



# Aberdeen At Work

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

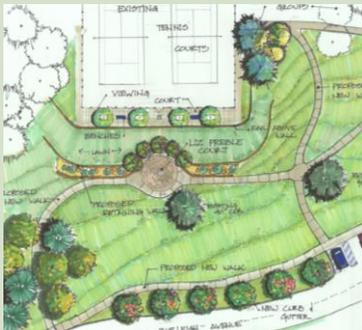
## Coming Soon...



A piece of our past, or at least a replica. The "Welcome to Aberdeen" sign is planned for the Wishkah Bridge.



The George Tsutakawa sculpture has been repaired. Once the broken water lines repairs are completed, you will see the fountain at City Hall again.



As part of our ongoing project to restore Sam Benn Park to its original glory, this coming summer, the City will be replacing the trees along a new Memorial Walk, adding parking, installing ADA sidewalks and building a sitting area below the tennis courts.

The City received a grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to help complete a majority of this work.



## Happy New Year!

The new year brings a new annual budget for the City of Aberdeen. The City Council made some tough decisions in the 2015 budget. For the past several years the City has consistently spent down reserves in order to maintain services. Just like your own personal savings account, continuing to spend from that account is not sustainable for the long term.

The City's revenues remain flat while expenditures continue to increase. The 2015 General Fund budget was balanced with a combination of budget reductions (\$490,000) and increased utility taxes. The charts below provide an overview of the City's revenue sources and expenditures.

In the utility budgets, there will be a slight increase to water, garbage, and EMS

## Winter 2015

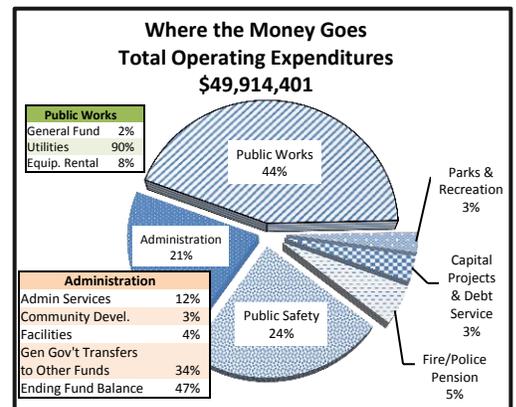
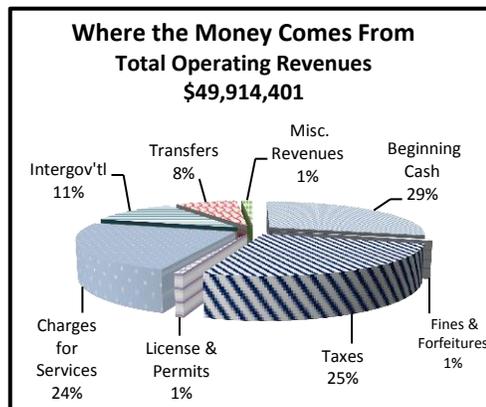
*Come As You Are*

rates. For the average customer, these increases total \$4.86 per month. We know this impacts all of you and we don't enjoy raising taxes.

We will start working on the 2016 budget before the ink is even dry on the 2015 budget. The City Council and staff will be having workshops and meetings to evaluate current operations and service delivery models. Your input is always welcome. Please contact your elected representatives, myself or any of our department heads with your ideas to improve the operations of the City.

I wish each of you a very happy 2015.

*Bill Simpson*  
Mayor



## *Be Proactive in Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in the Home*

DETECTION and MAINTENANCE are two important considerations for keeping you and your family safe from the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. Detection of carbon monoxide (CO) is provided in the home by properly placing an appropriate number of CO detectors throughout your home.

Maintenance and proper use of all fuel burning devices found in the home, per the manufacturer's recommendations, will help to ensure that these systems run efficiently and safely.

Generators, gas or charcoal grills, or fuel powered space heaters should NEVER be used inside of living spaces or garages.

## *Welcome New Employees*

The Human Resources Department handles recruitments for the City. 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](http://www.aberdeenwa.gov/human-resources).

The City welcomes the following new employees since October 1<sup>st</sup>:

Mitch Housden, Firefighter  
TJ Millard, Police Officer

## *City Council Meetings*

2nd and 4th Wednesday evening of each month on the third floor of City Hall at 200 E. Market Street. The "Committee of the Whole" meets at 7:15 p.m., followed by the regular session.

Find us at

[www.aberdeenwa.gov](http://www.aberdeenwa.gov)



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## *How Do I.....?*

### **...contact a police officer on the weekend for a non-emergency?**

Call the non-emergency number at 533-8765 OR come to the police station and pick up the phone outside the secured lobby and the phone will ring the dispatch center.

### **...notify someone about a dog running loose?**

During the week, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., call the non-emergency number at 533-8765. If the dogs are AGGRESSIVE and appear to be VICIOUS call 911.

On a weekend, holiday or off hours, call the non-emergency number at 533-8765. If the dogs are aggressive the officer will respond and check the area for the dogs.

If the dogs are not aggressive, an officer will be notified but likely will not respond and will instead notify Animal Control who will investigate upon his return to duty.

### **...report a problem with my sewer service?**

During the week from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., call the Sewer Department at 537-3287. If you don't reach anyone or if it's a weekend or holiday, call 533-5817 to report your concern.

Remember, if you are having sewer issues, **call us first!** The obstruction may be on the City's portion of the

system and calling us first may save you the expense of a plumber!

### **...report a problem with my water service?**

During the week from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., call the Water Department at 537-3274. If you don't reach anyone or if it's a weekend or holiday, call 533-5817 to report your concern.

### **...pay my utility bill?**

There are several ways to pay your utility bill:

- Pay by mail using a check or money order.
- Use one of our three drop boxes: City Hall main entry, lobby and a drive-by box behind City Hall. *Please, do not put cash in the drop box.*
- Pay online using a credit or debit card at [www.aberdeenwa.gov](http://www.aberdeenwa.gov). Click on "On-line Utility Payment". You will be linked to our safe and secure web payment site.
- Pay at City Hall - Cash, checks, debit and credit cards accepted.
- Auto-withdrawal from your checking or savings account. The amount due will automatically be deducted from your account on the 4<sup>th</sup> of every month. You will continue to receive monthly utility bills. Call 532-3210 to request the auto-pay application form or download the form at [www.aberdeenwa.gov](http://www.aberdeenwa.gov).

## *Transportation Benefit District Dollars at Work*

The first improvement from the Transportation Benefit District (TBD), approved by voters in 2013, resulted in the paving of hospital hill and two neighborhood streets, Sixth St. and Willow St. City street crews helped maximize TBD dollars by preparing the roadway for overlay so the contractor could focus on the paving. The result was 1500 tons of asphalt paving in one day by the contractor, Granite construction. The bid price was \$200,000.

