



# The Aberdeen Advocate

## Summer 2021 Edition

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### A Rebirth of Hope: Aberdeen's Brighter Tomorrow Endures

Over a year has passed since the dark era of COVID-19 overtook our way of life, aspirations, and dreams. As Aberdeen delved into a new decade, we began to ask ourselves questions we never before thought to ponder. *Is it safe to go get groceries? When will I be able to hug my loved ones? When will I find work again?* As the seasons cycled, so too did the ebbs and flows of the pandemic.

But now we approach a new, post-coronavirus summer and Aberdeen's brighter tomorrow has endured! Community events like the Aberdeen Farmers Market and the Under the Sea Bash are back. Activists like Tandra Ridgley of 'Keep Aberdeen Beautiful' never waived in their missions. New businesses like the All American Steakhouse are on the way and old buildings like the Aberdeen High School are being repurposed for a new generation.

With all the hardship and sacrifices we have made, take a little extra time this summer to celebrate. Visit Horizon Cinemas for their \$5 "Summer Kids Movie Series" that includes popcorn, soda and candy! Visit the newly upgraded Ripken Stadium and watch our hometown team, the IronBirds, play ball! Cool off with some delicious ice cream at Scoops or a snowball at Island Ice Snowballs. Lay down a blanket and have a family picnic at any one of Aberdeen's six beautiful parks (with Rock Glenn Park on the way)! Aberdeen is a fantastic place to let loose in these sizzling summer months and enjoy our prosperous future!



### FEATURED COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVERY THUR 4PM-7PM (Until Sep 2)	<b>ABERDEEN FARMERS MARKET</b> WEEKLY AT ABERDEEN FESTIVAL PARK
AUG 21 11AM-3PM	<i>Under the Sea Bash</i> Supporting the MD TEARS Foundation   Aberdeen Festival Park
OCT 3 8AM	<b>ThinkPink!</b> 5k & Bike Rally at Aberdeen Festival Park

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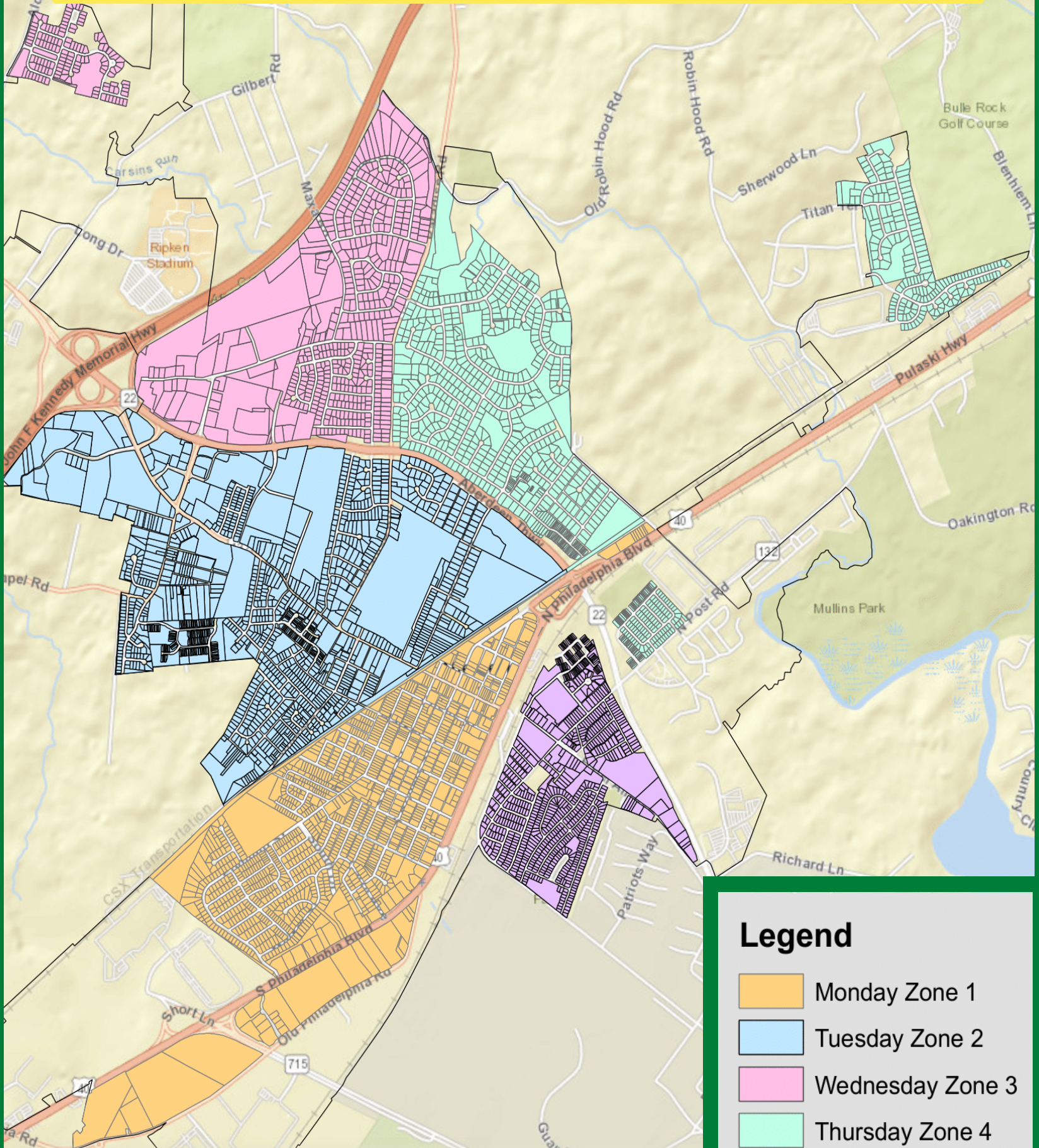
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# Waste Collection Zone Map

TO MAKE THE CHANGES TO THE WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE SIMPLE, WE'VE INCLUDED THIS HANDY MAP! USE THE COLOR-CODED LEGEND BELOW TO DETERMINE WHEN YOUR WASTE COLLECTION WILL OCCUR IN AUGUST!



## Legend

- Monday Zone 1
- Tuesday Zone 2
- Wednesday Zone 3
- Thursday Zone 4
- Friday Zone 5

Need Help Figuring Out Your Zone?

Visit our interactive map at [AberdeenMD.Gov/Zones](http://AberdeenMD.Gov/Zones)



# Waste Collection Update

CITY STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO SERVICE TRASH AND RECYCLING TO OUR RESIDENTS. ACTIONS TO PURSUE A CONTRACT WITH GFL ENVIRONMENTAL WERE PAUSED IN JUNE. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021 THERE WILL BE A CHANGE TO THE TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE. NOTABLY, THERE ARE THREE MAJOR CHANGES OUTLINED BELOW.

1. **New Zones** - To our long-time residents, the City has collected trash in a four zone Monday through Thursday schedule. With the addition of a fifth zone, some residents will continue to remain on their scheduled day, while others will move to a new collection day. Residents in the Zones 1 and 2 for example, will see no change on their collection days. Residents that live in the existing Zones 3 and 4 will be affected. The table below is a summary with the map. **A detailed map is located on Page 2** of this newsletter as well as on our website at [www.aberdeenmd.gov](http://www.aberdeenmd.gov).

New Zone	Pick Up	Collection Areas
1	Mon	Downtown Area - Edmund, Law, Rogers, Market, Custis, etc.
2	Tue	Examples: Baltimore St, Mt Royal Ave, Baker St, Hillman Ct, Paradise Rd, Graceford Dr, Plater St, Alton Homes, Woodland Greens Neighborhoods, Chapel Glen Area, and Northeast Rd
3	Wed	Aberdeen Hills (North), Barnette Lane, Maxa Woods, Ramsgate Area
4	Thu	All Deen areas, Rock Glen neighborhoods, Barkess and Farm Road, Windemere Subdivisions, and Hillcrest Area.
5	Fri	Swan Meadows and East Side – Examples: Aberdeen Ave, Darlington Ave, S Post Rd, Polk St, Winston’s Choice, Church Green, E Bel Air Ave.

2. **Yard Waste** - There will be no yard waste collection in August and September. The next collection date for the entire City will be Saturday October 16, 2021. Additional collection dates are Saturday, November 20, 2021 and Saturday, December 18 2021. Residents may bring their yard waste to Harford County Mulch and Compositing Facility at 3241 Scarboro Rd, Street, MD 21154 at <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/> at no charge. Residents should contact (410) 698-3018 for additional information if one of these collection dates does not meet your needs.

3. **Bulk Waste** - There is no change to bulk policy for an annual “free” pick up. Residents are required to contact the Bulk waste line at (410) 297-4259 for scheduled pick up. You must call and be scheduled, otherwise the items will not be picked up. Scheduled dates will now vary.

## Need a New Trash Can Toter?

Aberdeen residents with damaged, stolen, or missing City of Aberdeen Toters should follow the simple steps below to obtain repairs or a new COA Toter.

- **Damaged Toter** - Call our Environmental Department at 410-272-2232. A City employee will come out and assess the damaged COA Toter to determine if repairs can be made or if a new COA Toter is needed.
- **Stolen or Missing Toter** - Report stolen or missing COA Toters to the Aberdeen Police Department at 410-272-2121. After you receive a police report number, call our Environmental Department at 410-272-2232, give them the Police Report Number to obtain a new Toter.

# The Latest Around Town

## Mermaids at Festival Park

The Mermaid Run 5k and the Under The Sea Bash are shaping up to be the biggest new events in downtown Aberdeen! On August 21, Festival Park will be swimming with music, food trucks, vendors, bounce houses, and special guest characters! Are you ready to take the plunge and sign up for the 5K race? Visit [runsignup.com/Race/MD/Aberdeen/MermaidRun](https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Aberdeen/MermaidRun) and register today! The FREE Under the Sea Bash occurs after the 5K from 11AM to 3PM!



## Aberdeen Rolls Out the Red Carpet for Horizon

Recently, Mayor Patrick McGrady, the Aberdeen City Council, and staff had the long-overdue privilege of formally welcoming Horizon Cinemas to our city. Horizon originally opened back in March 2020 and was subsequently forced to shutter its doors as the COVID-19 pandemic surged across the United States. The theater would reopen later that year, hamstrung by capacity limitations and a lack of new films coming out of Hollywood. Despite all these setbacks, Horizon innovated with drive-in theater options, partnerships with Ripken Stadium, and the return of classics to the big screen like Star Wars and Hocus Pocus. Horizon has weathered the storm and is now fully-operational, complete with eight theater screens, reclining seating, a full-service bar, and an assortment of food on the menu. Check out what is now playing and reserve your tickets at <https://horizoncinemas.com/aberdeen>



### Special Farmers Market Events

- 7/22 - National Hot Dog Day: \$2 Hot dogs and carnival games.
  - 8/12 - Paws in the Park: Canine-themed activities
  - 8/19—Back to School Night: A last hurrah before school starts!
  - 10/28—2nd Annual Trunk or Treat at Festival Park
- Visit [aberdeenmainstreetmd.com](https://aberdeenmainstreetmd.com) to learn more!

## The EPICENTER is for Aberdeen!

Recently opening next to Ollie's, the EPICENTER has fast become an essential resource to Aberdeen, providing food, childcare, recovery and life skills with open arms. The EPICENTER commits itself to being in, for, and by Aberdeen. We are extraordinarily fortunate to have these men and women as partners and advocates for our community. Learn more by visiting: <https://epicentercc.org/aberdeen/>

## Community Spotlight: Tandra Ridgley

Tandra Ridgley, an Aberdeen resident for nearly 30 years, comes from a long lineage of community activists dating back over a century. With the partnership of Mayor Patrick McGrady, Tandra formed the 'Keep Aberdeen Beautiful' Community Cleanup. On the first Saturday of each month, dozens of residents meet in Festival Park to target problem areas with an abundance of trash. This initiative has yielded marked improvement in the cleanliness of Aberdeen. "We are all stewards of our community," Tandra reflected. "You have to take care of what's been given to you". Want to do your part to for Aberdeen? Come to Festival Park first Saturdays at 9AM!





# A Look to Aberdeen's Future



## New Steakhouse Coming to Aberdeen!

A finely cut filet or ribeye, a dazzling display of theater-esque television screens, and a sophisticated, full-service bar are just a few of the features with the 'All American Steakhouse and Sports Theater' under construction in Aberdeen! The 11,500 square-foot steakhouse, located near Ripken Stadium, will be both a fine-dining establishment and an entertainment venue. The steakhouse's signature activity comes in the form of three full size golf simulators. Slated to be the sixth in the Maryland region, Aberdeen's All American Steakhouse has a target date of later this year!

## Shape Aberdeen's Future and Participate in a Public Meeting

Are you passionate about living in the great city of Aberdeen and excited to participate in municipal government? Join Mayor Patrick McGrady and the Aberdeen City Council at any public meeting or tune in from the comfort of your home at [aberdeenmd.gov/live](http://aberdeenmd.gov/live). The Mayor and Council meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7PM in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers (60 N. Parke Street) to conduct business for the City. Meeting agendas are posted to the City's website and available prior to the meeting.

## Coming Soon: Rock Glenn Park

Aberdeen will be expanding its medley of recreational centers with the creation of a brand new municipal park: Rock Glenn Park. Located off of Old Robinhood Road and Rock Glenn Boulevard, Rock Glenn Park will be a 22-acre facility complete with multi-purpose fields & courts, walking trails, a playground, and parking lot. Stay tuned to the Aberdeen Advocate as the installation of this new facility develops!

## Old Aberdeen High School Transformation On the Way!

The old Aberdeen High School, a historic piece of architecture that harbored generations of young minds, will receive a breath of new life after years of disuse and decay. Vascular Surgeon Dr. Mohammed Chaudry and his partner will be transforming the school structure into Nova Vascular: a comprehensive medical treatment center specializing in vascular and diabetic wound care. With Upper Chesapeake on the way and the new Nova Vascular facility in the works, Dr. Chaudry envisions Aberdeen as a hub for advanced medical care in northeastern Maryland.

## The Edge at Middleton

We're excited to report a new apartment development, the Edge at Middleton, will be constructed at 800 Beards Hill Road. The apartments will be built on a 10+ acre plot of land and will consist of 87 one-bedroom units, 137 two-bedroom units, and 13 three-bedroom units for a total of 237 units. The proposed amenities include a dog park, club house, swimming pool, and garage parking.





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Resident

## Your Trash Collection Day May Change on August 2, 2021

We will be switching to a five-zone collection cycle which may affect your collection day. Learn more about the changes to trash collection on Page 3.

### 2021 Calendar of Events

When:	Event Description
<b>Thursdays</b> 4-7PM	<b>Aberdeen Farmers Market</b> Aberdeen Festival Park; Every Thursday Through Sept 2. <a href="http://aberdeenmainstreetmd.com">aberdeenmainstreetmd.com</a>
<b>7/24</b> 5AM-8PM	<b>B&amp;B Taste of Soul 2nd Annual Pop-Up Extravaganza</b> Aberdeen Festival Park   Vendors and Family-Friendly Activities
<b>8/21</b> 8AM-3PM	<b>Mermaid Run 5K &amp; Under the Sea Bash</b> Aberdeen Festival Park <a href="http://bluecheetahtiming.com">bluecheetahtiming.com</a>
<b>8/28</b> 9AM-8PM	<b>Free Community Cookout</b> Aberdeen Festival Park
<b>9/6</b> DAY	<b>Labor Day</b> City Hall Closed
<b>9/8</b> DAY	<b>First Day of School K-12</b> Harford County Public Schools <a href="http://hcps.org">hcps.org</a>
<b>9/11</b> 9AM-4PM	<b>Sickle Cell Day</b> Aberdeen Festival Park   Games, Food, Presentations for Awareness
<b>10/3</b> 8AM-4PM	<b>Think Pink 5K &amp; Bike Rally</b> Aberdeen Festival Park <a href="http://aberdeenc.org/think-pink">aberdeenc.org/think-pink</a>
<b>10/28</b> 4PM-7PM	<b>AFM's 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat</b> Aberdeen Festival Park <a href="http://aberdeenmainstreetmd.com">aberdeenmainstreetmd.com</a>
<b>10/30</b> 8AM	<b>Blue Cheetah: Cats &amp; Bats 5K</b> Aberdeen Festival Park <a href="http://bluecheetahtiming.com/">bluecheetahtiming.com/</a>
<b>11/11</b> 11AM-12PM	<b>Veterans Day Ceremony (City Hall Closed)</b> Veterans Memorial Park
<b>11/25</b> DAY	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> City Hall Closed Thursday and Friday
<b>12/4</b> DAY	<b>Christmas Street Celebration</b> Various Locations <a href="http://aberdeenmainstreetmd.com">aberdeenmainstreetmd.com</a>
<b>12/18</b> 8AM	<b>Blue Cheetah: Reindeer Run 5K</b> Aberdeen Festival Park <a href="http://bluecheetahtiming.com/">bluecheetahtiming.com/</a>
<b>12/24</b> DAY	<b>Christmas Eve</b> City Hall Closed

### Trash & Recycling Schedule Effective August 2

Zone	Collection Day
1	Monday
2	Tuesday
3	Wednesday
4	Thursday
5	Friday

**Need a Bulk Pickup for Larger Waste?**  
 Call (410) 297-4259 Monday—Friday

### 2021 Holiday Schedule

Date	Holiday	Schedule
9/6	Labor Day	Trash delayed one day.
11/11	Veterans Day	No Delay to Waste Pickup (City Hall Closed)
11/25	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday collection moved to Friday 11/26. Friday collection moved to Saturday 11/27
12/24	Christmas Eve	No Delay to Waste Pickup (City Hall Closed)
12/31	New Year's Eve	No Delay to Waste Pickup (City Hall Closed)