



Aberdeen At Work

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

Thank you volunteers!



The City of Aberdeen and Aberdeen Beautification Committee were selected for the 2016 Comcast Cares Day Project. Local Comcast employees and their families, along with almost 200 community volunteers, cleaned up an 18 block area of downtown Aberdeen by weeding, planting flowers, sweeping, and picking up garbage. A few weeks later, City staff hung 150 flower baskets from East Aberdeen to Alder Street in West Aberdeen, and throughout downtown Aberdeen. Thank you to Comcast, our local volunteers, and the many, many local individuals and businesses who donated to the City's Beautification Program.



Alder Creek Cleanup

On Saturday April 23rd, the City of Aberdeen hosted a clean-up of the Alder Creek watershed. Thanks to the approximately 50 volunteers who came out to give back to their community, particularly those from Grays Harbor College, and Clean Streams and Memes. We were able to remove 1,660 pounds of garbage from the watershed. Be on the look-out for our next clean-up soon!

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Summer 2016

Come As You Are

Summer means construction

It's summer in Aberdeen and that means construction is in the air. City crews are planning for six Transportation Benefit District projects this year to repave and improve our streets, the Sam Benn Park upgrade is nearing completion, several new businesses are moving into East Aberdeen, and the Gateway Center project will start to take shape in the form of a new public parking lot at the entrance to the downtown. Behind the scenes the Timberworks Flood Plain Management Masterplan is nearing completion and the Morck Hotel renovation is one step closer to

being a reality. The next few years are sure to be exciting.

With all that excitement, and the great weather, please also remember to be safe this summer. Our local rivers, lakes and the ocean are fun places to cool off on a hot day, but can also be unpredictable. For more information on water safety, visit the Washington State Department of Health website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/WaterRecreation>

Erik Larson
Mayor

Updates from your Public Works Department

As summer approaches, it's the time of the year we ask our utility customers to use water wisely. Running toilets are one of the major reasons for high water consumption. The City offers free toilet dye strips. They are available from Finance (1st floor) or water customer service (2nd floor) of City Hall. The City also recommends watering your lawn early in the morning or late in the evening when temperatures are cooler.

We will be changing out water meters throughout the City for the next several months. The current meters

do not meet performance and design standards. The manufacturer is providing the replacement meters at no cost and reimbursing the City for the installation.



As Mayor Larson mentioned above, this is also a busy time for the street division of Public Works. Several streets have been identified for paving this summer.



More volunteers to thank!

Thank you to this group of volunteers from Alive Church of the Nazarene. They recently cleaned up the landscaped area at the Rotary Log Pavilion.

If you have a group interested in volunteering, please contact Parks and Recreation at 360-537-3230.

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/

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.

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:

- Kris Koski, Engineer
- Beth Troseth, Office Assistant II
- Austin Weber, Recreation & Special Events Coordinator

Burn Ban Information

For the past several years due to drought conditions, Grays Harbor County, in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA), have enacted restrictions on all outdoor burning, residential burning, and land clearing during summer months. Since 2000, ORCAA has implemented a permanent burn ban in the City of Aberdeen for anything other than recreational campfires.

During a burn ban, recreational campfires are allowed in Aberdeen if built in an improved fire pit:

- The campfire is no greater than 3 feet in diameter and constructed of a ring of metal, stone or brick 8 inches above ground surface, with a 2 foot wide area cleared down to



exposed soil surrounding the outside of the pit.

- The campfire has an area at least 10 feet around it cleared of all flammable material and at least 20 feet of clearance from overhead flammable materials or fuels.
- Only seasoned fire wood is burned in the fire pit.
- The campfire is attended at all times by a responsible person at least 16 years old.
- A shovel and a 5 gallon bucket of water or a connected and charged water hose is available near the fire.
- Completely extinguish campfires by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch.

Join us for historic walking tours in downtown

On Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays your tour guide will take you through the historic streets of Aberdeen. Revel at stories from Aberdeen's colorful past; all while stepping foot in some of Aberdeen's most notable buildings.

Or on most Fridays join a tour guide for a walk around Broadway Hill. Marvel at the architectural excellence

while hearing stories about some of Aberdeen's most prominent families. End the tour with refreshments and an exclusive look inside the Aberdeen Mansion.

All tours begin at 1:00 p.m. and are offered throughout Labor Day weekend. For more information and to purchase tickets go to www.graysharbor.org/.

Join your neighbors for National Night Out



33rd anniversary: August 2, 2016

Register by contracting Wayne Schmidt at the Aberdeen Police

Department at 360-538-4427 or wschmidt@aberdeenwa.gov

National Night Out is designed to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.