



# Aberdeen At Work

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

## The Bloom Team Wants YOU!



The Bloom Team will be out volunteering in Downtown Aberdeen, cleaning up the flower pots, starting this May. If you are interested in joining the Bloom Team or would like more information, please contact the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department at 537-3229.

## Mark Your Calendars!

### COMCAST Cares Day!



Join Comcast and the City of Aberdeen for a clean up and beautification of Downtown Aberdeen. This is an opportunity to help improve your community, through beautification, partnerships, and community pride. This is not just a volunteer project, but also a potential grant funding opportunity to help pay for the downtown beautification. The more volunteers, the more potential grant funding. Everyone of all ages and abilities are welcome.

More information and details will be available in April.

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and on Facebook as  
City Government of  
Aberdeen, Washington



## Spring 2016

*Come As You Are*

## Looking forward to Spring!

Winter has come to a close and once again it has been a wet one. The wet weather we have seen already this year further underscores the need for a comprehensive strategy for protecting our community from flooding and with the Timberworks Master Plan process started we are one step closer to doing just that. Luckily we did not suffer another major flooding event like we did in January of last year, but there were several large storms which produced minor flooding in our low-lying neighborhoods and overloaded our storm water system. The intense rain also caused a minor slide on Pioneer Boulevard, closing the road until repairs can be made. We are working diligently to have the slide repaired and road open as soon as possible, and we ask for the community's patience.

Inside City Hall we have several new (but not really new) faces. Rick Sangder and Stacie Barnum have been named the new Public Works Director and Park and Recreation Director respectively. Rick Sangder

has been with the City of Aberdeen for 18 years and most recently held the title of Deputy Public Works Director. Stacie Barnum has been with the City of Aberdeen for 21 years and was the Assistant Parks and Recreation Director under Karl Harris who retired this December. Both new directors have diligently served the people of Aberdeen throughout their careers and I hope all of you have a chance to thank them for the work they have done and support them in achieving the goals they have for making our city great.

If you have any ideas for how the City can better serve its residents, please send me an e-mail at [mayor@aberdeenwa.gov](mailto:mayor@aberdeenwa.gov). City government belongs to the people, and I look forward to serving you for the next four years.

Enjoy the Spring Flowers!

*Erik Larson*  
Mayor

*Did you remember  
to change your smoke detector batteries?*

## 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.

Council agenda packets can be found at [www.aberdeenwa.gov/aberdeen-city-council/](http://www.aberdeenwa.gov/aberdeen-city-council/)

## 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.



## Upcoming Events Aberdeen's Timberland Library

Thursday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.  
Your Business - Start Smart

Every third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. -  
LEGO Club

June 21, all day, Summer Reading Program Kickoff

## 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 January 1<sup>st</sup>:

James Bekke, Corrections Officer  
Scott Cihak, Firefighter Paramedic

## Thank you to some great community partners

Thank you to Sierra Pacific Foundation for their support of two City projects. The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department received \$2,000 from the foundation to help with the new fencing at the Sam Benn Park Tennis Courts. The Parks and Recreation Department also received an additional \$2,000 donation for the City Beautification program. That money will be used to help pay for the beautiful flowers, spring banners, and aggregate pots in Aberdeen.



In addition, on Martin Luther King Day, we had five volunteers from the Washington Conservation Corps, in partnership with AmeriCorps and the Department of Ecology, do a volunteer project for the City of



Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department. They spent the first half of the day cleaning the logs inside the Pavilion and then headed outside to clean up Morrison Park and the trail. Thank you to: Alannah Powell, Kyren Johnson, Gavin Gilroy, Jeffrey Myhre, and Angela Cyr.

We are thankful for organizations like Sierra Pacific Foundation and the Washington Conservation Corp for supporting our community is helping to make Aberdeen a better place!

## It's that time again: Spring Clean Up is here!

Residential utility customers, look in your mailbox for your **bright yellow voucher**. The voucher allows residents whose garbage account is in good standing to receive free disposal of up to one ton of garbage at LeMay, Inc., 4201 Olympic Hwy. The program runs April 1 through April 30. LeMays is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Restrictions apply: Maximum of 4 car tires, no truck tires; one refrigerator or freezer; no cement, medical waste, asbestos, ammunition, or explosives; hazardous waste materials such as paint, motor oil, cleaners and propane tanks are only accepted on Wednesdays and the first Saturday of each month. One load limit (car, pickup, 4x8 or smaller trailer.)

## LeMay Payment Drop Box for Your Convenience



LeMay of Grays Harbor now has a convenient garbage payment drop box at City Hall, 200 East Market Street, Aberdeen.

The drop box is located at the Market Street entrance of City Hall. Payments will be picked up each weekday afternoon.