

Youth Basketball League

This league will emphasize learning the basic developmental skills and improving existing skills of basketball. Youth basketball also puts a focus on having fun and learning teamwork skills. Registration runs until November 17 or until full. The league is for boys and girls ages 4 -12.

Cost is \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. 4-6 year olds practices/games are held Mondays & Saturdays, 7-8 year olds practice/games are held Tuesdays & Saturdays, and 9-12 years old vary depending on schedule.

Adult Dodgeball

Want an activity where players will be dodging, ducking, dipping, and diving? We will be providing it! Our adult dodgeball league will allow you to put to rest any stinging memories of dodgeball from your youth, and start fresh, for a fun full-body exercise. Participants will need to form their own teams, purchase their own uniforms, and enjoy the thrilling and intense sport of dodgeball.

Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The league is for ages 16 and up. Registration deadline is February 2nd and the first game will be February 20th. Fees are \$200 per team + \$10 per non-resident player.

Update Email & Phone Number

The Water Billing Dept. is asking for customers to update their accounts with a current phone number & email address. Please send account number or current service address, phone number, & email address to sobrien@townofaberdeen.net, call the Water Dept. at (910)944-7799, or stop by our office at 115 N. Poplar Street.

Fall Season Safety Tips from the Fire Dept.

Fire Safety Tips for Fall:

When the weather turns cold most people spend more time inside their homes using fireplaces, furnaces, and heaters to keep warm. There's nothing quite as cozy as a fire, but it presents some safety hazards. Keep these tips in mind.

Service Your Furnace

Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, be sure to call your heating and cooling company to service your furnace. A specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and that there are no leaks.

Use Fireplaces Safely

Keep that fire in its proper place by using a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended, and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.

Use Caution with Space Heaters

A space heater can be an effective way to warm up a chilly room, but it's essential that you read the instructions on the unit before you use it. If your space heater requires venting, make sure you have vented it to the outdoors. Never use your stove or oven to heat your home; only use space heaters that are approved for this purpose. Always allow at least three feet of empty area around space heaters.

Change Smoke Alarm Batteries

Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you turn back your clocks for Daylight Saving Time. Make sure to check the alarms with the new batteries installed. Check and replace any home fire extinguishers that have expired.

Autumn Home Maintenance Safety Tips:

Fall is the time for yard clean ups and readying your house for the cold winter ahead. Keep these safety tips in mind as you work.

Look Up Before Pruning Trees

If you have decided that your yard needs to be spruced up by trimming your trees, be sure to look up and survey the area carefully before you start. Make careful note of where power lines are located before you set up your ladder so that it is positioned away from them.

Use Caution on Ladders

Wearing appropriate footwear is important when using a ladder; shoes or boots may be wet, causing you to slip as you climb the ladder. The ladder should be positioned on a flat surface before use. Be sure that the tools you are using are specifically designed for this purpose and are in good condition before starting work.

Clean Up Fallen Leaves

Keep your driveway and walkway clear of falling leaves. Wet leaves can create a hazard for pedestrians in the fall by making sidewalks slippery. Later in the season, snow may mix with leaves to increase the risk of falling. Homeowners should mulch or rake up fallen leaves and dispose of them according to local bylaws.

New Hours at Page Memorial Library

Page Memorial Library located at 100 S. Poplar Street in Downtown Aberdeen will have new hours starting Tuesday, September 5th. The new hours will be Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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Water & Sewer Rates to Increase July 1, 2017

There will be an increase for water and sewer rates effective on the September 2017 water bill. Below are the new rates.

In-Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):

Residential \$14.00

Commercial & Institutional \$17.00

Industrial \$52.00

1,000 – 5,000 gal. \$3.25 per thousand

5,001 – 10,000 gal. \$3.48 per thousand

10,001 – 15,000 gal. \$3.70 per thousand

15,001 – 20,000 gal. \$3.92 per thousand

20,001 – 25,000 gal. \$4.37 per thousand

Over 25,000 gal. \$4.78 per thousand

In-Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):

Residential \$14.00

Commercial & Institutional \$17.00

Industrial \$52.00

1,000 – 5,000 gal. \$3.65 per thousand

5,001 – 10,000 gal. \$4.37 per thousand

10,001 – 15,000 gal. \$5.07 per thousand

15,001 – 20,000 gal. \$5.81 per thousand

20,001 – 25,000 gal. \$6.54 per thousand

Over 25,000 gal. \$7.26 per thousand

Out of Town Water Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):

Residential \$22.00

Commercial & Institutional \$32.00

Industrial \$102.00

1,000 – 5,000 gal. \$6.53 per thousand

5,001 – 10,000 gal. \$7.16 per thousand

10,001 – 15,000 gal. \$7.78 per thousand

15,001 – 20,000 gal. \$8.42 per thousand

20,001 – 25,000 gal. \$9.03 per thousand

Over 25,000 gal. \$9.67 per thousand

Out of Town Sewer Rates (per billing cycle)

Base Charge (includes no usage):

Residential \$22.00

Commercial & Institutional \$32.00

Industrial \$102.00

1,000 – 5,000 gal. \$7.28 per thousand

5,001 – 10,000 gal. \$7.92 per thousand

10,001 – 15,000 gal. \$8.53 per thousand

15,001 – 20,000 gal. \$9.16 per thousand

20,001 – 25,000 gal. \$9.77 per thousand

Over 25,000 gal. \$10.41 per thousand

Residential Garbage - \$20.00 (per billing cycle)

Business Garbage - \$25.50 (per billing cycle)



Public Input Meeting on US 1/15-501 - Voice Your Concerns! Monday, September 18th at Aberdeen Recreation Center

NCDOT plans to hold public input meetings for the US 1/15-501 project on **Monday, September 18th** at the Aberdeen Recreation Center on US 1 in both the morning and late afternoon/early evening time periods. The plan is for NCDOT to hold both the business and resident meetings on that date but at different time slots. We will provide meeting details once received from NCDOT, so please check the Town website at www.townofaberdeen.net or Town social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) for additional details. This is your first significant opportunity to provide input to the NCDOT on this proposed project – jointly as property owners, business owners, and/or as a resident of Aberdeen. Do not miss this opportunity!

Recently, Town staff has met with the local NC Department of Transportation (“NCDOT”) office, and related officials, to continue to work on amendments to the proposed **US 1/15-501 road improvement plans**. We have made great progress in obtaining some of the revisions to the plans to better serve our businesses and residents. The Board of Commissioners will consider a resolution at its August 28th regular meeting to memorialize some of those positive revisions to the proposed plans.

The Town did receive a grant from **FEMA** for repairs to the **Aberdeen Lake spillway** that was damaged during Hurricane Matthew last fall. The grant is in the amount of \$437,000 and will allow

the Town to repair the spillway inlet, or gate, and to make some repairs to the spillway wall. The spillway was initially constructed in 1949 by the U.S. Army as a training exercise. The lake was refilled with water this summer but the water will have to be removed again for a temporary period while repairs are conducted. The planned repairs are still under design but we hope to have some construction activity at the spillway later this fall.



In other FEMA news, the Town has applied for and is still awaiting the results of its request for funding to rebuild a new fire/rescue facility that was also damaged during Hurricane Matthew last fall. The damaged facility was located near Aberdeen Lake. The tentative plan is to apply any garnered funds from FEMA to improvements at the new Fire Station #2 acquired by the Town when it took over operations from the Crestline Fire Department this summer. The Town expects approximately \$140,000 in FEMA proceeds from this grant application.

Cheerleading

Basketball season is not far away and Parks & Rec is looking for children ages 4-12 that can show their team spirit for Aberdeen's winter basketball league. The cheerleaders will learn basic cheers, jumps, kicks, and much more. Registration deadline is November 17th. Cost is \$30 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

Movies by the Lake

September 15 at 7:45 p.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park. The movie will be Moana. October 20 at 7:15 p.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park. The movie is The Lego Batman Movie. Free for all ages and concessions will be available for purchase.

PiYo

NEW! A workout that combines Pilates & Yoga. Class is held on Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Fees are \$25 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Classes begin September 6th.

Salsa Dance Lessons

NEW! An introductory course for Salsa. Class is held on Mondays from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The first 6 week session starts September 11th. Fees are \$15 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

Tai Chi

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 September 5 – 26 and October 3 – 31.

Zumba

Class is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Fees per session are \$30 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. Sessions are September 5 – 28 and October 3 – 31.

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.

Downtown and Economic Development

-We did it - Aberdeen is a North Carolina (NC) Main Street Affiliate!

-Oh...neat; so what does that mean exactly?

-We are glad you asked!

Aberdeen is now part of a national network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and towns that share a commitment to building stronger communities through healthy development of the downtown area. New Main Street communities are selected by the



NC Department of Commerce through a competitive application process.

Eligible communities must have a certified population under 50,000 and commit to hiring a full-time downtown manager and provide funding for program operations. Aberdeen was selected as a program affiliate in 1990 but unfortunately lost "active" status

due to a lack of support. A renewed interest in the program began in 2013 when town leaders voted in favor of reapplying. Town staff is fortunate to now receive strong support from our current leadership and the community.

In order to be re-designated as a Main Street Affiliate, Aberdeen must demonstrate a commitment to achieving meaningful economic, social, physical, and organizational improvements in the downtown commercial district. In Aberdeen, that district is known as the Downtown Retail Overlay District (DROD) and surrounding properties in the heart of our town center. Downtown Aberdeen is committed to comprehensive revitalization and undertakes ongoing efforts to achieve meaningful community outcomes, including some very exciting projects to improve the walkability and streetscapes in the coming 1-2 years.

One of our goals is to keep the community aware and involved in upcoming projects and events. We created a social media platform to spread current information for the area. Please like us on Facebook @DowntownAberdeen and/or follow us on Instagram @Downtown_Aberdeen to stay up to date. A "Downtown Aberdeen" website is coming soon.

We are in the process of forming a Downtown Development Committee to get the community involved in town projects. If you have an interest in serving on the committee so you can be on the front lines of meaningful change in Downtown Aberdeen, contact Jen at jgallimore@townofaberdeen.net or 910.944.4506. Please feel free to contact Jen with any other questions regarding downtown development.



The Sunday Exchange Concert Series 2017

The Town of Aberdeen wishes to thank our community for their overwhelming support for our first Sunday Exchange Concert Series. With the exception of some rain and a change of venue for the August concert we couldn't have asked for more: a beautiful site, great music, food, and beverages, and folks from Moore County and beyond coming out to enjoy it all!

We were proud to be able to provide this free and unique event series and look forward to another great season in 2018. Keep your eyes and ears open for more new and exciting things to come to Downtown Aberdeen. We are just getting started!



Festivals in Aberdeen

Malcolm Blue Festival

Saturday, September 23rd from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Malcolm Blue Farm

At Malcolm Blue Farm Day, you can enjoy artisan work of all kinds, such as blacksmithing, pine needle basket weaving, quilting, bees making honey, wood carving, cloggers, storytelling, potters, and much more. Children can pet farm animals, gem mine, and ride a pony. Come sample homemade foods in the farmhouse kitchen and ride in a horse drawn wagon. There will be BBQ, beer, homemade lemonade, funnel cakes, ice cream and much more!

Admission is \$5 for ages 5 & up, \$20 max for families, children under 5 are free.

25th Annual Sardine Festival

Friday, October 13th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park

All are invited to enjoy a free lunch of sardines, crackers, moon pies, RC Colas, and Cokes. Last year's Sardine Queen will arrive via fire truck in her own parade at noon, and the new 2017 Sardine Queen will be crowned. More information can be obtained by contacting Jamie Boles at (910) 692-6262.

Admission is FREE, though donations are welcome.



Fall-O-Ween

Saturday, October 21st from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Lake Park

Join us at Aberdeen Lake Park for fun carnival games, inflatables and a climbing wall. This event is for children ages 15 and under, and the cost of \$5 per child gets the kids on all games, 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!



Your Government

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

2nd Monday | 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room
September 11th & October 9th

Board of Commissioners
Meeting

4th Monday | 6:00 p.m.
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
September 25th & October 23rd

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.
J. Curtis McInnis Board Room
September 21st & October 19th

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www.townofaberdeen.net.

Town Hall Closing

In observation of Labor Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed September 4, 2017.

There will be no garbage/recycle collection on Monday, September 4th. The make-up day will be Wednesday, September 6th.

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 4:00 p.m. online or 5:00 p.m. in the office on October 5 and disconnected October 6.

Aberdeen Fire Department Golf Tournament Benefit

The Aberdeen Fire Rescue Department is hosting a Golf Tournament Benefit on Saturday, September 9th at Hyland Hills Golf Course. The Benefit starts at 8:00 a.m. with a shot gun start.

Teams are Captains Choice Four Person teams. The cost is \$65 per person or \$260 per team. The cost includes green fees, cart fee, and lunch.

There are lots of prizes: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin. There are 2 other ways to win: 50/50 Raffle and Mulligans.

This Benefit is a great opportunity for businesses. Sponsorships are available at \$100 per hole.

For more information contact Richard Allred at 910-944-7888 or rallred@townofaberdeen.net.