



Aberdeen At Work

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

Upcoming Events

Comcast Cares Day

Saturday April 25th and
Sunday April 26th
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



The City of Aberdeen is partnering with Aberdeen Revitalization Movement (ARM) and our local Aberdeen Comcast to hold a huge volunteer clean up of downtown Aberdeen. This clean up will include: sweeping, weeding, picking up garbage, planting flowers, and hanging flower basket brackets. It's not just a clean up, it's an event! Show your community pride by volunteering for Comcast Cares Day.

For more information please contact Stacie Barnum at Aberdeen Parks at 537-3248 or sbarnum@aberdeenwa.gov.

Rich Hartman's FIVE STAR Dealerships Splash Festival

Saturday July 4th
12:00 p.m.

Morrison Riverfront Park
<http://splash.aberdeenwa.gov>



Spring 2015
Come As You Are

What a difference a day makes

On the morning of January 5, the lives of many residents were turned upside down by the unprecedented 8.57 inches of rainfall from the previous 24 hours.

Public Works crews reported to work on Sunday night and some didn't return to their homes until more than 24 hours later. The Fire Department recalled all off duty personnel to manage the calls generated by the rising flood waters which included evacuating stranded occupants from their homes and assessing structural and electrical system damage. To this day, City staff are still working with the local incident management team and public works crews are making repairs to infrastructure damaged by the storm. I couldn't be prouder of the response of the City staff to this unprecedented event.

Along with the response by the City, the response of the community reminds all of us why we live here....we take care of each other. A community member wanted to do something to help so she started a donation center. Neighbors helped



neighbors clean up debris. Coastal Community Action Program offered to partner with the cities to assist. The Community Foundation, United Way and local banks led fundraising efforts. Local businesses made donations of time and materials. Local church groups and individuals came together to volunteer.

With continued support from friends, family and the community, things will slowly return to normal. As they do, take the time to say "thank you" to the volunteers you see working in our community and to appreciate the great place we call home.

Bill Simpson
Mayor

Neighborhood Crime Watch

A newly formed Neighborhood Crime Watch Group has been organized at the Aberdeen Manor.

Current Crime Watches are:

- Bel Aire Neighborhood
- Bench Drive Neighborhood
- MacFarlane Neighborhood
- Commercial Crime Watch in the Downtown

Anyone interested in starting Neighborhood Crime Watch should contact Chief Torgerson at 538-4411.

Police Volunteers are looking for members, you have to be at least 21 or age, Contact Officer Kelley at 538-4432 or Officer Schmidt at 538-4427 for an application and to see if you qualify.

For current crime information go to: <https://www.crimereports.com/>

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.

The City welcomes the following new employee since January 1st:

Cody Blodgett, 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



City Government of
Aberdeen, Washington

City receives \$50,000 grant for visitor center review

The City of Aberdeen has received a grant from the Community Economic Revitalization Board. The \$50,000 grant will assist the City and Greater Grays Harbor in preparing a preliminary review and feasibility study of the proposed Gateway Center Redevelopment Center.

The City envisions, with this project, a viable business and enterprise center that will also house a state of the art Visitor Information center. One of the goals of this project is to encourage visitors who might otherwise drive through town, to stop and spend some time in Aberdeen.

This project is in the beginning stages and not all the partners have been determined. The plan will help us determine who such partners should be.

Please read your local newspaper and listen to your local radio stations for further community input meetings. The City of Aberdeen's website will also have meeting dates and times, as they are scheduled. We anticipate that these meetings will take place late this summer.

For more information, please contact Lisa Scott at the City of Aberdeen for additional details about the grant. She can be reached at (360) 537-3238.

Refuse Tax on Your Utility Bill

You may notice a change in your utility bill this month. The state Refuse Tax is now reflected as a separate charge on your utility bill. A recent review of the garbage (refuse) charges revealed that we needed to identify the refuse tax as a separate, and increased, charge to each customer. It had previously been

thought to have been included in the base rate for the garbage service, but it was not and therefore needs to be shown separately.

If you have any additional questions, you may direct them to the Finance Department at 360-533-4100.

Daylight Saving Time = Replace Batteries in Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

When changing clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Saving Time on March 8th, Did you replace the batteries in your Smoke or Carbon Monoxide Alarms? According to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Housing Survey for 2011, only three out of four homes reported they changed the batteries in their smoke alarms in the last six months.

Carbon monoxide is called the invisible killer, because you cannot see or smell it. This poisonous gas can come from a variety of "fuel burning" sources and quickly incapacitate and kill its victims.

CO alarms should be installed on every level of the home and outside sleeping areas. Like smoke alarms, CO alarms need fresh batteries every year.

Batteries need to be replaced in alarms once a year.

The Aberdeen Fire Department recommends testing your alarms every month to make sure they are working.

Smoke alarms should be placed on every level of the home, inside each bedroom, and outside sleeping areas.

Working Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms save lives.