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MESSAGE FROM TOWN MANAGER, BILL ZELL

In the spring time here in Aberdeen there are at least two guarantees, one is lots of yellow pine pollen and the other is the Town will be going through its budget process. Lucky for a lot of us the pollen season doesn't last as long as the budget season. We always start the budget in mid-February and finish on the third Monday in June when the Board of Commissioners votes to adopt it.

Aberdeen's budget year always runs from July 1 to June 30, of the next year. Our budget is small in comparison to our larger neighbors, but still it has grown steadily over the past ten budgets that I've been involved, rising from the mid four millions on the general fund budget to the mid six millions currently.

Our two largest revenue sources for the general fund budget (this is where fire service, police, buildings and grounds, administration, finance, streets, sanitation, beautification, planning, parks and recreation, special appropriations, and contributions are funded), are the ad valorem property tax, which includes your home, autos, and business property and sales tax. These two revenue sources combine to cover between 65 and 70

percent of general fund revenue.

Some of the items that the Board of Commissioners (BOC), will be considering to include in next year's budget will be whether we will reenter the State of North Carolina's Main Street Program, should we purchase a new knuckleboom truck for picking up limbs and debris, add a 2 percent COLA for the employees, make contributions to certain nonprofit groups, finance new police vehicles and whether or not to raise taxes.

Usually when we hear that our governing bodies are considering a tax hike we always cringe. I want to break it down, in hopefully easy to understand language, what a penny tax increase would mean to you. What we all pay in ad valorem taxes is solely based on what our property value is on July 1st of any given year. Let's say your property is valued at \$175,000, where a one penny increase in the tax would mean that you would pay an additional \$17.50 in taxes or approximately an additional \$1.46 per month. For easy to remember numbers a penny of tax costs you \$1.00 per each \$10,000 in property value.

Putting our budget together takes all of us. Each department head

prepares their budget for the year and then presents it to the manager to incorporate it with the whole budget. They also prepare a power point presentation for the BOC to inform them of what their needs will be for the coming year. This way the BOC doesn't just see the compilation of the budget without some insight into what each of the departments have asked for. Usually by the end of April, we (the manager and finance officer) are ready to present the budget to the BOC. The budget calendar, which is prepared and distributed back in February usually allows up to four separate meetings with the BOC.

Where you the citizens of Aberdeen help in the budget process is at the June regular Town Board Meeting, where the manager presents the annual budget message, which summarizes what the budget will be for the next year. We do this in the form of a public hearing where comments from the BOC and the public are welcomed. This is where you can ask questions and get answers regarding the decisions that have been made. The budget is then put on our website and on the next Monday evening following the public hearing the BOC will meet to adopt the budget.

RECYCLE DATES

Monday Recycle Dates:

- May 14
- May 30 (Wednesday)
- June 11
- June 25

Friday Recycle Dates:

- May 11
- May 25
- June 8
- June 22

TOWN HALL CLOSING



The Aberdeen Town Hall will be closed on the following day:

- **Monday, May 28, 2012** in observance of Memorial Day.

There will be no recycle pick up on this day. The make-up day for recycle pick up will be Wednesday, May 30, 2012.

2011 SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT

Overall the Town of Aberdeen's system performance is good. The main problems consist of root, grease, inflow and infiltration. The Public Works Department is currently replacing old lines, video taping other trouble areas, and sealing older manholes.

2011 There were no violations.

Spills that were less than the required overflow, we have not listed. Spills that do not enter surface waters 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, Steve Templin, and William R. Monroe

Facility/System Name: Town of Aberdeen

Responsibility Entity: Town of Aberdeen Public Works Department

Person in Charge/Contact: James Robert Matthews (910-944-7012)

Alternate Contact: William R. Monroe (910-944-7012)

Applicable Permit (s): Grade II Collections System Only

Description of Collection System or Treatment Process: Approximately 20 miles of sanitary sewer main; approximately 2 miles of sanitary forced sewer main; 8 sewer lift pump stations – treatment is provided by Moore County.

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

Above ground pools with circulating pumps must be ground-fault protected. A Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) device is required to prevent electrical shock. Homes built within the past ten years should have outside receptacles that are GFCI protected. Homes older than ten years may not have GFCI protection. If you are unsure, have a qualified person check. All pools do require permits and inspections. Please check with the Town's Planning and Inspections Department if you have any questions at 944-7024.



MUSIC IN THE PARK

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring "Music in the Park" concerts this summer. This season is bringing a blend of local and regional talent to Aberdeen Lake Park.

This series was developed with the intent of exposing a variety of styles of music to the citizens. These concerts include family fun with music for everyone!



With the support of the Arts Council of Moore County, the Parks and Recreation Department can offer these concerts to the public free of charge.

The first concert in the series is on Saturday, June 2nd. The Army Jazz Band will be performing jazz numbers and songs for all ages!

Vendors will be onsite selling food and drinks.

The public is invited to bring blankets and lawn chairs, but please **no** coolers, alcoholic beverages, or pets. All concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude between 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Parks and Recreation Director Leigh Baggs at 944-PARK (7275) or at lbaggs@townofaberdeen.net.

MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

As spring unwinds and summer approaches most of us look forward to spending a lot more time outside and going places. The weather is nice and we want to take our most faithful companions with us. No, I am not talking about our spouses and children, I am talking about the ones that don't moan, groan, gripe, and complain when we have to make that "one" more stop - it's the family pet.

We love our pets and we want to offer them a change of pace and give them the chance to go with us.

We have to be careful when taking our pets out. Remember that pets can't go into every store, not all businesses are pet friendly. When you take your pet, plan your outing with your pet in mind and limit travel to those places that do welcome our four legged companions. Remember when a car is closed up on a hot day it is no place for any person or animal.

Davis Instruments did a study in 2002 on how hot it can get in parked cars. Does this really sound like something you want to put your pet through? The following are some of the results from the study:

- On a day when the outside temperature was 73° Fahrenheit, it took only 20 minutes for the temperature sensor inside the car to reach a lethal level of 107° Fahrenheit.
- On a day when the outside temperature was 86° Fahrenheit, it took only 10 minutes for the temperature sensor inside the car in the shade to reach a lethal level of 109° Fahrenheit.
- On a day when the outside temperature was 86° Fahrenheit, it took only 5 minutes for the temperature sensor inside the car placed in direct sunlight to reach 132° Fahrenheit.

Cruelty to animals is a crime in North Carolina that is charged by the Aberdeen Police Department and prosecuted by the Moore County District Attorney's office. Leaving your animal in a closed car on a hot day is considered to be cruelty to animals and the state statute will be enforced.

Enjoy the warm weather but take the necessary steps to protect the members of your family that have no voice. Plan your trips to pet friendly locations or travel with another person and leave them in the car with the pets to make sure that the A/C stays on while you are out of the car.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Town Board Budget Meeting
Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
- Town Board Work Session
Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
- Town Board Budget Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
- Town Board Budget Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, May 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Board Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- Town Board Work Session
Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Board Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS LICENSE SCHEDULE AND RATES

Anyone doing business in the Town of Aberdeen is required to have a Privilege/Business License. The Board of Commissioners recently adopted a new Ordinance to collect fees based on gross receipt for retail/grocery/general/wholesale/distributors/manufacturers. The information and sample forms were mailed out to all businesses that would be affected by this change. Also, the information will again go out in the mail for the renewals and how to figure your new fees will be enclosed. If you didn't receive a letter or for more information, contact Shelbi O'Brien at (910) 944-7799 or sobrien@townofaberdeen.net.

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spring is upon us and summer is moving in fast. We'd like to take a moment to remind you to discuss and practice escape plans with your family. In the event of a fire, remember time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Make it a routine to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

Develop a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Make sure everyone in the family knows two ways to escape from every room. Practice feeling your way out with your eyes closed or blindfolded. This is a great activity that is fun for children, because they are learning at the same time. Remember to **never** stand up in a fire, always crawl low under the smoke and try to keep your mouth covered. **Never** return to a burning building for any reason; it may cost you your life. Practice your escape plans during the day and at night. The better you and your family know how to escape, the better your chances are in the event of a real fire.

PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED!

The Town of Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan for Parks, Recreation Programs, Special Events, Greenways, and Open Space on Thursday, May 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Recreation Station. The purpose of the public meeting is to receive comments from citizens about their needs and wishes for parks and recreational opportunities in Aberdeen.

This public comment meeting is part of the process utilized by Site Solutions, who has been hired by the Town of Aberdeen to prepare this document. Site Solutions has completed an Inventory of Existing Facilities and Analysis of Community Standards. These two chapters of the Comprehensive Plan can be reviewed on the Town's website under the Parks and Recreation Department's section.

If you cannot attend this meeting, but would like to express comments or for additional information, contact Leigh Baggs at 944-PARK or lbaggs@townofaberdeen.net.

REMINDER FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS

Please remember that there is a \$5.00 or 5% late fee added to all bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the 21st of May. Those bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the 5th of June will have a \$25.00 penalty added to the account and will be disconnected on **Wednesday, June 6, 2012.**



ABERDEEN CELEBRATES AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY

Aberdeen plans to celebrate America's Birthday with a day of fabulous fun activities on Wednesday, July 4th. The 2012 "Fun Family Fourth of July" sponsored by the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, will be held at Aberdeen Lake Park.

The Town of Aberdeen's 48th Annual Celebration will offer entertainment and activities for people of all ages. Activities and games will start at 5:30 p.m., with live music beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Admission is free to the park. Children can purchase a wrist band for \$3.00, which will allow them to participate in games and a variety of activities, win prizes, and have their face painted.

Some of the activities include face painting, inflatable bouncy castles, and games. The games for children and teenagers include duck pond, patriotic cookies, patriotic bean bag toss, basketball toss, crafts, and American bead necklaces. Glow in the dark necklaces and American flags will be sold by two local organizations. Pony rides will also be available for children.



Red, white and blue colors will adorn the park as folks gather to honor America and to celebrate this patriotic day! Citizens of all ages are encouraged to dress in their patriotic colors and participate in the costume contest. Prizes will be awarded in the Most Patriotic, Best Costume, and Most Original Costume.

There will be several food vendors present selling funnel cakes, barbecue, lemonade, hot dogs, Philly steak sandwiches, tacos, sodas, Italian icees, pop corn, and cotton candy.

Grab your blankets and lawn chairs and bring the family and friends. **Please no pets, no alcoholic beverages, no personal fireworks, and no coolers!**

The day will conclude with one of the largest and most exciting fireworks displays in the region. For additional information, please call the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at 944-PARK.

YOUTH ATHLETICS

Major League Pitch, Hit, and Run

The Aberdeen, Pinehurst, and Southern Pines Recreation Departments will offer a local qualifying Major League Pitch, Hit, and Run competition on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Field C in Southern Pines. This free competition is for youth, ages 7 to 14, (age as of July 17, 2012) proof of age required. Winners will advance to regional competition. Registration forms are available at the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department located at 301 Lake Park Crossing. Pre-registration is required and will take place through May 5th. Registration will be available May 5th from 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.



Machine Pitch Baseball

Machine Pitch Baseball is for youth, ages 6 - 8, aging out of t-ball or for those that have never played before. Machine Pitch Baseball will be held at Colonial Heights Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Station starting June 4th through June 22nd. Fees are \$12 for Residents and \$25 for Non-Residents.

All Star Camp

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is holding an All Star Camp where kids, ages 5 - 12 as of July 1st, will learn the basics of different sports. Each day a specific sport will be taught. The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Colonial Heights Park and one session will be held at Southern Middle School. Camp is \$30 for Residents and \$40 for Non-Residents. The registration deadline is July 13th. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Station or online at www.townofaberdeen.net under Parks and Recreation. For more information, contact Joseph Keel at 944-4572 or jkeel@townofaberdeen.net.

- July 23 - Kickball held at Colonial Heights Park. Come join Aberdeen in our most exciting youth league. Let the kids be kids!
- July 24 - Baseball held at Colonial Heights Park. Fundamentals will be taught in hitting, catching, and throwing by a former Mars Hill College Pitcher.
- July 25 - Tennis held at Southern Middle School. Participants from adult leagues in Moore County will instruct campers on serving, volleying, and the etiquette of tennis.
- July 26 - Football held at Colonial Heights Park. Coach Riggan and his staff from Union Pines HS will instruct participants on passing, catching, and the rules of football.
- July 27 - Soccer held at Colonial Heights Park. AC Sandhills will be instructing participants on ball control, passing, and shooting skills.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Chair Exercises

Days: Tuesday and Thursday
 Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Cost: \$2/month Residents &
 \$5/month Non-Residents
 Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
 Classes are on-going.

Art Classes

Day: Wednesday
 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$2/month Residents &
 \$5/month Non-Residents
 Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
 Classes are on-going.

This is a great opportunity to meet and share creative ideas with others. Participants must supply own materials.

Bingo

Dates: May 3, 2012 and June 7, 2012
 Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Cost: \$1 Residents & \$2 Non-Residents
 Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station

Refreshments will be provided. Participants should bring a wrapped prize or prizes of \$5.00 or less to each session.

Summer Luncheon

Date: Thursday, June 7, 2012
 Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Cost: Free
 Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
 RSVP Deadline: June 1

We will be providing plates, silverware, drinks, and meat. **Other dishes are encouraged!**

ADULT KICKBALL

Remember the good ole days of playing kickball? Well the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is offering an Adult Kickball League for participants ages 15 and up, as of July 1st. There will be an organizational meeting on May 15th at 6:00pm at Colonial Heights Parks to discuss information, rules and fees. Participants will establish their own teams, purchase their own uniforms and enjoy the exciting sport of Kickball. Games are scheduled to start July 24th.

SUMMER CAMP

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is offering 8 weeks of Full Day and Half Day Camp this summer for ages 6 - 12. Campers will take part in arts and crafts, group games, special activities, sports, and a theme related field trip during the week. A nutritious breakfast, lunch, and 2 snacks are provided by Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department. Campers need to bring cash for field trips during the week; they range in price from \$5-\$10. There will not be camp the week of July 4th due to Family Fun 4th of July and the observance of Independence Day. A one-time registration fee and payment for the first week of camp is required at registration. There is a holding fee of \$10 for any additional weeks being registered for and will be applied to that week's camp fee. Camp fees must be paid in full two Fridays before the session begins. For example: the week of June 25-29's fee is due on June 15 by 5:00 p.m. Registration forms are available at the Aberdeen Recreation Station and online at www.townofaberdeen.net.

Day: Monday - Friday
 Location: Aberdeen Recreation Station
 Time: Full Day-8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 ½ Day-8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Min/Max: 14/25

Camp Fees:

One Time Registration Fee

\$10 Aberdeen Residents
 \$20 Non-Residents

Full Day

\$60 Aberdeen Residents per session
 \$90 Non-Residents per session

½ Day

\$35 Aberdeen Residents per session
 \$65 Non-Residents per session

Holding Fee for Additional Weeks

\$10 per additional week that will be applied to that week's camp fee

- Week 1: June 11 - 15 All American
- Week 2: June 18 - 22 Awesome Animals
- Week 3: June 25 - 29 Amazing Race
- Week 4: July 9 - 13 Mind and Body
- Week 5: July 16 - 20 The Universe
- Week 6: July 23 - 27 Plants
- Week 7: July 30 - August 3 Summer Olympics
- Week 8: August 6 - 10 Wacky Water