

Fall Litter Sweep

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a Litter Sweep of Poplar Street and the downtown area on Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. All citizens, church groups, civic clubs, youth organizations, and neighborhoods are invited to participate in the Litter Sweep through a variety of methods. Citizens of all ages are encouraged to participate by meeting at the Aberdeen Lake Park Picnic Shelter with pickers and gloves to pick up trash and beautify Aberdeen. If you cannot meet during the specified time, another option is to clean up streets in your neighborhood. We need everyone's participation to clean up and preserve the beauty of Aberdeen!

Volunteers and staff will clean up Page Lake in Aberdeen Lake Park as part of the Big Sweep Water Clean Up program. The local clean ups are co-sponsored by Keep Moore County Beautiful.

For additional information or to participate, please call Leigh Baggs at the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at 944- PARK.

Fall-O-Ween Festival

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the Annual Fall-O-Ween Carnival on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Aberdeen Lake Park.

This event is for children ages 2-8. The cost is \$3 per child, which includes a wrist band that permits children to participate in all activities, games, and the inflatables. Activities include face painting, Spooky bead necklaces, arts & crafts, and much more. Games include duck pond, can smash, ring toss, Casper's bowling, and guess the Spooky objects. There will also be a bouncy castle and giant slide. Vendors will be selling ice cream and drinks. The Aberdeen Police and Fire Departments and other local agencies will have safety tips and information for the children.

The event will be held in the Aberdeen Recreation Station if rain occurs. For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (910) 944-PARK.

On the Calendar

September & October

• Bingo

Thursday, September 12 at 1:00 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.

• Fall Senior Lunch

Thursday, September 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Station. RSVP by September 10. Meat and drinks provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. (910) 944-PARK.

• NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick

Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Park Field #1 in Carthage. Ages 6 – 15. This event is free but registration is required. (910) 944-4572.

• Bingo

Thursday, October 10 at 1:30 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.

• Youth Basketball League

Registration is October 7 through November 8. The league is for boys and girls ages 5 -12. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Practices will begin in December. (910) 944-4572.

• Sardine Festival

Friday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park. This event is free but donations are encouraged. For more information contact, Jamie Boles (910) 692-6262 or Parks & Recreation Department. (910) 944-PARK.

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• Senior Chair Exercises

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

• Senior Art Classes

Every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at Aberdeen Recreation Station. Cost is \$2 per month for residents and \$5 per month for non-residents. Participants must supply own materials. Classes are on-going. (910) 944-PARK.

• Water Bills

\$5 or 5% late fee added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on September 20. \$25 penalty added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on October 5 and disconnected October 7.

For a full listing of community events, visit www.townofaberdeen.net/calendar.aspx.

Recycle Dates

Monday Dates: Friday Dates:

- September 4 (Wednesday)
- September 16
- September 30
- October 14
- October 28
- September 13
- September 27
- October 11
- October 25



Bon Accord

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Win a \$25 Gift Card

The Land Use Plan serves as a guide for the Town. It provides direction regarding how the Town will grow and change and where those changes will occur. By state law, zoning regulations must be made in accordance with this comprehensive plan. While the document provides guidance and is not a hard and fast rule, a good plan will meet the needs of our citizenry and help steer the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners towards the best decisions.

It is time for the Town to update this plan. We need your help, and we are **willing to pay to get it!** Just go to www.townofaberdeen.net and follow the links to the Land Use Plan Questionnaire that will let us know what you think are important issues for the Town. If you do not have internet access you can stop by Town Hall and complete a survey or contact the Planning Department at 910-944-7024 to request that a survey be mailed to you. Beginning September 15, a drawing will be held once a week for **4 consecutive weeks for a \$25 VISA gift card.** If you submit your survey before the 15th, you will have 4 chances to win.

This plan is your plan so please participate.



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Message from Town Manager, Bill Zell

Beginning on September 17, 2013, the Town of Aberdeen will host its ninth annual Citizens Academy Program (CAP). The purpose of the program is to improve understanding, communication, and cooperation between local government and the citizens 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 your 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 your 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. 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 if applicable, 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. You can find the application on the Town's website at www.townofaberdeen.net.

There is no cost to individuals who attend the sessions, but the Town strongly encourages participants to commit the time to attend each program. This year's sessions begin on Tuesday, September 17th and will be held each Tuesday evening through October 29th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at various town locations. Site visits will include meeting at the public works facilities, police station, fire department, and the parks and recreation building. Since many participants will arrive directly from work without eating, a light dinner will also be provided each week.

NFL Punt, Pass, & Kick

If you want a chance to show off your football skills at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, sign up for this year's local Punt, Pass & Kick competition. This free event is sponsored by the Aberdeen, Southern Pines, and Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Departments. This event will be held on Thursday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Park Field #1 (155 Hillcrest Park Lane) in Carthage. This event is for boys and girls, ages 6 - 15 years old by December 31, 2013. All local winners will advance to a regional competition for an opportunity to qualify for the Carolina Panthers Team Championship. Registration is required and forms can be picked up from the Aberdeen, Southern Pines, and Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Departments or download the form at www.townofaberdeen.net.

School Safety

With local schools back in full swing, Aberdeen Police Department and Moore County School Officials recommend all motorists allow extra time for their morning commute, and be aware of children waiting for the bus. Listed below are some recommended safety guidelines to help ensure every day is a safe day for both students and motorists.

Guidelines for children waiting on the school bus:

- Do not horseplay or act in a way that could cause harm to others.
- Do not play in the street.
- Do not throw things.
- When the bus arrives, line up in an orderly fashion.
- Stay back from the bus until it stops, and the driver signals it's OK to get on.

Guidelines for children riding the bus:

- Observe the same conduct as in the classroom.
- Be courteous and do not use profane language.
- Cooperate with the driver.
- Stay in your seat.
- Do not be destructive.
- Keep head, hands and feet inside the bus.
- If your child has a problem, inform the bus driver.

Guidelines for motorists:

- Resist the urge to speed because you are running late.
- Know all traffic rules concerning school zones and traffic flows.
- Refrain from using your cell phone, while around school zones.



Why are addresses and phone numbers important?

Emergency Numbers

An important role of The Town of Aberdeen is to educate the community members about **how they can best be prepared** in the event of an emergency. We are fortunate to live in a county and town where many checks and balances have been put in place. These checks and balances are designed to help ensure that in the event of an emergency, emergency personnel can reach you in the quickest manner possible. Despite all the technology available, and checks and balances in place there is still the small chance that an unforeseen event may occur which can temporarily slow response. The good news is that there is one way this can be minimized, and that is through education. We want you to know that all fire departments and the police and sheriff departments in the county, as well as the 911 center have non-emergency numbers. If you need help or have an emergency, you should always dial 911 first. However, should a case arise when the 911 system is disrupted and you are not able to reach them, we want to

ensure you that although advertised as "non-emergency" numbers, you are encouraged to use these numbers to get help coming to you. The Aberdeen Fire Department is manned 24 hours a-day, provided the firemen are not on an emergency run, they will answer the phone. When they are on an emergency run, our dedicated volunteers come to the station to assist. You may also use these numbers to ask questions of if you have comments.

Here is a guide of your local contacts:

- Moore County Public Safety (911): 910-947-2911
- Aberdeen Fire Rescue Department: 910-944-7888
- Aberdeen Police Department: 910-944-9721
- Aberdeen Water Department: 910-944-7799
- Moore County Sheriff: 910-947-2931

For your convenience magnets are available with the above phone numbers listed on them. You can pick one up at the following locations:

- Town of Aberdeen Water Department located in Town

Hall at 115 N. Poplar Street.

- Aberdeen Fire Department located at 800 Holly Street.

Please Show Your Address

Town ordinance requires that all structures that are assigned addresses prominently display maintain the assigned number in two locations: 1) on the structure on the side nearest the street and 2) at a point where the driveway meets the street. The driveway address display shall either be on a mailbox or a post. The numbers on the driveway display

shall be no less than three inches (3") in height and have a night reflective surface. This requirement insures that emergency responders can locate you if 911 is called to your location.

For additional information contact the Planning Department at 944-7024 or visit www.townofaberdeen.net. Once on the home page visit Document Center, Code of Ordinances, Title XV – Land Usage, §150.27 Addressing.



Sardine Festival

The 21st Annual Sardine Festival will be on Friday, October 11, 2013 at Aberdeen Lake Park. The activities will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude around 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join their family, friends, neighbors, Town officials and staff at Aberdeen Lake Park for a lunch of sardines, crackers, Moon Pies, RC Colas, and Cokes.

The sardines and other delicacies are free, but people are encouraged to make a small donation. The donations support youth athletic programs in Aberdeen and across

Moore County.

The Sardine Festival started many years ago when the late Mr. Randall Moss wanted to eat his lunch of sardines and crackers in his office. His daughter Kay promptly told him to take that smelly lunch somewhere else...like eat it at the park. Randall did just that and invited all his friends to join him! Thus the unique Sardine Festival was created at Aberdeen Lake Park!

Through the years many Sardine Queens have been crowned. All have been proud title holders and represented the Festival extremely

well in the community. The tradition continues this year, with the 2013 Queen arriving on a fire truck around 12:00 noon.

Tee shirts will be on sale, so plan to purchase your commemorative shirt of this fun day!

The Sardine Festival is sponsored by Mr. Jamie Boles, his friends, and the Town of Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information about the Sardine Festival, call the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at (910) 944-PARK or Jamie Boles at (910) 692-6262.

Water & Sewer Rates Increase 5%

Below are the new rates effective this bill.

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

Your Government

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

2nd Thursday before Board

Meeting | 5:30 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room

October 3rd & October 29th (Tues.)

Board of Commissioners
Meeting

2nd Monday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

September 9th & October 14th

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

September 19th & October 17th

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Town Hall Closing

In observation of Labor Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed September 2, 2013.

There will be no recycle pick up on September 2nd; the make-up day will be Wednesday, September 4, 2013.