



Abbeville Matters

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From the Mayor's Desk...



I certainly hope each of you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. As always with me, it appears that the years are passing quicker and quicker, and here we are with 2015 clipping right along.

We recently experienced another "WOW Moment" with receipt of a \$2,500 state grant for fencing at the city's historic cemetery located behind First Baptist Church. It is my understanding that the city's Cemetery Committee will soon be receiving a \$2,500 matching donation from the Henry County Historical Society to assist with the fencing.

These two groups are passionate about the history of our city and county. The city's committee has been working for years in the restoration of monuments and grave sites damaged

by the 2001 tornado that struck our town. This work has been accomplished in phases, and they have been awarded grants, as well as received donations, and also sponsored fund raisers to assist in this project.

The entire committee is made up of volunteers who give so unselfishly of their time and talents to bring these repairs to fruition. I offer a "thank you" to each member of this group for their efforts, and a special "thank you" to Mrs. Sylvia Beasley Clark, who spearheaded this endeavor at its outset. Her passion for this project has even flowed over to her master vegetable gardener husband, Dickie, who now has a different type of garden in which to perform his talents.

The city has recently applied for the esteemed Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) designation. We are in a much better position to obtain this now that we are in a growth mode with so many active boards, and our partnerships with county, state, and other agencies dealing with economic development. If we are fortunate enough to be awarded this status, it will certainly

enhance the city's efforts with retail and industrial recruitment.

Another program that is off the ground and running is the Abbeville Boys and Girls Club located in the Girard neighborhood at the location of the old Jr. High School. Mrs. Cher Marvel is the catalyst in getting this formed, and her passion for this project flowed over to many others who now make up the board of directors for this organization. This board is made up of community leaders from government, education, utilities, and business, again all volunteers giving their time so graciously for the good of the children and community. Brooke Davis, the director, and her staff are doing a wonderful job with the kids by assisting them with their studies and adding structure to their young lives.

Finally, I can't say enough about Safe Haven Animal Rescue Kennel (SHARK) working with stray animals brought to them either by residents or the city's animal control officer. The individuals that operate this facility, which was organized a few years ago to assist with so many abandoned or abused animals in our community and

county, are also all volunteers. A special "thank you" to Mrs. Ethel Wood who tirelessly solicited funds to establish and operate the facility, and Mrs. Vicki Bedsole who has so graciously accepted the responsibility to continue Mrs. Wood's efforts along with the awesome task of finding homes for most of these animals.

As you can see, volunteers are the backbone of our community, and without these individuals giving so unselfishly of their time and talents in so many different areas, our entire community would suffer greatly. And believe me, there are many, many other organizations in our city that depend solely on volunteers to be able to function.

I will close by asking each and every one of you, please continue to keep your government officials in your prayers as we make decisions that affect our city and her residents as well as the industries and businesses that are located within her domain. And rest assured, we will never quit seeking ways to make "our city" the best place for anyone to call "home".

Jim Giganti
Mayor

The Abbeville Senior Center continues to grow as word gets around about all of the benefits for the members sixty years and up! Here are a few of the programs that we have been assisting with the last few months.

Home Energy Assistance Program

We have been busy assisting our qualifying members with paperwork for the Energy Assistance Program. The HRDC's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is a federal government funded program that is managed and administered through HRDC offices. Last year the program helped almost 5,000 households in the local areas cover heating costs and energy bills.

Eligible households can get up to \$400 in cash grants that can be applied to their heating bill, and it can be used to pay for propane, electric, or natural gas bills. Whether assistance can be provided or not, and the amount of cash grants and assistance that can be provided depends on whether applicants meet HRDC income guidelines.

Funding is limited each year. Therefore, applying as early as possible is recommended.

Farmer's Market Coupons



It is that time of year when the State of Alabama, Farmers Market Authority encourages you to participate in the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program recertification process! The Senior FMNP is administered by the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries, Farmers Market Authority Section to provide coupons to low-income seniors that are 60 years of age or older that can be used to purchase eligible foods (fruits, vegetables, honey, and fresh-cut herbs) from farmers that grow them and are selling them directly to you at local farmers markets and roadside stands.

SENIOR Eligibility Requirements:

No person is "entitled" to SFMNP checks; as the budget does not allow enough checks to satisfy everyone who wishes to receive them and is eligible. Issuance is on a first come-first serve basis until all available funds are expended.

Senior FMNP- Both criteria must be met in order to receive SFMNP coupons.

- 1. Age - person must be 60 years of age or older on the day of application, no one under age 60 is eligible.
- 2. Income level - household gross income must not exceed:

- \$1,605.00 monthly.....for a household of -----1
- \$2,163.00 monthly.....for a household of -----2
- \$2,721.00 monthly.....for a household of -----3
- \$3,279.00 monthly.....for a household of -----4
- \$3,838.00 monthly.....for a household of -----5
- \$4,396.00 monthly.....for a household of -----6

Applications can be found at buylocalalabama.org or you may call Abbeville Senior Center for assistance at 334-585-5900. The center is open Monday –Friday 8:00am till 1:00pm.

We are so proud to offer a place for mature adults to come socialize with peers, enjoy activities, and eat lunch together in a great atmosphere.



It is our goal to make sure that our members also stay informed of programs available to them yearly. If you would like more information about Abbeville Senior Center please feel free to contact us at 334-585-5900.

Grounds & Beautification—Ticks!



As the weather warms and you are spending more time outdoors, don't forget to allow time for a tick check. Ticks are the leading carriers of diseases to humans in the United States, second only to mosquitoes worldwide.

Ticks are small spider like animals that bite to fasten themselves onto the skin and feed on blood.

Ticks hide in low brush to allow them to come in contact with a host. Most tick bites occur during early spring to late summer in areas with many wild animals and birds. The toxins, secretions and organisms transmitted through a tick's saliva are the sources of the tick borne diseases. Most ticks do not carry diseases and most tick bites do not cause serious health problems.

It is very important to remove a tick as soon as it is found. This helps decrease the likelihood of contracting diseases from the tick. Care should be used to remove the tick's head to prevent an infection in the skin where the bite occurred.

The sooner ticks are removed; the less likely they are to transmit disease. Use fine tipped tweezers to properly remove an attached tick. Grab the tick as close to the mouth as possible. The body of the tick will often be above the skin's surface, but its head and mouth will likely be buried. Grabbing the tick by its belly can force infected fluids out of its mouth and into the skin. Pull the tick straight out until its mouth lets go of the skin. Put the removed tick in a dry jar or Ziploc bag and save it in the freezer for later identification if symptoms start and medical attention is needed. Wash the area where the tick was attached with warm soapy water once the tick is removed. Apply an antibiotic ointment to the bite area.

Billy Wayne Bedsole, Grounds & Beautification

The Abbeville Wastewater Treatment Plant is an activated sludge process plant. What is an activated sludge process? The Activated Sludge process is an accelerated natural biological treatment process. It is a complex mix of microbiology and biochemistry involving many different sorts of bugs. The Activated Sludge bacteria secrete sticky substances that coat the minute particles carried in sewage. The particles stick together to form flocks of gel-like material, creating a support on, and in which the bugs exist. This is the chocolate-brown colored activated sludge. The activated sludge is aerated to dissolve oxygen which allows the organic matter (BOD) to be utilized by the bugs.



The organic matter, or food, sticks to the activated sludge. The oxygen dissolved in the water allows the bugs to use the food (BOD) and also to change the ammonia to nitrate. The tank should be big enough to allow sufficient contact time between the sewage and the activated sludge for all the chemical changes to take place. When the Activated Sludge reaches the end of the process it is still a highly active biomass but is now mixed with purified effluent which may be discharged to the river or to some form of tertiary treatment. The settled biomass, called Return Activated Sludge, is then returned to the beginning of the aeration process where it will absorb fresh sewage to start the process again. This enables the process to operate as a continuous cycle. As the Return Activated Sludge mixing with the fresh sewage will produce a gradual growth in the activated sludge present it is necessary to waste a certain quantity each day. The Surplus Activated Sludge is wasted by continuously withdrawing some of the Return Activated Sludge for sludge disposal. This is the process by which the Abbeville Wastewater Treatment Plant treats the wastewater. If there are any questions or concerns about the Abbeville Wastewater Treatment Plant process please contact Tae Hui Flowers at 334-585-6444 or email at tflowers@cityofabbeville.org.

ABBEVILLE REGIONAL CULTURAL ARTS ALLIANCE

The Abbeville Regional Cultural Arts Alliance recently met and elected officers for the 2015 year. The officers and board members are:

- President—Kevin Venhuis
- Vice President—Eva Lee Hicks
- Secretary—Ronnie Marshall
- Treasurer—Cheryle Webster
- Past President—Pam Ward



Board Members:
Ann Penuel, Liz Starling, Guen Woodham, Napoleon Culver, Sarah Williams, Paulette Riley, Betty Yoder, Ginger Webster, James Williams, Jr.

The ARCAA is a 501(C)3 and can accept any donations. Membership to the Alliance is \$25.00 per year. If you are interested in donating or becoming a member, please contact any of the members listed above.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Abbeville Council chambers. We will begin planning for future events and projects. The public is welcome to attend.

ABBEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EST. 1885

2015 Membership Social

Thursday March 5, 2015
4:30 to 7:00pm

Abbeville Chamber
of Commerce Office

Light Refreshments will be served

“Preserving the Past,
Investing in the Future”

The Abbeville
Chamber of Commerce



Thank you to the citizens of Abbeville for your support of the Street and Sanitation Departments. I know that you have concerns and I would like to take this time to explain some of the limitations we face as we work hard to support you in pick up and clean up our streets. Our vehicles for the street department are working hard at regaining their schedule, and we are just about there. As we move forward, plans are in the works to purchase a new knuckle boom truck for the street department. We will then have two trucks, that will help make pick ups go a lot faster.

The County owns the land fill which provides a place for disposal of debris. In rainy weather, mixed loads (furniture, construction debris, anything besides limbs) create problems with entrance to the county dump since we must wait until the ground is dry before being allowed to dump on this site. I know this waiting is upsetting to you much as it is to us. We ask for your patience and support as we work hard to provide you efficient and effective service. As the days get longer, and Spring is right around the corner, we know there will be a lot of yard work going on. There are some things that you can do to speed up the process and assist us with keeping Abbeville beautiful.

When you hire someone (any contractor) to cut grass, trim bushes, cut or trim trees, please let them know that they are responsible for debris removal. They also must have a city business license. Grass clippings and leaves can be bagged and set out with your house hold trash. The sanitation department has been advised to collect these bags. We ask you not to pile grass clippings or trimmings in the road or on top of storm drains. This will cause storm water drainage issues and will cause the streets to flood. The street department cannot pick up treated lumber, ie: decking, fence post, fence boards, cross ties, or any wood that has been treated with chemicals. The county landfill will not accept these items. Please take these items to the transfer station located on Hwy 431 North near the county line.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, in person or call city hall 585-6444, or by email to superintendent@cityofabbeville.org.

Robert E. Wright
Public Works Superintendent

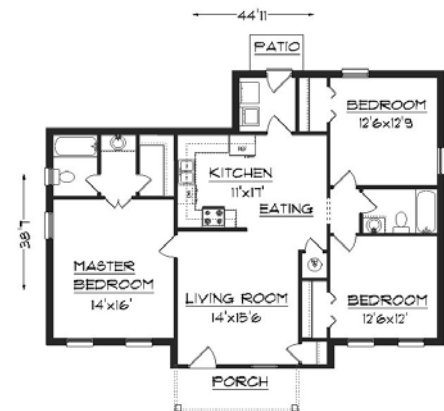
Do I need a permit?

Our city hall employees field a lot of calls on everything from "What day do I put my trash out?" to "What time does the AHS basketball game start?". One of the most misunderstood areas concerns permit requirements.

The city has a responsibility to our residents to maintain a safe environment to live and work in. Within that scope is the legal requirement to permit all new construction, accessory buildings, etc. When exactly do you need a permit? If you are changing the original foundation or footprint of your home or business, you will need a permit. This would cover adding a room or rooms, carport, garage, etc. If you are adding new windows, painting, etc. you don't have to have a permit but your contractor is required to have a business license.

New construction will require a review of the construction plans and a site plan showing the improvements location on your lot or property. You don't necessarily have to have engineer or architectural drawings for your site plan as long as you can show the property lines, the shape and size of the new addition and the placement on the property. This information is all required so we can ensure the construction is up to code (International Building Codes 2012) and that all construction is within the setbacks of your property.

Please call before you begin any work and check with us to make sure everything is in order and you are clear to begin your work.



SPRING TIME DEVEILED EGGS

10 Hard boiled eggs
 Assorted food coloring
 1 tsp vinegar for each color you are using
 water
 1/2 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip or half of each

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Remove the shells from the hard boiled eggs and slice each egg in half long ways.
2. Remove the yolks from the egg halves and place in a bowl. Set the yolks aside.
3. Get enough glasses or mugs for the number of colors you want to use. Fill the mugs or glasses 2/3 of the way full with cold water.
4. Add three drops of desired food coloring along with 1 teaspoon vinegar to each container.
5. Place egg whites in the mugs and allow to sit in the food coloring until desired color is reached. You can put several egg halves in at a time. Be sure they are completely immersed in the colored water.
6. Remove white from dye and drain on a plate lined with a couple paper towels.
7. Take the reserved yolks and mash them with a fork. Then mix in the mayonnaise with the mashed yolk. If mixture is too thick, as a few drops of pickle juice to thin it a bit.
8. Pipe or spoon the yolk mix into the colored egg whites. Makes 20 deviled egg halves.



Safe Spring Break Survival Guide/Travel Safety



Spring break is a great time for students to relax, hang out with friends, and enjoy time off from school; but it has also become notorious for traveling to party spots and engaging in risky behaviors. That being said, just because spring break is associated with risky behaviors, it doesn't mean that you have to put yourself at risk. You can have just as much fun being safe, and you lessen your chances of ending up in the hospital, jail, or worse. Below is a guide to help you make safe choices during spring break.

1. Before driving to your destination, have your car checked out by a mechanic to ensure it can make a long trip.
2. Always keep your car doors locked and your windows up high enough that no one can reach in.
3. Drive on heavily-traveled highways and avoid making your way too far off of the interstate. Being lost decreases your vigilance and increases the possibility that you could become the victim of a crime.
4. Don't pick up hitchhikers or stop for anyone on the side of the road. You never know who the person might be or what they are capable of doing if they sense an opportunity for personal gain.
5. If you have car trouble, especially if you are driving alone, stay in your car with your doors and windows locked and call police for assistance. Be wary of individuals who stop to help.
6. Do not allow anyone in the car to drink alcohol. Many states have open container laws that prohibit any person in a car from drinking alcohol.
7. If you are tired, trade-off drivers or stop for the night. A night in a motel is cheaper than the potential costs of falling asleep at the wheel. You can also stop at a rest stop to nap, but make sure you keep your doors locked. Rest stops are available on U.S. highways every couple of hours. Some states may restrict the length of time one can stay at a rest stop.

Chief Marlos Walker
 Abbeville Police Department

Birthdays...join us in wishing Happy Birthday to our Associates with Birthdays in March, April & May:

Dawn Jones	3/1	David Marsh	4/21
Robert Wright	3/5	Don Yoder	4/27
Deborah McLain	3/25	David Dozier	5/2
Pam Ward	4/8	Eddie Jones	5/19
Terry Allums	4/14	DeShonique Lawrence	5/27
Mike Johnson	4/15		

Increasing Our Knowledge...

Our Mayor, City Council and employees are constantly working toward improving their skills which enables them to perform their jobs more efficiently, safely and professionally. The following is a list of education and practical training they have completed over the last few months:

Dozier, David	A Victim's Pleas
Barfield, April	A Victim's Pleas, Illuminations Ebola Virus, Call Screen Components, Map Screen Components, Veterans with PTSD, Call Screen Operations, TDD and Hearing Impaired
Earle, Sherry	A Victim's Pleas, CSX Transportation. Map Screen Components, Call Screen Components. Call Management, Illuminations Ebola Virus, Veterans with PTSD, Dispatcher Specialized Calls
Mock, David	NCIC Re-Certification. Interview & Interrogation
Armstrong, Vonda	Illuminations Ebola Virus
Miller, Mike	Wiregrass Law Enforcement, Constitutional Law & Criminal Procedure
Elmore, Drew	Blood borne Pathogens, Crime Scene Investigation, Interview & Interrogation
Mock, David	School Emergencies, Suicide Awareness, Blood borne Pathogens
Holmes, Dana	NCIC Re-Certification
Johnson, Mike	Efficient Utility Mgmt
Cheek, Melissa	Leadership vs. Management, Handling Angry Employees, Handling Difficult Customers
Bradley, Allison	Goal Setting Skills, Handling Difficult Customers, Keeping your Cool
Jones, Dawn	Illuminations Ebola Virus, TDD and Hearing Impaired, Veterans with PTSD



In a recent ALA (American Library Association) survey, libraries reported upswings in patron use of the following services:

- 36% increase in use of technology classes
- 58% increase in use of electronic resources/books
- 60% increase in use of computers
- 74% increase in use of Wi-Fi

A 2013 report by the Pew Research Center on the library habits of young adults concluded that “Americans ages 16-29 are heavy technology users, including in using computers and the Internet at libraries. At the same time, most still read and borrow printed books, and value a mix of traditional and technological library services.”

This study discovered that people under 30 years old are as likely as adults that are older to visit a library, borrow books in print and browse the library shelves at comparable rates. When library patrons were asked what was “very important” for libraries to offer, the responses were as follows:

- 80% – Librarians to help people find information they need
- 76% – Research resources such as free databases
- 75% – Free access to computers and the Internet
- 75% – Books for people to borrow
- 72% – Quiet study spaces
- 72% – Programs and classes for children and teens
- 71% – Job and career resources

Public libraries remain valuable resources for people of all ages in communities everywhere. Libraries are so valued by the patrons that they can hardly meet the growing need for a variety of customary and innovative services. Paraphrased from the article, *Think We No Longer Need Libraries? Think Again.*, by Karen Cator, CEO at Digital Promise and former Director of the Office of Educational Technology at the U.S. Department of Education. (www.linkedin.com)

**Abbeville Memorial Library
Annual Statistical Data Comparison for 2011-2014**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	Gain/Loss 2011/2014
Total Library Attendance	23,656	24,964	25,507	31,759	+8,103
Number of Programs	17	14	25	61	+44
Program Attendance	289	438	1420	1461	+1216
Number of Computers	13	19	19	19	+6
Computer & WIFI Users	7885	13131	12031	14257	+7588
Number of Employees	2.5	2.65	2.65	2.65	+.15
Circulation (Checkouts)					
Adult Books print	9651	8814	8026	7697	-1941
Young Adult Books print	98	216	218	287	+189
Juvenile Books print	4046	3833	4981	4548	+502
Non Books (CD, DVD)	1516	1268	2392	2420	+904
Ebooks	0	0	314	1151	+1151
Total Circulation	15311	14131	15931	16103	+1696

Over the past four years, Abbeville Memorial Library has shown an increase in almost all areas represented on the chart above. Library attendance has increased 41% since 2011. We also have more people using our computers and Wi-Fi than ever before.

Although the number of printed books being read by adults has decreased over the past few years, the number of eBooks being read has increased greatly. By giving including eBooks in our library's collection, our total number of items in circulation has grown rather than decreased. The main goal is to keep people reading whether it is with an electronic device or a printed book.



Abbeville Memorial Library offers many more programs for people of all ages and interests to enjoy. We have an indoor walking/exercise class that meets two mornings each week and will be adding two more of those classes in the evenings beginning in March. We are preparing for our National Library Week programs and activities that will take place in April. This year, our Summer Reading Program will take place each Wednesday in June at 10:00 at the Boys and Girls Club. (We have outgrown the library meeting room!) Mark your calendars!

Check out our website for more information about programs, upcoming events, and more!

www.abbevillelibrary.org

SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY!

Debbie McLain, Library Director

BUSINESS LICENSES PAST DUE!

Just a reminder that City of Abbeville Privilege Licenses were due January 1st, and were delinquent after February 15th.

On and after February 16th a 15% penalty is assessed, on and after March 16th a 30% penalty is assessed.

If you are unsure of your totals due, you may call City Hall to inquire on the Amount.

Applications for new privilege licenses are available on our city website www.cityofabbeville.org. The fee schedule is also accessible on the city website.

*Melissa Watford
Payroll Clerk*

Employee of the Quarter— Virginia Jones



Mrs. V, as she is affectionately known, doesn't really need any introduction. Virginia Jones started with the city May 22, 1988 as a dispatcher. In those days, everything was written down in a notebook with pen or pencil. A lot of changes have been made since that time! Mrs. V currently works as the Abbeville Police Departments Records Secretary. She ensures that any records that aren't received digitally, are scanned and attached to their parent files.

April 1st, Virginia will be retiring from the city with over twenty-seven years of service! We will all miss Mrs. V and all nicknames that she has for everyone. We wish her a long and relaxed retirement and hope she will come back to visit us often.

Congratulations Mrs. V on your selection as the Employee of the Quarter!

ABBEVILLE

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Abbeville Photo Contest

The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce is seeking the photographer in you! In order to better promote Abbeville and Henry County we need assistance getting great photos of our many landmarks, features, businesses, agricultural, animals and/or people.

CATEGORIES:

- **Landmarks/landscapes** or your favorite place around Abbeville and Henry County
- **Events and Activities** – Yatta Abba Day, Howl-O-Ween, Christmas parade, football games, etc.
- **People**
- **Agriculture** – Farming activities, products, animals, etc.

The contest is open to all amateur photographers and submissions should be submitted digitally. They can be emailed to: abbevillechamber@gmail.com OR by thumb drive OR memory card by mail to: Abbeville Chamber of Commerce,

P O Box 202, Abbeville, AL 36310-0202. (Note: If digital images are unavailable, 8" x 10" prints may be accepted. If you are chosen as a winner, you must be able to provide a negative of the winning print(s).

All photos must have captions and include the subject of the image, the location the photo was shot at and the name of the photographer. Remember, if you photograph people, you must have a signed release from the individuals granting permission for the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce to use their likeness. Winners will be announced during the Yatta Abba Day Festival on May 2, 2015. Applications may be downloaded from the chamber website at: <http://www.abbevillealchamber.com/#!/events/c1x97>



Deadline for entries is April 6, 2015.

**Prizes will be awarded as follows:
Over All Grand Prize Winner - \$50.00**

**1st place in each of the above categories will
receive \$25.00.**



YATTA ABBA DAY. SATURDAY MAY 2, 2015

Mark your calendar for Saturday May 2nd for our annual Yatta Abba Day Festival in downtown Abbeville! Plans are underway for a list of activities that will begin with the Miss Yatta Abba Pageant on March 15th. Vendors are lining up for arts, crafts, food, entertainment and so forth. Again this year we will have the BBQ Cook Off. This was a huge hit last year and we look forward to more contestants.

If you would like to enter as a vendor, BBQ Cook Off or entertainment, please contact the Chamber office at 334.585.2273 or visit the chamber website at www.abbevillealchamber.com. Go to the community tab and then click on events. We have added a photo contest this year and have great plans underway for a Friday night downtown street dance. Another new event this year is the design contest for the Yatta Abba T-Shirt. Contact Jami Johnson for more details: (334) 796-9025

Teaching Good Sportsmanship

One of the most important things a child can learn that will help him or her out in life is good sportsmanship. In an article written by Devan McGuinness, there are seven rules to teaching your child good sportsmanship.

- If you're yelling at the referee or other team coach, your kids are going to see this and think it's okay. While you may not always agree on the call, you can disagree in a far more respectful way and your kids will learn too.
- There may be times you're tempted to cheat a little in your game, but following the rules and teaching your kids the importance of doing so, will be a great lesson that will follow them in many areas of life.
- Okay, we won't always agree with the referee's decision, but knowing the rules of the game and knowing that referees have final call, you should teach your kids to respect their call. Yes, this will probably go back to modeling good behavior as well -- sometimes it's hard to accept, but it's part of the game.
- There are some sports where it's easier to play unfair than others. If you get baseball bats that are banned from use, or if you're teenagers start to use enhancement drugs, that's not playing fairly. Teaching kids the importance of a fair game will have everyone winning in the end.
- Have your kids show respect to the other team by shaking hands before and/or after the game. Make sure to talk to the kids about why it's important to show respect and congratulate on a good game.
- So, when you win it feels really good, but teaching your kids not to gloat on the other team will help them develop great sportsmanship. Also can be said if your team loses. It doesn't feel good, but it's all part of the game.
- If your child or kids' team heckle and bully on the field, they're more likely to follow that same philosophy in other social situations according to KidsHealth. Bullying and name calling should never be tolerated, off or on the field. (<http://www.babble.com/kid/7-rules-to-teach-your-kids-good-sportsmanship>)



Danny Creel, Director
Abbeville Parks and Recreation



On Tap ...Abbeville Water Department

The water department has been busy lately with our routine operations, as well as installing blue posts behind fire hydrants to ensure they can be located for fires and to prevent them from being ran over. We are also painting fire hydrants to protect them and keep them looking nice. We are also installing concrete valve markers to protect valves and to help located valves in case of a major leak. We try not to disrupt service for more customers than we have to in the event of a leak or repair.

We have also just had our water department office repainted and vinyl siding installed to protect the building and keep it looking nice.

I would like to personally thank everyone that participated in our collection of samples for our regular lead and copper testing. This is a required test to ensure we are keeping a safe water supply for all of our customers.

Mike Johnson
Water Superintendent

Community Calendar

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- City Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall. Please join us and become an active participant in how your city government operates. To be on the agenda, contact the City Clerk no later than the Wednesday prior to the meeting at 585.6444.
- The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce meets the first Thursday of each month except July at the Great Southern Conference Center on Kirkland Street at noon. Please contact the Chamber at 585.2273 for your lunch reservation.
- Abbeville Historic Preservation Commission meets quarterly (January, April, July & October) on the second Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.
- The Water Works and Sewer Board of Abbeville meets the fourth Monday at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall.
- Planning Commission meets the fourth Thursday of each month in City Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- March 15—Miss Yatta Abba Pageant
- April 25, 2015—Youth Day
- April 25, 2015—Miss Abbeville Pageant
- May 2, 2015—Yatta Abba Day Festival



Lost Pets?

What do you do when your beloved pet wanders off? This can be a scary time for the owner as well as the pet. Here are some suggestions from people who have found their pets:

- 1) Talk to people in your neighborhood.
- 2) Hand out flyers with pet's picture and your phone number on them. Some businesses will allow you to post these. Posting near the pet food and supplies will be helpful.
- 3) Contact and go to all local shelters and government agencies charged with picking up strays and lost animals. This should be done at least every other day.
- 4) Put an ad in the local newspaper.
- 5) Contact local rescue organizations.
- 6) Give copies of flyers to veterinarians, groomers, trainers, and pet stores.
- 7) Post on websites and "Facebook".
- 8) Give flyers to people who walk their dogs in the area.
- 9) Talk to your city or town, county and state road departments, as well as the animal control agencies.
- 10) During the quietest times, call your pet and listen.

Our pets are such an important part of our family; let's do whatever we can to keep them safe.

Vicki Bedsole
Deputy City Clerk/SHARK

