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September & October 2020



Your Government

Board of Commissioners Work Session

2nd Monday | 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room
September 14th & October 12th

Board of Commissioners Meeting

4th Monday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
September 28th & October 26th

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
September 17th & October 15th

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Town Holiday Closing

In observation of Labor Day, Town administrative offices will be closed Monday, September 7, 2020.

There will be no garbage/recycle pick up on Monday, September 7th. The makeup day will be Wednesday, September 9th.



Become an Aberdeen Ambassador!

Beginning on October 5, 2020, the Town of Aberdeen will host its 13th Citizens Academy Program (CAP). The purpose of the program is to improve understanding, communication, and cooperation between local government and those 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 the community.

Interested participants should submit an application and will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Class size will be limited to

approximately 10 participants to allow for proper social distancing and masks will be required. 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, 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.

There is no cost to individuals who attend the sessions, but the Town strongly encourages participants to commit the time to attend each program. The sessions will be held on the following dates from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. each evening: October 5, October 19, and November 2. Since many participants will arrive directly from work without eating, dinner will be provided during each session.

Additional information and an application can be downloaded at www.townofaberdeen.net.

New Tackle Loaner Program

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation has partnered with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission to offer the tackle loaner program for anglers of all ages. Participants over the age of 16 must have a fishing license. The program operates just like a library. Register for free to receive a tackle loaner ID card, which allows you to check out a rod and reel. Anglers under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian complete the registration form. First-time participants under 16 years of age will receive

a free mini-tackle box. Tackle loaner ID cards can be used at other participating sites in North Carolina, but rods and reels must be returned to the original loaner site. Visit ncwildlife.org for a list of other participating sites. Rods and reels can be checked out at the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, must be checked out and in during our office hours (Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.), and may be loaned overnight. We do not sell bait. Enjoy fishing at Aberdeen Lake Park or Ray’s Mill Park!

Movies by the Lake

Join us at Aberdeen Lake Park to enjoy family movies on the big screen. Admission is free and concessions will be available for purchase.

- September 25th at 7:15 p.m. – Trolls World Tour
- October 19th at 7:00 p.m. – Onward

*Rain dates will be the same time, the following day.

Fall-O-Ween

Saturday, October 24th
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us at the Malcolm Blue Farm for fun carnival games, inflatables, pony rides, a climbing wall, and more. This event is for children ages 15 and under. Tickets are \$5 per child (ages 2-15) and includes all games, pony rides, inflatables, and climbing wall. There will be food truck vendors and ice cream. We encourage everyone to put on their best costume and join us for the fun.

Frights & Pints

Join us for a movie night out with brews at Aberdeen Lake Park. Good for a date night or a night away from the kiddos. Admission is free and concessions will be available for purchase. Yard games will be set up at 5:45 p.m., so come hang out before the movie begins.

- October 16th at 6:45 p.m. – Night of the Living Dead (Rated R)

Girls Youth Volleyball

Girls, ages 7-14, will learn the rules and develop important skills for the game of volleyball! Age divisions will consist of 7-10 and 11-14 years old. Practices and games will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings for both age divisions. All practices and games will be held outdoors at Aberdeen Lake Park.

Registration Deadline: August 28th (or until full)

First Practice: September 9th
Cost: \$12 Aberdeen Residents
\$25 Non-Residents

Youth Basketball

This league, for ages 4-15, will emphasize learning the basic developmental skills and improving existing skills of basketball. Youth Basketball also focuses on having fun and learning how to be a team. Everyone should expect one week night and a Saturday practice or game. The exact week day schedule will depend on the number of participants. Evaluations for the 9-12 and 13-15 age groups will be held on November 23rd. All dates are subject to change.

Registration Deadline: November 13th
First Practice: Week of Nov. 30th (subject to change)
Cost: \$12 Aberdeen Residents
\$25 Non-Resident

***Malcolm Blue Festival and the Annual Sardine Festival have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. ***

Volunteers Needed to Serve on the Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is looking for additional volunteers to fill the board. The HPC exists to preserve the history and character of Downtown Aberdeen through education, outreach, and the application of historic guidelines when reviewing projects, renovations, and construction within the Historic District. The HPC accomplishes this by reviewing and hearing Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications for alterations, demolitions, or new construction within the local historic district. The HPC also partakes in recommending appropriate changes to the Unified

Development Ordinance (UDO) which relates to the local historic district and preservation of historic buildings, sites, areas, or objects.

If you reside within the Town of Aberdeen, and have any experience OR interest in the preservation of historic structures, architecture, history planning, or other related disciplines, please apply to join this important Town commission.

For more info, contact Christian Haas, Planner at 910-944-4506 or chaas@townofaberdeen.net.

Census Takers will be Visiting Households Thru September 2020

Census takers will be out in Aberdeen visiting households, thru the end of September 2020, who have not filled out the 2020 Census.

The Census takers will have an official ID badge with a US Department of Commerce watermark and will read a script from an iPhone which is also used to gather the household census information. If no one is home when the Census taker visits, they will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone, or by mail. The Census can easily be completed on any mobile device or computer by visiting www.my2020census.gov.



Voter Information – How can I Vote?

With many voters having concerns with COVID-19 during elections, here are the ways that NC residents can vote.

1) **Absentee Voting (Mail In Voting)** – Any Moore County registered voter can request an absentee ballot by mail, there does not need to be a specific reason to request a ballot. Complete a request form and return to the Moore County Board of Elections Office by October 27th. Ballots will be mailed as early as September 4th for those that have submitted a request form. Absentee ballots may be returned:

- a. By mail,
- b. By commercial courier services (DHL, FedEx, or UPS),
- c. In person at the Moore County Board of Elections Office, or
- d. In person at an open early voting site.

2) **Early Voting** – Moore County voters can go to any of the early voting sites October 15th – 31st to vote in person. All sites will be open Weekdays (8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.), Saturdays (8 a.m. – 3 p.m.), & Sundays (2 p.m. – 5 p.m.). The following sites will be open for early voting:

- a. Aberdeen Recreation Center – 301 Lake Park Crossing, Aberdeen

- b. Moore County Agricultural Center – 707 Pinehurst Ave., Carthage
- c. Pinehurst Community Center – 210 Rattlesnake Tr., Pinehurst
- d. Vass Town Hall – 140 S. Alma St., Vass

3) **Election Day Voting** – Voters can vote at their assigned polling place on November 3rd. Aberdeen residents have two locations depending on their residence.

- a. East Aberdeen voting location – American Legion Hut located at 209 E. Main St. This location is for residences located east of the railroad tracks that run parallel to Highway 1.
- b. West Aberdeen voting location – Aberdeen Recreation Station located at 301 Lake Park Crossing. This location is for residences located west of the railroad tracks that run parallel to Highway 1.

If you have any questions about the ways to vote as a Moore County resident or voting locations, contact the Moore County Board of Elections office at 910-947-3868 or elections@moorecountync.gov. You can also visit www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections to check your voter registration information, view maps of voting locations, or more details about voting.