



Aberdeen At Work

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

Upcoming Events

May/June

Spring Clean Up. See article on page 2 and watch your garbage bill for more information.

July 2nd

Founder's Day

July 4th

SPLASH!!!

Volunteers Needed

The Police Department is taking applications for their Volunteer Crime Watch Program. If you are interested call Officer Wayne Schmidt at 538-4427 or stop by the Police Department and pick up an application.

Meeting Schedules

City Council

2nd and 4th Wednesday evening of each month. The "Committee of the Whole" meets at 7:15 p.m., followed by the regular session.

Committee Meetings

Finance

First floor of City Hall, Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. on weeks when Council meets.

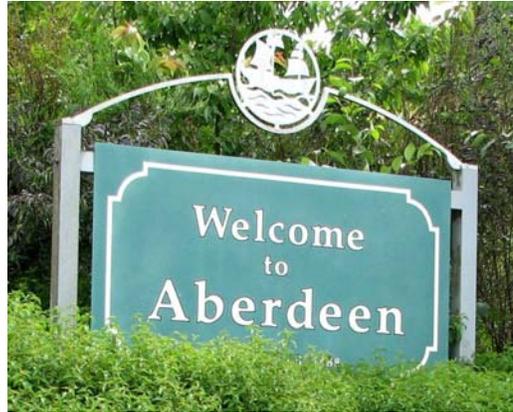
Public Safety

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.

Look for these and other committee/board meeting dates on the web at www.aberdeenwa.gov



Spring 2014

Come As You Are

A message from your Mayor

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the "Aberdeen at Work" newsletter. We intend to publish this newsletter on a regular basis to keep you informed of the events and activities of your City government.

This newsletter is a snapshot of the things going on in the City. In no way can this newsletter recap everything that the

council, city staff, and citizens do for this community each and every day. We hope you enjoy this newsletter. If you'd like to receive this newsletter via email, please go to our website at aberdeenwa.gov and look for the Aberdeen at Work newsletter signup box to subscribe.

Bill Simpson
Mayor

Welcome to the Bozeman Group

The City has signed an agreement for services with the Bozeman Group. Cary Bozeman and his staff have developed a reputation for helping cities identify resources for downtown revitalization projects.

Under the leadership of Mr. Bozeman, the City will engage in a process to identify projects and ideas for downtown. The anticipated end result would be a five year development plan which will identify projects, expected results, costs, potential partners and a timeline for completion.

Cary Bozeman served on the City of Bellevue's City Council for 16 years, serving three terms as the Mayor. Bellevue is viewed as one of the most progressive cities in the country. Under

Mayor Bozeman, it also came to be known as one of the most financially successful cities too.

Mr. Bozeman also served as the Mayor of the City of Bremerton and lead a downtown revitalization project that resulted in a makeover of the waterfront area now known as the Harbor District.

In addition to city service, Mr. Bozeman has served as the CEO of the Port of Bremerton, the Executive Director of the Olympic College Foundation and President/CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of King County.

The City Council and staff look forward to working with the Bozeman Group to create an action plan and a vision for the future of Aberdeen.

Fire Safety & Disaster Preparedness Classes

This spring the Fire Department will be returning to the Grays Harbor Housing Authority Manors to present fire safety and disaster preparedness classes. The classes are a collaborative effort on behalf of the Housing Authority and fire department to improve the safety and welfare of the occupants. The curriculum is a result of a needs and target hazard assessment and focuses on fire prevention, cooking safety, proper actions to take in the event of a fire, and basic disaster preparedness.



Progress is being made on the Chehalis Bridge lighting project.



Downtown business and building owners receive **“You’re Looking Good”** recognition for maintaining their buildings and storefronts. So far this year the Downtown Parking and Business Improvement District (DPBID) and the Mayor gave 41 awards out. Thank you, business or property owners for making the downtown look good.

The City and Seaport Awarded Grant

The City of Aberdeen and the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport were awarded a joint grant in the amount of \$390,000 from the Washington State Department of Ecology.

This Integrated Planning Grant will allow the City and Seaport to have environmental testing done on approximately 60 acres of property that runs along a portion of the south side of the Chehalis River. The grant will also enable the City and Seaport to look at what redevelopment opportunities exist for this area.

This grant will not obligate the City to any future cleanup of the property but rather identify what potential hazards there could be on site and what solutions, if any, are necessary to remedy the situation.

Utilizing grant funds, the City and Seaport will then determine the steps that are necessary to redevelop the area in a mixed use activity, including bridging the trail gap that currently exists between the South Aberdeen Boat Launch and the South Aberdeen Trail.

Spring Clean Up

In response to comments received in the past, City Council has approved some changes to the Spring Clean Up program.

This year all garbage customers will be provided with a voucher to dump one FREE load of garbage at the Aberdeen transfer station.

The voucher would be good for the months of May and June providing customers with great flexibility in scheduling their clean up and reducing the lines that have occurred in the past leading to the transfer station. The voucher will contain additional

instructions including the usual limitations on large items such as tires, refrigerators, etc. Watch for your voucher in your garbage bill.



Welcome New Employees

The Human Resources Department expects to be busy in 2014 with recruitments. A number of City employees are planning to retire this year and more are considering it. While not all positions will be filled, a number of them are critical positions that will be replaced. Watch for job openings on the City’s website at

www.aberdeenwa.gov/human-resources.

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

Susan Solan, Municipal Court Judge
Dani Davidson, HR Technician
Ryan Cline, Firefighter/Paramedic
Kevin Conway, Maintenance Worker
Stephen Beeman, Parks Maint. Worker