



Aberdeen At Work

A newsletter for City Council, City Employees, Citizens and visitors to the City of Aberdeen, WA

Upcoming Events

July 25-26

Art Walk and Street Dance

July 25:

Artists reception 6:30-7:30 followed by a Street Dance until 9 p.m

July 26:

Car Show 10-3; Art Walk Celebration 10-4

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Meeting Schedules

City Council

2nd and 4th Wednesday evening of each month. The "Committee of the Whole" meets at 7:15 p.m., followed by the regular session.

Committee Meetings

Finance

First floor of City Hall, Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. on weeks when Council meets.

Public Safety

Third floor of City Hall, Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. on weeks when Council meets.

Public Works

Second floor of City Hall, at 4:00 P.M. Tuesday on weeks when Council meets.

Look for these and other committee/board meeting dates on the web at www.aberdeenwa.gov



Summer 2014

Come As You Are

A thank you to our Volunteers

In addition to the paid staff at the City, a number of community members volunteer their time to serve on various boards, committees and commissions that support the operations of the City. Some committees are advisory to the Council, others are governing bodies for their area of expertise.

These positions are an excellent way to learn how your government operates, how decisions are made and get "in the trenches" in each area of specialty. If you would like to be considered for any future

vacancies on these boards, committees or commissions, please contact the appropriate department head or myself.

Thank you to all the current volunteers listed on the next page of this newsletter. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Bill Simpson
Mayor

Revitalizing Downtown

The City continues to work with the Bozeman Group on a three to five year action plan for Aberdeen revitalization. Six projects have been identified as a priority:

- 1) Reconnecting the City to its waterfront.
- 2) Working with the state and other agencies to moderate traffic impacts on downtown.
- 3) Creating a bold and impressive entrance to downtown.
- 4) Improving access and mobility for people and goods as it relates to the rail line.
- 5) Attracting a hotel, movie theater and additional living spaces downtown.

- 6) Celebrating Aberdeen's past by restoring some of our marquee buildings.

City staff and members of the Bozeman Group are working daily with members of the community to keep these priorities focused and moving forward.



Police Department Explorers

The City of Aberdeen's Police Department encourages young adults to consider a career in law enforcement. The Explorers program is an opportunity for interested individuals to ride with a commissioned police officer, perform department and community services and receive some associated training.

Aberdeen Police Officers are paid overtime to assist with the Explorer program to ensure that the program does not distract from the workload obligations of the department.

Interested citizens should contact the Police Department at 360-533-3180 for more information.

Welcome New Employees

The Human Resources Department continues to be busy with recruitments due to the retirement of a number of long-time employees. Each vacancy is considered on a case-by-case basis before determining whether it will be filled. Watch for job openings on the City's website at www.aberdeenwa.gov/human-resources.

The City welcomes the following new employees since April 1st:

Ryan Rux, WWTP Operator-in-Training
Shawn Sias, City Electrician
Natalie Streifel, Police Records Specialist
Aaron Rux, Firefighter
David Tarrence, Corrections Officer
Ed Friberg, Corrections Officer

Smoke Alarm Maintenance

Is your smoke alarm still working? Smoke alarms *must* be maintained! A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all.

A smoke alarm only works when it is properly installed **and** maintained. Depending on how your smoke alarm is powered (9-volt, 10-year lithium, or hardwired), you'll have to maintain it according to manufacturer's instructions. General guidelines for smoke alarm maintenance:

Smoke alarm powered by a 9-volt battery

- Test the alarm monthly.
- Replace the batteries at least once per year.
- The entire smoke alarm unit should be replaced every 8-10 years.

Smoke alarm powered by a 10-year lithium (or "long life") battery

- Test the alarm monthly.

Since you cannot (and should not) replace the lithium battery, the entire smoke alarm unit should be replaced according to manufacturer's instructions.

Smoke alarm that is hardwired into the home's electrical system

- Test the alarm monthly.
- The backup battery should be replaced at least once per year.
- The entire smoke alarm unit should be replaced every 8-10 years.

Never disable a smoke alarm while cooking

A smoke alarm is just doing its job when it sounds while you're cooking or taking a shower with lots of steam.

- If a smoke alarm sounds while you're cooking or taking a shower with lots of steam, **do not** remove the battery. You should:
 - Open a window or door and press the "hush" button,
 - Wave a towel at the alarm to clear the air, or
 - Move the entire alarm several feet away from the location.

Disabling a smoke alarm or removing the battery can be a deadly mistake.

Thank you to our boards, committees, and commissions volunteers

Board of Adjustment

Martha Carr
Brian Little
Aaron Olson
Skip Perry
John Smith

Board of Museum and History

Barbara J. Caskey
Byron Eager
Arlene O'Conner
Lisa Scott
LaMont Shillinger
Roy Vataja
Linda Wilson

Building Code Commission

Al Gozart
Tom Lane
Jack McPherson
Aaron Olson
Bob Smith

Civil Service Commission

Jo-Ann Andrews
Tom Halbrook
Ron Pursley
Bill D. Simpson

Downtown

Parking/Business

Improvement District

Anne Marie Babineau
Mel Bennett
Clyde Brown
Ray Ericks
Janice Pollen
Tim Schlaht
Pete Scroggs
Dean Winkle

Fire Pension Board

Ken Bohren
Don Hirschman

Good Neighbors

Revolving Loan Fund

Anne Marie Babineau
Sylvia Brown
Steven Natwick
Larry Rosevear
Tanya Wood
Jim Wynans

Grays Harbor Historical

Seaport Authority

David Douglass
Alex Kluh
Don Little

Roberta Myers

Linda Orgel

Paul O'Brien

Laura Pilgrim Rust

Historic Preservation

Commission

Sylvia Dickerson
Al Gozart
Sally McCarthy
Aaron Nickel
Dann Sears
Roy Vataja
Jim Wynans

Library Board

Karin Beard
Sarah Cavin
Erik Kupka
Edward Quijada
Randy Ross

Lodging Tax Commission

Sylvia Brown
Sylvia Dickerson
Jasiur Duwail
Cindy Lonn

Park Board

Sharon Schermer
Fred Scott
Steve Solan
Mike Stoddard

Planning Commission

Jamie Judkins
Monica Kuhnau
Brian Little
Dan Lundgren
John Martinsen
Elaine Redner
Randy Ross

Police Pension Board

Gerald Chancellor
Alan Marrs
Bill Sidor

Shoreline Hearing Board

Marc Horton
Brian Little
Jack Micheau

This list does not include City Council members who also serve on a number of these committees.