



Aberdeen At Work

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

Outstanding Achievement

Congratulations to the City's Public Works Department and employees of the Wastewater Treatment Plant for winning the Washington state Department of Ecology Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Award for the 7th consecutive year.



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



As the holidays approach...

... we are all provided with the opportunity to take a look around us to appreciate what we have and recognize those in our community who are less fortunate. I encourage you to always look out for your neighbors and community members and help where you can. Maybe it's something as simple as taking their trash to the curb on collection day, mowing their lawn or just checking in on them when you haven't seen them for a few days.

For those of you who are able to assist our community monetarily, I suggest you do so through the numerous organizations we have that can make your contribution stretch the furthest. Organizations like United Way, Salvation

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Come As You Are

Army, Union Gospel Mission and the Friendship House work hard to serve our community and can ensure that your donations are put to good use.

While it is tempting to help individuals we see throughout our community, the only way to ensure that your generosity is used appropriately is to donate through specific charities and organizations, or to personally assist someone you know by paying their utility bill or providing them a sack of groceries.

Thank you for being a part of this community.

Bill Simpson
Mayor

Superheros for United Way

The City of Aberdeen raised almost \$900.00 for our local United Way at the Fundraising Campaign Kick Off on September 11th. All proceeds benefit our local agencies like the YMCA, Senior Center, Coastal Harvest, Red Cross...just to name a few. City employees formed a "Superhero Team" and performed a skit. "Heros" included Batman, Trevor Bieker; Superman, Jake St. Louis; Wonder Woman, Blair Kelly; Red Ranger, Darrin King; and Dollar Diva, Stacie Barnum. The City of Aberdeen

team won the Superhero Award for Most Money Raised. A total of \$2,600 was raised that night for United Way of Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties.





Attention Property Managers and Rental Property Owners

The Aberdeen Fire Dept. is planning to host a discussion this November with the property managers and rental property owners to discuss the safety of your properties.

Please contact Capt. JR Streifel at 360-532-1254 for dates and times.

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 July 1st:

Ed Mock, Engineering Tech III

Sam Adams, Assistant City Electrician

Joe Finazzo, Maintenance Worker II

Loren Neil, Police Officer

Renee Reynolds, Community Development Tech II

Water Meter Replacement Project Completed

The public works water group has completed an aggressive 18 month project to fully automate water meter monitoring. Water department employees removed and replaced old meters with the new meters utilizing state of the art technology. As an added benefit, the meters contain a new water shutoff valve that can be used by the property owner.



The project consisted of two meter installation crews as well as a prep and backfill crew. Crews averaged 350 meters installations per month.

These composite meters have no moving parts and are powered by a lithium battery, with a life expectancy of 25 years, with a 20 year warranty. Each meter also has a battery operated transmitter (Smart-Point), that automatically sends out the daily readings to two

new base stations located near the North Aberdeen tank and the South Aberdeen tank, as well as to a repeater at the Wishkah filtration plant. City staff is now able to assess all readings remotely from city hall or by a lap-top or tablet, for purposes of utility billing and for tracking high consumption, leaks, water theft and illegal turn-ons.

Aberdeen was the first city in the U.S. to use the new 400B Base Stations and Logic Software to track, store and manage the meter data.

Prevent Chimney Fires

With fall arriving, many people heat their homes with their fireplace or wood stove. Proper maintenance of your chimney is required to prevent damage to your home.

- Nationwide nearly 12 percent of house fires are chimney fires.
- Every fall the Aberdeen Fire Dept. responds to approximately one chimney fire a week.
- You need to have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a qualified individual at least once a year.



- Do not let a chimney fire “burn itself” out! A chimney fire can burn so hot that it cracks or damages your liner or the brick and mortar.
- A crack in the chimney liner or the masonry of the chimney can cause a structure fire in your home.

Be proactive! Have your chimney cleaned and inspected to prevent a catastrophe for your family.