

## 2016 Holiday Make Up Schedule

### Monday Pick Up

- December 26 will be picked up Wednesday, December 28.

### Thursday Pick Up

- November 24 will be picked up Wednesday, November 23.

### Friday Pick Up

- November 11 will be picked up Wednesday, November 9.
- November 25 will be picked up Wednesday, November 23.
- December 23 will be picked up Wednesday, December 21.

## Message from Public Works

Now that the leaves are turning and grass is not growing, citizens are encouraged to check the area around their water meters. The area should be cleared of all brush and limbs so that the Public Works employees have easy access to read meters. It will ensure an accurate reading and save our employees time not having to crawl under the limbs to read your meter or make it impossible to find.

Also colder weather is coming, and backflow devices and irrigation systems need to be winterized or removed. Winterizing helps to keep the systems from bursting due to cold weather.

## On the Calendar

### • Youth Basketball League

Registration is through November 4. The league is for boys and girls ages 4 -12, with 3 age groups: 4-6, 7-8, & 9-12. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. (910) 944-7275.

### • Cheerleading

Registration is through November 4. This activity is available for youth ages 4 – 12. Cost is \$30 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. Volunteer coaches are needed! (910) 944-7275.

### • Zumba

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Class is for ages 16 and up. Fees for each session (8 classes) are \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Session is November 17 – December 15. (910) 944-7275.

### • Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thursday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Depot in Downtown Aberdeen. Free for all the public. (910) 944-7275.

### • Supper with Santa

Friday, December 9 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Tickets are available for purchase at the Recreation Center until December 2. Cost is \$5 per child, \$10 per resident adult, & \$15 per non-resident adult. (910) 944-7275.

### • Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m. in Downtown Aberdeen. Entry forms for participation are being accepted. (910) 944-7275.

### • Tai Chi

Every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Cost per session is \$21 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. Sessions are Nov. 1 – 29 and Dec. 6 – 27.

### • Step Aerobics

Every Monday 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Sessions are Nov. 7 – 28 and Dec. 5 – Jan. 2. Cost is \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. (910) 944-7275.

### • Chair Exercise

Every Tuesday & Thursday from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Cost \$2 per month for residents and \$5 for non-residents.

### • Old Fashioned Christmas

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Malcolm Blue Farm. This event is free and open to the public.

### • Water Bills

\$5 or 5% late fee added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on November 20. \$25 penalty will be added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on December 5 and disconnected.

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



# Bon Accord

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## Household Hazardous Waste Event

The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will take place on Saturday, November 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Pinecrest High School in the Parking lot off of Voit Gilmore Lane. This event is for Moore County residents only and it is free.

Examples of items to be collected are: paint and paint thinners, furniture strippers and finishing products, solvents and degreasers, wood preservatives, polishes, aerosols, fluorescent light tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs, NiCad batteries, alkaline batteries, lithium batteries, propane cylinders, swimming pool chemicals, used motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, hydraulic transmission and brake fluid.

Also pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and insecticides **WILL BE** accepted but **MUST** be in its original containers for identification purposes.

**Commercial and electronic waste will not be accepted at this event;** however, you may dispose of E-Waste at any of the seven (7) Moore County Collection Centers.

The Shredding Event will take place Saturday, November 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Pinecrest High School in the parking lot off of Voit Gilmore Lane. This event is for Moore County residents only. Drive-thru service will be available or you can watch your documents being shredded on site.



## Message from Town Manager, Bill Zell

In February of this year I informed the Town Board of Commissioners I had decided that this would be my last year and that I would retire from public service at the end of the year. I was appointed Town Manager of Aberdeen on 2/25/2003 and started to work on 3/03/2003. What an honor and privilege it has been to serve in this position for these almost fourteen years.

We have come a long way in many aspects over these years, such as our population, total town valuation and our amazing commercial growth to name a few. When I arrived the population of Aberdeen was 3400, and our latest number from the State is 7377. This is significant because many of the revenues that come to the town from the state are based on that population count.

When we do our annual budget the first thing we do is try to estimate the revenues that we believe we'll receive over the next year. Our largest revenue (ad valorem taxes) is derived directly from the total town valuation amount. In 2003 the valuation for Aberdeen was \$305,000,000. For the 2016/2017 fiscal year we based our budget on the current valuation of \$790,000,000, which is a 259 percent increase.

This isn't a complete list, but just to name a few of the commercial additions that have come to Aberdeen since 2003, includes Hampton Inn and Suites, Marriott Residence Inn, Aberdeen Commons Shopping Center (i.e., Best Buy et al), TJ Maxx, Dick's Sporting Goods, Walgreens, CVS, Aldi's, Texas Roadhouse, Panera Bread, Moe's, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks and Railhouse Brewery.

Some other accomplishments that we've been able to make happen during my tenure are the following: \$500,000 PARTF (Parks and Recreation Trust Fund) Grant that helped us build the Recreation Station, Picnic Shelter, and Playground at the Aberdeen Lake Park, and

a second PARTF Grant for \$250,000 to create the new Ray's Mill Park. We were able through CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) to bring sewer service to both the Midway and Berkley Communities, and to reopen the Galaxy Grocery Store after it had closed. We were also able to make the garbage pickup more efficient from picking up twice a week with back yard service to once a week curbside pickup, and believe it or not it was a painless transition.

On the water and sewer side of our operation we've been able to add seven (7) new well sites, added one 500,000 gallon elevated tank, and completed the one mile and a quarter Southwest Interceptor sewer line from US 1 to Shepherds Trail along Roseland Road, which had been on the drawing board since the late 1980's.

As you can see a lot has been accomplished in my tenure, but for me probably the one thing that I'm most proud of is when I started our Citizen's Academy Program (CAP), where up to 15 citizens per year volunteer to come for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings to meet with each of our departments to see what we do on a day in day out basis and to learn more about their town. Our CAP has been extremely successful with over 100 graduates in the 10 years we've been meeting. Many of those graduates have gone on to serve the Town on various boards. Currently three of our Town Commissioners are graduates of the program.

I have been so blessed to have such a great staff and wonderful board of commissioners to work with and for without which many of the items listed above would have never come to fruition. It has also been a great pleasure for me serving you our citizens. As I step down the future looks very bright for Aberdeen as the Board of Commissioners has recently appointed my replacement Mr. E. Paul Sabiston. My tenure will end on December 30<sup>th</sup> and Paul will step in on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## What Holiday events are happening in Aberdeen?

Lots of festivities for all ages to be enjoyed in Downtown Aberdeen.

### Tree Lighting Ceremony

Come join us in a traditional small-town holiday celebration on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Depot in Historic Downtown Aberdeen.

Witness the lighting of the Christmas tree and the arrival of Santa with performances by the Southern Middle School choir and the Bethesda Hand Bells choir.

### Supper with Santa

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor this very popular Holiday event, Supper with Santa. Children and their families can enjoy a catered dinner from Texas Roadhouse, holiday crafts, watch Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, and hang out with Santa (great picture opportunity). This annual dinner is scheduled on Friday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Aberdeen Recreation Center. Tickets are available until December 2<sup>nd</sup> and cost is \$5 per child, \$10 per resident adult, & \$15 per non-resident adult. For additional information, please call the Aberdeen Parks & Recreation Department at (910) 944-7275.

### Christmas Parade

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Historic Downtown Aberdeen.

There will be so much to see and fun for children of all ages. Of course Santa will visit during the parade.

Parade registration deadline is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration forms can be found on the Town's website, [www.townofaberdeen.net](http://www.townofaberdeen.net) or for more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Dept. at (910) 944-7275.

### Old Fashioned Christmas

Come enjoy and Old Fashioned Christmas at Malcolm Blue Farm on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The farmhouse will be open and decorated in the fashion of the period. Music and light refreshments will be provided. The pack house will be open with children's activities such as letters to Santa with feather pens and making bird feeders. The museum will also be open to visitors. Come celebrate Christmas, in the spirit of the 1820s!

This event is FREE and open to the public!

Malcolm Blue Farm is located at 1177 Bethesda Road, Aberdeen, NC.

### Reindeer Fun Run

Aberdeen is very excited to host the Reindeer Fun Run for the sixth year and hope all our citizens will be on hand to support the participants and join the fun downtown after the race. This year's event will be **Saturday, December 3, 2016.**

The schedule of events is:

#### Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 12-8 p.m. – Registration & Packet pick-up

#### Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> (race day)

- 7:15 – 8:45 a.m. – Registration & Packet pick-up
- 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. – McDonald's Kid Zone & After Party
- 9 – 11 a.m. – 12ks of Christmas Run
- 9:30 – 11 a.m. – 5k Reindeer Fun Run/Walk
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Costume Judging
- 10:30 a.m. – Kids Egg Nog Jog (3 heats)
- 11 a.m. – Awards Presentation at the Caboose

A large crowd of participants and spectators are anticipated during the morning hours and some streets that are included in the routes will be closed for the duration of the race. While some streets will have one lane open during the race, leaving and entering driveways may not be possible while runners are on the Route. Planning your morning with this information in mind will help to avoid conflicts and inconveniences. It is expected that all roads will be re-opened no later than 12:00 noon. A map of streets to be closed due to race routes is enclosed. For more information please visit [www.reindeerfunrun.com](http://www.reindeerfunrun.com).



### Youth Basketball League

The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for their Youth Basketball league. This league will emphasize learning the basic developmental skills and improving existing skills of basketball. Youth Basketball also puts focus on having fun and learning teamwork skills. This league is open to boys and girls ages 4-12, as of January 1, 2017. Cost for the league is \$12 for Aberdeen residents and \$25 for non-residents. Typically the 4-6 age division will be held on Mondays and Saturdays, the 7-8 age division will be held on Tuesdays and Saturdays and the 9-12 age division varies depending on the schedule. Games and practices are held at Aberdeen Elementary School. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Center.

Registration deadline is November 4th or until full.

If interested in coaching a team please contact Joseph Keel, Athletic Coordinator, at 944-7275.

### Cheerleading

Basketball season is not far away and Parks & Rec is

looking for girls ages 4-12 that can show their team spirit for Aberdeen's winter basketball league. Girls will learn basic cheers, jumps, kicks, and much more. Registration includes uniform and pom-poms. Registration deadline is November 4<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$30 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

### Step Aerobics

Step your way into shape with instructor Grace Dumayas. Class is held Mondays from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Fees per session are \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Sessions are November 7 - 28 and December 5 – January 2.

### Tai Chi

Join Master Lee Holbrook as he teaches the fundamentals and helps alleviate stress, anxiety, and improves mood and joint pain. Sessions are held on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Fees per session are \$21 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. Sessions are November 1 – 29 and December 6 – 27.

### Zumba

Enjoy Zumba classes with instructor Sarah Calleja. Class

is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Fees per session are \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Session is November 17 – December 15.

### Chair Exercise

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center. Cost is \$2 per month for residents and \$5 per month for non-residents. Classes are ongoing.

### Coffee & Crafting

Grab a friend or meet some new ones and get your creativity brewing over at the Recreation Center on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Prices cover supplies and unlimited coffee. Fees per class are \$15 for residents & \$22 for non-residents.

### Petit Picasso

Art program open to homeschoolers and preschoolers ages 4-7 every Wednesday from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Costs cover supplies. Fees per class are \$8 for residents & \$12 for non-residents.

### Board of Commissioners Work Session

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday | 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Conference Room  
November 14<sup>th</sup>

### Board of Commissioners Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Monday | 6:00 p.m.  
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room  
November 28<sup>th</sup> & December 12<sup>th</sup>

### Planning Board Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday | 6:00 p.m.  
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room  
November 17<sup>th</sup> & December 15<sup>th</sup>

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## Town Hall Closings

In observation of Veterans Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed November 11, 2016.

In observation of Thanksgiving, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed November 24 & 25, 2016.

In observation of Christmas, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed December 23 & 26, 2016.

In observation of New Year's, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed January 2, 2017.