

Lock Your Vehicle

Reminder to all residents! We have experienced a rash of thefts from vehicles recently, especially in the Eastview Drive area. All of the vehicles were unlocked and had personal items visible inside the car. The Aberdeen Police would like to remind our residents to lock their vehicles and place any valuable items in your home or lock them in your trunk. This is a crime of opportunity and by taking some simple precautions you may prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

As always, we encourage all residents to be the eyes and ears of our town and call 911 if you see any suspicious activity. Never feel that it is too minor or that you are bothering the police. We would much rather respond and investigate suspicious activity than to find out about it after a crime has been committed. We hope you all have a safe and happy spring!

CPR Academy Citizens Academy

Do you want to learn proper CPR techniques but do not want to pay to be certified? The CPR Citizens Academy will teach citizens proper CPR techniques and basic first aid. This is **NOT** a certification class! Check the town website, www.townofaberdeen.net, for future details and dates.

Business License Renewal

The Town of Aberdeen will send Business License renewal notices in July. Due to software conversion, there will not be any late fees or penalties added.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelbi O'Brien at 944-7799.

On the Calendar

May & June

• MLB Pitch, Hit, and Run

Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Field C in Southern Pines. The event is for children ages 7 – 14 and free. Compete to qualify for regional competition. (910) 944-4572.

• Women's Softball League

Registration runs through May 16. Tuesdays and Thursdays starting May 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Colonial Heights Park. This league is for women age 16 and up. (910) 944-4572.

• Coach Pitch Baseball

Registration is May 27 through June 20. The league is for boys and girls ages 6 – 8 and costs \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Practices begin July 8. (910) 944-4572.

• Adult Kickball

This league is for men and women ages 16 and up. Rosters are due by June 20. Games will begin July 7. Team Registration Fees are \$250 + \$10 per non-resident team member. (910) 944-4572.

• Bingo

Thursday, May 8 and June 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.

• Summer Day Camp

June 9 – August 22 at Aberdeen Recreation Station. Ages 6 – 12. There is a one-time administrative fee of \$10 residents and \$20 non-residents. A \$10 holding fee will apply for any additional weeks being registered for and it will be applied toward that week's camp fee. Camp fees are \$60 residents and \$100 non-residents.

• All Star Camp

Learn skills for kickball, baseball, basketball, football, and soccer. June 16 – June 20 at Colonial Heights Park from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 5 – 12. Fees are \$30 residents and \$40 non-residents. Registration deadline is June 6. (910) 944-4572.

• Water Bills

Bills will be bank drafted on May 10. 5% or \$5 late fee added for those not paid by May 20. \$25 penalty added for those not paid by June 4 and disconnected June 5.

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

Recycle Dates

Monday Dates:

- May 12
- May 28 (Wednesday)
- June 9
- June 23

Friday Dates:

- May 9
- May 23
- June 6
- June 20
- July 2 (Wednesday)



Bon Accord

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2013 Sewer Collections System Performance Report

Overall the Town's sewer system is in good shape. The main issues encountered in our system stem from inflow & infiltration and root and grease buildup in the lines. The Public Works Department is consistently replacing old sewer lines, videotaping to identify trouble areas, and sealing older manholes.

2013 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,
Water/Sewer Superintendent

Facility/System Name: Town of Aberdeen

Responsibility Entity: Town of Aberdeen Public Works Department

Person in Charge/Contact: James Robert Matthews (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; 10 sewer lift pump stations – treatment is provided by Moore County.



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Message from Town Manager, Bill Zell

The Town of Aberdeen has been very blessed over the last several years in the area of receiving grants. It seems that whenever we apply for a grant it's awarded to us. In fact since August 1, 2011, we've received nine (9) grants worth over \$2.3 million.

These are all different types of grants and they help us in varying ways to make our Town a better place to live, work, and play. I want to talk about three specific grants in this article to let you know what has been accomplished.

We have received two (2) SBEA grants over this time period. This is a Small Business Entrepreneurial Assistant grant, whereby a specific dollar amount is guaranteed for each new job that is created. The dollars can then be used to update a building, purchase new equipment, or anything necessary to help a business move forward.

The first SBEA grant was for \$225,000 and went to help two of our local businesses, Davenport's Galaxy Grocery Store and the Blue's Crossing Barbershop. After John Davenport had sold his original grocery store in hopes of a well-earned retirement things didn't work out as planned and the new owners ended up closing the business. When John stepped back in he could see that it would be very costly to get the store back up and running. Through his creation of several new jobs we were able to secure the grant that allowed him some of the dollars to make this

happen. Now instead of a building just sitting there deteriorating, we have a vibrant new business in our downtown.

Another grant we received was a \$250,000 Infrastructure Grant that went toward putting in water and sewer lines, streets and sidewalks for 14 new homes at the north end of Midway Road. The Town teamed with Habitat for Humanity to produce the homes for 14 new families to live here in Aberdeen. Out of this grant we now have a wonderful new neighborhood that all of us can be proud of.

The third grant in this discussion was a \$324,000 grant for a local business to add a sewer line and be connected to the Moore County System, but this grant was different than the ones above in that it required a match from the Town of \$81,000. Now in reality the local business for which the sewer line was being put in for paid \$50,000 of this match and Moore County and the Town split the balance. Again the dollars awarded were based on the number of jobs to be created, but out of this we received \$243,000 plus the local match of \$81,000 that allowed us to connect a business to our system and we were also able to take a pump station out of service which was icing on the cake.

As I said earlier, we have been very blessed in the area of receiving grants. I want to thank my staff that works so hard in writing and administering all of our grants. What a great job they have done!

Spring Spree

The Town of Aberdeen, in partnership with Aberdeen Business Guild and Star 102.5FM & WIOZ 550AM, are sponsoring the 3rd Annual Spring Spree Festival on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Historic Downtown Aberdeen. The festival is free and open to the public for a fun and enjoyable afternoon with family-friendly entertainment, food, arts and crafts.

The festival began in 2011 as collaboration between the merchants from downtown Aberdeen and its local business guild. They wanted to have an event that celebrated and exposed the eclectic mixture of businesses that gave Aberdeen this funky and hip vibe as a community in the County. As more people are moving into the area, they wanted the residents to know and see our beautiful and charming downtown.

The children's entertainment area will be located in the grassy area between Main and South Streets known to locals as the "Y" area. Bouncing castles, games, face painting and other events will be provided free of charge.

Arts and crafts merchants will be setting up side by side with local nonprofit organizations from the area. You may find an assortment of beaded jewelers, wood crafters, potters, photographers, and other crafters. Food vendors will also be present for the festival. Nonprofit organizations will be educating people about their organization's mission and elicit volunteers for their foundation.

Live music from local artists and bands will be playing throughout the day of the event. We hope residents will come and enjoy themselves and celebrate what the Town has to offer.

The cost to setup as a vendor will be \$45 for new vendors and \$25 for returning vendors. Guidelines and applications can be found on the Town's website under News and Announcements. If you have any interest or further questions, please contact the Planning Department and ask for Jae Kim or Pam Graham at (910) 944-7024 or Molly Menard, President of the Aberdeen Business Guild at (910) 944-1212.



Colonial Heights Park

Want to get involved with recreational athletics & programs?

Parks & Recreation has athletics available for youth and adults as players and coaches.

Coach Pitch Baseball

This athletic league is for youth aging out of T-Ball or for those that have never played before. Coach Pitch Baseball will be held at Colonial Heights Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration is May 27th through June 20th. Coach Pitch Baseball is offered for boys and girls ages 6-8, as of April 30th. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Station. Fees are \$12 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. If interested in coaching or sponsoring a team please contact Joseph Keel, Athletic Coordinator, at 910-944-7275.

Women's Softball

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is inviting you to come join our Women's Softball League for women ages 16 and up. Registration is through May 16th. Games are played at Colonial Heights Park on Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning May 27th.

Adult Kickball

The Adult Kickball League is open to anyone ages 16 and older, as of July 1st. The deadline for rosters will be Friday, June 20th. All games will be played at Colonial Heights Park on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Team Registration Fee is \$250 + \$10 per non-resident team members.

All-Star Camp

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department is holding an All Star Camp where kids, ages 5 – 12 as of April 30th, will learn the basics of kickball, baseball, soccer, basketball, and football. The All Star Sport camp runs from June 16th to June

20th. The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Colonial Heights Park and one session will be held at Aberdeen Elementary School. Camp is \$30 for Residents and \$40 for Non-Residents. The registration deadline is June 6th, with a minimum of 10 participants required. Registration forms can be picked up at the Aberdeen Recreation Station. For more information, call Joseph Keel at 910-944-7275.

MLB Pitch, Hit, and Run

The Aberdeen, Southern Pines, and Pinehurst Recreation Departments are sponsoring the 2014 local qualifying Major League Pitch, Hit, and Run competition to be held on Saturday, May 10th. This event is for children ages 7 - 14, as of July 17, 2014. The event will take place at Memorial Park Field C in Southern Pines at 10:00 a.m. This is a FREE event and winners will qualify to compete at the regional, state, and possibly national level in Atlanta at the Braves stadium. The minimum required to hold the event is 15.

A copy of your child's birth certificate is required on the day of competition. NO metal spikes are allowed during any portion of the competition.

Volunteer Coaches and sponsors are needed for all activities! If interested please call, Joseph Keel at 910-944-7275.

Family Game Night

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department invites families to join us on May 9th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

for classic board games, puzzles, crafts and pizza! Family Game Night will be held at the Aberdeen Recreation Station. Fees are \$5 for Residents ages 5 & up and \$7 for Non-Residents ages 5 & up. Registration deadline is May 7th.

Let's Go Fishing

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department has rods and reels available for rent inside the Aberdeen Recreation Station Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The rental is free for residents and \$3 for non-residents. NC state law requires ages 16 and up to have a fishing license. A 10 day license is available at Wal-Mart for \$5. Ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

"Recreational athletics promotes physical activity and sportsmanship."

Summer Camp

Campers will take part in arts and crafts, group activities, sports, nature hikes, field trips, and learn from guest speakers. A nutritious breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided.

Camp is 10 weeks long, June 9 – August 22, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Camp is for children ages 6-12 and will be held at the Aberdeen Recreation Station.

The registration deadline is May 23rd at 5:00 p.m. Space is limited; early registration is encouraged!

For camp fees and more information, contact Jack Clelland at 910-944-4574 or visit www.townofaberdeen.net.



Celebrate America's Birthday

Aberdeen plans to celebrate America's Birthday with a day of fabulous fun activities on Friday, July 4th. The 2014 "Fun Family Fourth of July", sponsored by the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, will be held at the Aberdeen Lake Park.

The Town of Aberdeen's 50th Annual Celebration will offer entertainment and activities for people of all ages. Activities and games for children will start around 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, jump in an inflatable bouncy castle, 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 spin art, 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.

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.

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

Grab your blankets and lawn chairs and bring the family and friends to enjoy one of the largest and most exciting fireworks displays in the area.

Please no pets, no alcoholic beverages, no personal fireworks, and no coolers!

Fair Housing Complaint Procedure

Housing discrimination is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and by the North Carolina State Fair Housing Act. In an effort to promote fair housing and to ensure that the rights of housing discrimination victims are protected, the Town of Aberdeen has developed the following procedures for receiving and resolving housing discrimination complaints:

1. Any person or persons wishing to file a complaint of housing discrimination in the Town of Aberdeen may do so by informing Bill Zell, Town Manager, of the facts and circumstances of the alleged discriminatory acts or practice.

2. Upon receiving a housing discrimination complaint, the Fair Housing Officer shall acknowledge the complaint within 10 days in writing and inform the North Carolina Human Relations Commission (217 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27603-1334, 919-733-7996) about the complaint.

3. When a housing complaint cannot be resolved at the local level, the Fair Housing Officer (Bill Zell, Town Manager) shall offer assistance to the Human Relations Commission in the investigation and reconciliation of all housing discrimination complaints which are based on events occurring in the Town of Aberdeen.

Your Government

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

1st Monday | 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room

May 5th & June 2nd

Board of Commissioners
Meeting

3rd Monday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

May 19th & June 16th

Budget Retreat

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | EOC at

the Fire Department

May 17th

Planning Board Meeting

3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m.

J. Curtis McInnis Board Room

May 15th & June 19th

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Town Hall Closing

- In observation of Memorial Day, Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed May 26, 2014.

There will be no recycle pick-up on May 26th; the make-up day will be Wednesday, May 28th, 2014.