

Do you need help from the Police?

The Police Department would like to remind residents that if you need to have a police officer respond to your home or to you personally, you should call 9-1-1. Aberdeen Police are dispatched by county communications and they request that you dial 9-1-1. If you don't feel comfortable dialing 9-1-1 for a non-emergency, you can dial their non-emergency number (910) 947-2911, however you will speak to the same tele-communicator as if you dialed 9-1-1. You will not be penalized for dialing 9-1-1 in Moore County if it is not an emergency.

We would like to remind residents that when you see something or someone that seems suspicious, please call us. Too many times, after a crime has occurred, we canvas an area and find out that people may have seen something that didn't seem right but they did not want to bother us. Please call and let us determine if everything is alright or not, that is what we are here for.

Due Dates for Water Bills

Late Fees

\$5 or 5% late fee added for those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on March 20.

Disconnection

Accounts with an 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.

Ways to connect with the Town of Aberdeen

There are many ways for citizens to be informed of activities, news, programs and emergencies in the Town of Aberdeen.

The first is the Town website, www.townofaberdeen.net, where athletics, activities, and special events are listed, Town Board and Commissions' meetings are advertised, any news that may be pertinent to citizens, information about water main breaks that may result in water being turned off, and more.

The second is to like and follow the Town on Facebook @[TownofAberdeenNC](https://www.facebook.com/TownofAberdeenNC). News,



Parks & Recreation activities and athletics, information about water main breaks, any emergency announcements, and employment opportunities are posted to the Facebook page.

The third is to follow the Town on Instagram @[townofaberdeen](https://www.instagram.com/townofaberdeen). Special events, athletics, employment opportunities, and other happenings in Town are posted.



The fourth way is **CodeRED**. CodeRED is an emergency notification service that the Town uses to send messages of water main breaks in areas that require water to be shut off and the Police and Fire Departments use CodeRED to inform citizens of activity in certain areas or other emergencies. Citizens can sign up for CodeRED by visiting the Town's website www.townofaberdeen.net and click on the



Paperless Billing – Sign up Now!

The Town will be transitioning to new software that will give citizens an option to receive their water bill and 2nd notices by email and no longer receive a paper bill. This service will start with the May 1st bill. If you are interested in going paperless, send your email address to one of the following:

- 1) Email Shelbi O'Brien, Finance Technician, at sobrien@townofaberdeen.net.

CodeRED logo at the bottom left side of the homepage. You will be required to enter your name, resident or business address, and at least one phone number. You can enter multiple phone numbers and email addresses. This service is free for citizens to sign up.

The fifth way is to sign up for Nixle, a community notification system that the Police Department uses to notify citizens of emergencies such as serious accidents, road closures, missing person, and police activity in your area, just to name a few. Citizens can sign up for Nixle by sending a text message to 888777 and in the body of the message enter the Aberdeen zip code 28315 and hit send. Citizens will then receive a confirmation text that you have signed up. Citizens can also sign up at www.nixle.com and enter your email address to receive email notifications.

The newest way will be a **bi-weekly town newsletter** that is sent out by email. The newsletter will include announcements, news, employee stories, and related information to the Town. You can sign up for the newsletter by clicking **Sign Up** on the about section on the Town Facebook page. Or the link is under News and Events on the Town's website.

If you need more information or have questions contact the Town at (910) 944-1115.

- 2) Call the Water Department at 910.944.7799.
- 3) Send a private message through the Town of Aberdeen Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TownofAberdeenNC/>.
- 4) Send a private message through the Town of Aberdeen Instagram @[townofaberdeen](https://www.instagram.com/townofaberdeen).



Bon Accord

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Police Dept. to offer Welfare Checks

The Aberdeen Police recently started a Welfare Check Program. If you or a loved one would like the police to call you 2 to 3 times per week to check on your well-being, just complete the Welfare Check form. Personnel from the Police Department will call you 2-3 times per week in the morning hours at the number you provide. If we do not get a response, we will call back a short time later, if we still do not receive a response we may send an officer by the house and check on you personally. If you sign up for the program and know that you will be away for a period of time, we ask that you contact the Police Department, (910) 944-9721, so we are not sending officers to your residence when there is no response. We are here to serve you and this is another way that we can do that.

The form can be downloaded on the Town website at www.townofaberdeen.net. There are several ways to submit the Welfare Check form:

1. Email- apd@aberdeenpolice.com
2. Mail - PO Box 785, Aberdeen, NC 28315;
3. Drop it off in person - 804 N. Sandhills Blvd., or
4. Telephone - (910) 944-9721 and we will complete the form for you.

Message from the Manager

The Town of Aberdeen is making an effort to ramp up our **email and social media contacts**. We will start using Constant Contacts, which is a company that serves as a database organizer for delivering relevant information to the public for the Town. This process will allow the Town to better coordinate its delivery of information over multiple outlets such as Facebook, Twitter and basic email. Another new aspect of this process will be a **bi-weekly town newsletter** with announcements, news, employee stories, and related information about the Town. We hope to start this publication in March. Finally, our Town Clerk, Regina Rosy, has started a new service of providing to the public a quick written summary of the results and actions from the Town Regular and Work Session Meetings. These **meeting highlights** will be sent through our social media outlets as discussed above. Be sure you are part of this program by signing up for your favorite social media outlets by going to our website at www.townofaberdeen.net. Also, if you would like to sign-up for our new Paperless Billing Program for your utility billing, check-out the information at the end of this *Bon Accord*.

The renovations to the approximate 1.2 mile **Lake Park Walking Trail** are well underway. YRU Contracting began to clear and re-establish the trail path in early February. It has already had a huge impact by removing underbrush and clearing the edges of the trail and should be

completed by early April. We hope to better stabilize portions of the actual trail path and eventually improve the woodwork on the extended bridge crossing the lake. Please take a moment to visit, or revisit, the Lake Park Trail in the near future.

In early February, the Mayor, Board of Commissioners, and staff met to review and update our **Strategic Plan**. This document, which may be found on our website, contains the Town's overall vision, six essential goals, and multiple objectives under each goal. This planning document is essential to the budgeting process for the Town that is scheduled to start in early March.

After several discussions by the Board of Commissioners, the Town is embarking on a concentrated effort to review both its **Unified Development Plan** ("UDO"), which contains our zoning and land use regulations, primarily focusing on neighborhood development standards, and our **Comprehensive Plan**, which is a long-term planning document that tries to encourage decisions on land use that are well-coordinated with the community's vision for the future. The Town will make some immediate adjustments to the UDO for the near future and then, following a longer review period, more adjustments to both its UDO and the Comprehensive Plan for the future through approximately 2040. This effort will impact the type of growth for Aberdeen for years to come and will attempt to reflect our community's vision.

Spring Spree

Get ready for the 8th Annual Spring Spree festival in Downtown Aberdeen! This year's event is scheduled for May 19th and will be the Town's kickoff for a full summer of enjoyment that will continue with the popular Sunday Exchange Concert Series, beginning June 10th. The 2018 Spring Spree will be held at the Exchange Field and will provide something for everyone, with craft vendors, a FREE Kids' Zone, great food truck and beverage options, and live music beginning at Noon and continuing until sunset. Mark your calendars and punch in 120 Exchange Street into your GPS to find us on May 19th. Follow us on our Downtown Aberdeen Facebook page and on our new website: www.downtownaberndeen.net for more information about fun things to do in Downtown Aberdeen. If you are interested in being a vendor for Spring Spree please contact Jen Gallimore at jjgallimore@townofaberndeen.net or (910) 944-7024.

Aberdeen Citizens Who Are Willing To Serve

The Town is currently seeking applicants for positions on our Historic Preservation Commission and our Appearance & Beautification Commission. These boards meet once per month and are essential in assisting the Planning Department with advancing its citizen-based planning mission to serve our community.

For more information please contact the Planning Director, Pamela Graham at pgraham@townofaberndeen.net or (910) 944-7024.

Parks & Recreation Special Events, Programs & Athletics

SPECIAL EVENTS

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 the Malcolm Blue Farm. 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, March 24

Time: Face painting begins at 10:30 a.m., Egg Hunt starts at 11:00 a.m.

Blue & Brews: A Festival at the Farm

Join us for a day at the Farm with bluegrass performances by Tommy Edwards Bluegrass Experience, Unspoken Tradition, Time Sawyer and Songs from the Road Band. Beer, cider, and food will be available for purchase.

Date: Saturday, April 21

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5

CAMPS

Spring Break Camp

Open to ages 5-12, this camp runs during spring break week. Campers will take field trips around the county and Raleigh and many other fun activities.

Fees: \$85 for residents

\$130 for non-residents

Dates: April 2 - April 6

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

Registration deadline: March 19 or until full

Mini-Masters 1/2 Day Art Camp

Campers, ages 5-12, will learn about famous artists throughout history and create fun replicas.

Fees: \$60 for residents

\$90 for non-residents

Dates: June 11 - June 15

Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 2

Summer Camp

Campers, ages 5 - 12, will play group games, participate in arts and crafts, listen to educational guest speakers, go swimming, bowling and visit Sandhills Gymnastics during this 8 week camp. Aberdeen Parks and Recreation will provide breakfast and lunch for participants.

Fees per week: \$85 for residents

\$130 for non-residents

Dates: June 18 - August 10

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

Registration deadline: June 8 or until full

ADULT PROGRAMS



Senior Games in the Pines

A local NC Senior Games event co-hosted by the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center and Parks and Recreation Departments from Aberdeen, Moore County, Pinehurst, and Southern Pines. Senior Games in the Pines seeks to create a competitive and fun atmosphere for all seniors looking to join athletic or creative events.

Fees:

Early bird registration deadline: March 16 - \$10

Registration deadline: March 26 - \$15

Stroller Strong Moms

SLAM is a fun, but challenging workout for moms of all levels. You'll meet other moms while doing burpees and your little ones get to make friends too. They have weekly playgroups and monthly Moms Night Out events. Whether you've never worked out, you're a marathon runner, or you just want to socialize, SLAM is for you. Come Sweat Like A Mother!!!

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday at Aberdeen Lake Park

Fees:

\$52-monthly unlimited

\$37- 2x/week

\$22- 1 day/week

YOUTH ATHLETICS

Youth Kickball

Youth will learn and enjoy the playground game of kickball! This activity is geared for boys and girls ages 4-15, as of August 31, 2018. Practices and games are held at Colonial Heights Park, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Registration Deadline: March 9th or until full

First Practice: March 20

Fees: \$12-Aberdeen Residents

\$25-Non-Residents

Kid-Pitch Baseball

Kid-Pitch Baseball is for kids aging out of Coach-Pitch, ages 9-12 years old. Skill level ranges from beginner to experienced. No matter the level, baseball fundamentals will be a primary focus. Practices and games will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Colonial Heights Park.

Registration Deadline: May 4 or until full

First Practice: May 15

Fees: \$12-Aberdeen Residents

\$25-Non-Residents

New Equipment at the Parks

Winter projects have brought new opportunities to Aberdeen parks. Several playground projects have been completed, bringing new play equipment for the children of Aberdeen. A trail project at Aberdeen Lake Park has also begun, allowing for a new look for Aberdeen parks come spring.

Swings have been added to Aberdeen Lake Park. Two belt swings and two ADA swings have been added to the playground. The ADA swings have a shoulder harness which allows them to double as tot swings, or swings for children with disabilities. This brings a new dynamic to the park, which has been without swings for several years. The playground project at Sharpe Park has also now been completed. A new play structure

has been installed to replace the old wooden one. The new piece combines climbing pedestals, various climbing walls and ladders, a balance beam, a ring bridge, and more. This playground has now been completely renovated over the last two years, and offers a variety of different equipment, challenges, and play for children. Berkley Park also has two new pieces of playground equipment. A new climber has been added, along with a Tilted Sky Runner. This spinner allows for children to reach up and grab on, to be spun around while hanging on. All of these features allow for new and creative play at the various Aberdeen playgrounds.

Trail work has also begun at Aberdeen Lake Park. The approximately 1.5 mile trail around the lake is being improved and renovated. Issues such as drainage, erosion, trip hazards, and overgrowth are being resolved, while the trail is reestablished and material is added. The trail should be finished and open to the public by the end of March. For any questions regarding these, or any other projects or programs, please feel free to contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (910) 944-7275.



Berkley Park



Aberdeen Lake Park



Sharpe Park

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 16 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.

Your Government

Board of Commissioners

Work Session

2nd Monday | 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room

March 12th & April 9th

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

4th Monday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

March 26th & April 23rd

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

March 15th & April 19th

Have agendas delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up for E-news at: www.townofaberndeen.net.

Town Hall Closing

- In observation of Good Friday, Town administrative offices will be closed Friday, March 30, 2018.

Garbage & Recycle Make-Up Date

There will be no garbage/recycle pick-up on March 30th; the make-up day will be Wednesday, March 28th.