carolina. It consists of two divisions of competition - SilverArts for the creative person and official sports for those more athletically inclined. Senior Games is a wellness and health promotion program that includes fun, fitness, and fellowship. You must be age 50 or better on December 31, 2017

Registration forms can be picked up at Aberdeen Parks & Recreation Department, Pinehurst Parks & Recreation Department, Moore County Parks & Recreation Department, Southern Pines Recreation & Parks Department, and Moore County Senior Enrichment Center. April 13th is the Opening Ceremonies. The Ceremonies will include packet pick up and lunch.

Dates: April 17 - May 10

Registration:

- Early Bird Registration Deadline: Friday, March 17, 2017
- Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2017

Garbage/Recycle Curbside Policy Reminder

- The curbside container may be placed at the curb either the night before or by 7:00 a.m. the morning of your regularly scheduled garbage day.
- The front of the curbside container needs to face the street for easy pickup.
- The containers are to be removed from the curb the same day after garbage/recycle is removed from the container. Solid waste should still be placed in plastic bags. Please do not place loose waste or yard waste in curbside containers.

- The curbside container is the property of the Town of Aberdeen and is issued to the property; therefore the container is to remain with the property if you move.

The Town will supply the first container at no cost to the resident or business, but if lost, stolen, or damaged, the resident or business will be responsible for replacement.



Parks & Recreation has lots of sports and classes to offer.

Tai Chi, Kickball, Art Classes, Easter Eggstravaganza, Step Aerobics and more!

Coffee & Crafting

Grab a friend or meet some new ones and get your creativity brewing over at the Recreation Center on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. Price covers supplies and unlimited coffee.

Fee per class:

\$15 for residents
\$22 for non-residents

Petit Picasso

Art program open to homeschoolers and preschoolers ages 4-7 every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Cost covers supplies.

Fee per class:

\$8 for residents
\$12 for non-residents

Open Art Studio

Kids ages 10-14 are welcome to get their creativity on with guided art projects or free range self-expression with instructor Nicole Torres. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Cost covers supplies.

Fee per class:

\$14 for residents
\$21 for non-residents

Easter Eggstravaganza

Children ages 9 years old and younger can visit with the Easter Bunny, have their face painted, and hunt for Easter eggs at Malcolm Blue Farm, 1177 Bethesda Road. Ages will be divided as such: 0-3, 4-6, and 7-9. Prize eggs will be hidden in each age group. Don't forget your Easter baskets!

Date: Saturday, April 8

Time: Face painting begins at 10:30 a.m., the hunt starts at 11:00 a.m.

Tai Chi

Join Master Lee Holbrook as he teaches the fundamentals and helps alleviate stress, anxiety and improves mood and joint pain. Sessions are four weeks and are held on Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.

Session: Mar 28 – Apr 18
Session: Apr 25 – May 16

Fees per session:

\$21 for residents
\$32 for non-residents

Youth Kickball

Come join the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Kickball league. This activity is geared for boys and girls ages 4-15, as of August 31st. Practices and games are held at Colonial Heights Park, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Practices will begin on April 4th. Registration is open and forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Center.

Registration deadline: March 17th

Fees:

\$12 for residents
\$25 for non-residents

MLB Pitch, Hit, and Run

The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, along with the Southern Pines and Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Departments, is

sponsoring the 2016 local qualifying Major League Pitch, Hit and Run competition to be held on Saturday, April 1st. This event is for children ages 7 - 14, as of July 17, 2017. The event will take place at Memorial Park Field C in Southern Pines at 10:00 a.m. This is a FREE event and winners will qualify to compete at the regional, state, and possibly national level in Atlanta at the Braves stadium. A copy of your child's birth certificate is required on the day of competition. NO metal spikes are allowed during any portion of the competition.

Step Aerobics

Step your way into shape with Grace Dumayas every Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Session: Mar 6 – 27
Session: Apr 3 – 24

Fees:

\$25 for residents
\$38 for non-residents

Zumba

Enjoy Zumba classes every Tuesday & Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with instructor Sarah Calleja.

Session: March 2 – 30
Session: April 4 – 27

Fees per month:

\$30 for residents
\$45 for non-residents



Camp for Kids

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 Raleigh and many other fun activities. Children are required to wear closed toe shoes through the duration of camp and must bring their own lunch, snacks, and water.

Dates: April 17-21

Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 3rd or until full

Fees: \$80 for residents
\$120 for non-residents

Summer Camp

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation is offering eight weeks of fun and excitement for children ages 5 -

12. Campers will play group games, participate in arts and crafts, listen to educational guest speakers, go swimming and bowling, and visit Sandhills Gymnastics. Aberdeen Parks and Recreation will also provide breakfast and lunch for participants.

Dates: June 19 - August 11

Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Fee per week:

\$85 for residents
\$130 for non-residents

Registration deadline: June 5th or until full

Mimi-Masters ½ Day Art Camp

Create your own masterpieces with Nichole Torres at the Aberdeen Recreation Center. Camp is for children ages 5 - 12.

snack each day. Campers will learn about famous artists throughout history and create fun replicas. Campers will need to bring a water bottle and snack each day.

Dates: June 12 - 16

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: June 2nd

Fees: \$55 for residents
\$75 for non-residents

The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is looking for staff and volunteers for our upcoming events as well as our Spring Break and Summer Camps. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please contact Kayla Hillman at khillman@townofaberdeen.net or (910) 944-7275.

Your Government

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

2nd Monday | 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room
March 13th & April 10th

Board of Commissioners
Meeting

4th Monday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
March 27th & April 24th

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
March 16th & April 20th

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Town Hall Closing

- In observation of Good Friday, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Friday, April 14, 2017.

Garbage & Recycle Make-Up Date

Garbage & recycle will not be picked up on Friday, April 14th due to the holiday. The make-up day will be Wednesday, April 12th.

Annual Fire Department Spaghetti Dinner

The time is here for the Aberdeen Fire Department's Annual Spaghetti Dinner!

The dinner will be held Friday, March 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or until sold out.

Come out and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings: spaghetti, meat sauce (meatless *will* be available), salad, bread, and dessert. Drink available for eat in only. Plates are \$8.00.

You can dine in or carry out. Pre-orders for large orders are encouraged and currently being taken. If you have an order of 5 or more plates it can be delivered to your business. Call the Fire Department at (910) 944-7888 to place a delivery order or orders may also be faxed to (910) 944-9755.

If you have any questions, contact the Aberdeen Fire Department at (910) 944-7888.