



Aberdeen At Work

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

Upcoming Events

Lower Chehalis Potlatch

Saturday, July 11

Kurt Cobain Days

Outside of the DeLR Theater

Friday, July 17

Live outdoor music 6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 18

Street Fair, outdoor music, vendors, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Art Walk & Car Show

Downtown on Broadway

Friday, July 24

Art Blast & Early Cruize, food and fun

Saturday, July 25

Car show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Art Walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

2 mile, 5k & 10k run/walk

Morrison Riverfront Park

Sunday, July 26

Support Grays Harbor Volunteer Search and Rescue.

For more information go to their Facebook page or contact Councilwoman Tawni Andrews.

A Super Summer with Library in the Parks

Craft projects and activities based on the 2015 Summer Reading Theme, *Every Hero Has a Story*.

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
through August 13th:

Monday

Finch Park, 608 Sumner Ave.

Tuesday

West End Park, 2715 Pacific Ave.

Wednesday

North End Park, 1500 Young St.

Thursday

Pioneer Park, 214 S. Tilden St.



Summer 2015

Come As You Are

Did you know.....?

- ✓ Community donors contributed nearly \$18,000 to the City's downtown beautification efforts.
- ✓ The Parks and Recreation Department received an anonymous donation of a street legal "Gator" (a small 4 wheel drive utility vehicle) to use when watering downtown flowers. This will reduce the necessary staff time by 30%.
- ✓ The municipal court changed the way payment plans are handled. By using an outside company who provides the service for free, the City saves money and postage costs.
- ✓ The City's Sewer Treatment Plant has won the Department of Ecology Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant award for the 8th consecutive year.
- ✓ The City's Fire Department responded to 28 fire and 22 medical aid calls in Hoquiam in 2014 through a mutual aid agreement.
- ✓ The City received a donation of a pressure washing surface cleaner. Crews have been cleaning and sealing the sidewalks and pavers downtown. It takes about 1 week to clean a full block. To date nearly 8 full blocks have been cleaned.
- ✓ Through employee participation in the City's wellness program, we save over \$50,000 in annual medical insurance premiums.
- ✓ During the last six years the City's Police Department has applied for and received over \$1.5 million in grants. These grants have funded technology improvements as well as Correction Officer and Police Officer positions.
- ✓ The Police Department contracts with Westport, Cosmopolis and Grays Harbor County for varying levels of animal control services.
- ✓ The City's Fire Department is contracted to respond to medical aid calls for some neighboring communities. In 2014, the department responded to Cosmopolis 142 times, Fire District 10 (Wishkah Valley) 78 times, and Fire District 15 (Artic) 27 times.

Great things happen in the City of Aberdeen every day. Whether at City Hall or out in the community, people are making a difference. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this an incredible place to live.

Bill Simpson
Mayor

Congratulations Officer Kelley



Police Officer George Kelley was recently recognized by the U. S. Department of the Interior at a ceremony in Idaho. Officer Kelley was awarded the Citizen's Award for Bravery for his unselfish actions of courage and personal risk while attempting to extinguish a boat fire and assisting in the saving of the life of a citizen while boating on Lake Roosevelt. Thank you for your heroism George. The City of Aberdeen is proud of you!

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 employees since April 1st:

Kathi Schlessler, Police Services Specialist
Kirsten Williams, Legal Assistant

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

National Night Out

Join your neighbors and the Aberdeen Police Department in celebrating National Night Out 2015 on August 4th.

National Project Coordinator, Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for America to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight for a safer nation. On National Night Out, we invite neighborhoods nationwide to join us and "give crime a going away party".

Last year the City of Aberdeen had 11 registered locations for National Night Out gatherings. The Aberdeen Police Dept., the Aberdeen Fire Dept., Aberdeen Police Explorers and Aberdeen Police Volunteers all joined with the Citizens of Aberdeen in celebrating National Night Out 2014. These events ranged from small gatherings in a neighbor's yard to larger gatherings at parks and churches.

Register your National Night Out celebration with the Aberdeen Police Dept. by contacting Officer Wayne Schmidt at (360) 538-4427 or wschmidt@aberdeenwa.gov.

Pet Safety Tips

Each year as the outside temperature increases, there is a new set of issues to plan for and address as it pertains to your pet's safety and wellbeing. Every species of animal will react to increasing temperature differently due to their physiology. Some species thrive in the increased temperatures as in the case of most reptiles, while other species such as bears struggle to regulate their body's temperature.

Due to their popularity and mobility, dogs are subjects of most of Aberdeen Animal Control's animal welfare complaints. There are a couple of things to consider and actions that a dog owner can do to



minimize the risks as well maximize their canine friend's comfort:

1. If you must take a dog with you while running errands, please start early, and plan to conclude your trip by mid-morning.
2. Avoid leaving your pet unattended in your car or in the back of a pickup truck in a parking lot.
3. Always provide shade, air flow, and cool water for your dog if left unattended.
4. Avoid exercise and prolonged dog walks during the middle of the day.

Sidewalk replacement program implementation underway



Before



After

