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Abingdon-Going Green

Many local governments, including the Town of Abingdon, recognize the consequences of climate change and are taking steps to reduce carbon emissions and/or environmental impact. Some of our initiatives are detailed below:

Solid Waste Disposal. Recycling is perhaps the best way to reduce the amount of solid waste that goes into local landfills, as well as reducing our "carbon footprint". Abingdon is one of the few communities in western Virginia that offers curbside recycling of paper, plastic, and metals, with several opportunities during the year for hazardous materials disposal. In 2008, Abingdon will be looking at ways to encourage the recycling of pasteboard and glass. Combining recycling with landfill use is a good, albeit more expensive, way to extend the life of our existing landfills, which are increasingly difficult to replace.

Waste Water Treatment. Waste water treatment is not one of the "glamour topics" of local government but it has essential implications for the health of our community and the environment. The Town of Abingdon's state of the art Wolf Creek Waste Water Facility, completed in 2007, serves both the Town and a significant portion of Washington County. This modern facility used ultraviolet light instead of chlorine for the treatment of water discharged into Wolf Creek; as a result, Wolf Creek's water quality has been greatly improved. The facility was designed to meet the Town's current and future needs deep into the 21st century.

Abingdon's Urban Forest. Abingdon's trees help to make the town an attractive place to live and serve other important functions, like cooling the Town in summer, providing wildlife habitat and reducing water runoff.

Abingdon's Tree Commission, created in 2000,

oversees the management of our urban forest via the Town arborist, and is currently completing an assessment of all trees on Town property. This assessment will be used to ensure that trees compatible with power lines are planted where needed, and that trees which present public safety concerns are replaced with more appropriate types. Also, the commission maintains several arboretums in the Town, with Veterans Memorial Park featuring a grove of new American chestnut trees and a grove of native trees planted to honor local veterans.



The commission is also seeking to increase the number of trees planted inside the Town and to reduce the harmful practice of tree topping. The commission's annual Arbor Day celebration will be held at E.B. Stanley Middle School later in April.

Open Spaces and Parks. In the past few years, Abingdon has created or protected several new open spaces in the community, which provide recreational opportunities and environmental benefits. Our new facilities include Fairview along Hillman Highway, Craig's Meadow, the Main Street Park and the A Street Park. Also, our largest park, the Virginia Creeper Trail, has been the focus of accessibility and safety improvements. We have also created walking trails at Munchkin Park and the Coomes Recreation Center.

Long term goals for Veterans Memorial Park have been established in cooperation with local veterans, and improvements have been made to the Sinking Springs Cemetery. Finally, our Market Pavilion was also completed in 2007. It allows citizens to buy and sell locally-grown produce, as well as accessing a connecting trail from Depot Square to the head of the Virginia Creeper Trail.

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From the Corner Office



With the arrival of Spring, we see many new things blossom and develop. This is not only true in nature but also in the many projects that the Town undertakes each year. At my last writing I identified the Top Ten projects that came to fruition last year, and, wow, what a Top Ten it was; I can still hardly believe it myself. Those things were great additions to the Town and the public has embraced them all. It may be hard to top last year but we'll give it a shot.

So, let me tell you what's new and on the horizon in Abingdon. For starters, we plan to continue with our outdoor concert series to try to get the masses out and about in the downtown area. The two concerts at the Market Pavilion last year were huge successes, and I am sure this year will be even bigger and better, so be prepared for "*The New Abingdon Music Experience*" and plan to **BE THERE!** The schedule of this year's events will be unveiled on Media Day, which is set for April 16th from 11:30AM-1:30PM at the Market Pavilion. Next, be on the lookout for the revitalization project at Depot Square as we transform it into a much greener and pedestrian friendly place. The general idea is to have a wonderful flow of pedestrian traffic circling the heart of downtown. Included in this project is the placement of a Norfolk Southern Caboose as a focal point in the Square. You should see this project completed before the Virginia

Highlands Festival arrives. Also, be on the lookout for the new Town clock to be placed in front of the Municipal Building where the fountain currently sits. The fountain has been a nice focal point for many years but is in need of major repairs. As Barter Theatre is planning a grand water fountain with beautiful pieces of sculpted art within it, I thought that our fountain should now be replaced with a beautiful four sided pedestal clock, complete with a chime system that can be routinely programmed for any occasion. With that said, keep your eyes and ears open as it will arrive in mid-May. These are just a taste of things to come this year. I'll talk about some more in the next edition.

Let me conclude by commenting briefly about our cover story. To some the notion of "Going Green" may sound corny, but take a minute and seriously give this concept a chance. We are all stewards of this beautiful Town that we call home. So please join me and your local government in implementing a "Green Plan" for yourself. Recycle, plant trees, use only environmentally friendly products, walk more often instead of driving, go paperless and cut back on fuel and power consumption. These are all simple things each of us can do with little effort and little costs. Let our legacy to our children be that we made Abingdon a cleaner and *greener* place for them to raise their families.

Until next time, I hope to see you out and about and going green.

Sincerely,

Going Green (Cont'd)

Leaving the Car at Home. Abingdon is one of the most pedestrian friendly communities in western Virginia, but we are continuing our work in this area. Until a recent code amendment, Abingdon's sidewalk ordinance permitted the construction of new sidewalks only if the property owner paid for half of the project. The ordinance considered sidewalks as a convenience to the property owner rather than as a means of travel. Sidewalks along Valley Street and Walden Road will be extended this year to address safety concerns near Abingdon High School. We also anticipate the initiation of major sidewalk and pedestrian pathway construction programs in 2009, as suggested in a recent pedestrian safety study.

Storm Water Management. Storm water runoff has occasionally affected parts of the Town, and we are currently implementing a Storm Water Management Study which will allow us to make informed decisions on how to manage this problem. Abingdon is also emphasizing low-impact storm water management techniques such as "rain gardens" which can help to reduce speeds at which storm water enters streams and can put storm water into the

ground rather than into streams.

Future Needs. The current emphasis on reducing carbon emissions and controlling heating and cooling costs suggests we should examine existing building codes and look for reasonable "green opportunities" that can be promoted in new building practices. We are also examining the introduction of new fuel-efficient vehicles, along with encouraging car pooling and smart vehicle use by Town employees. Also, we are encouraging energy efficiency throughout the Town, to residents and Town employees.

The Abingdon Town Council will be actively seeking public input as we develop these new strategies.

Contributed By-
Ed Morgan,
Abingdon Town Councilman



People You Should Know

Cathy Lowe



Cathy Castle Lowe hails from Prince William County but has lived here in Abingdon since she was five. Mrs. Lowe graduated *summa cum laude* from Virginia Highlands Community College, where she received an associate's degree in science. Among her successful business ventures are The Male Ego salon---named one of *Business Journal's* Top Five Businesses in the Tri-Cities for 1995---Alter Ego Gifts and the *Catherine L.* line of makeup.

Mrs. Lowe is a certified graduate of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce's Community Leadership Program, as well as Dale Carnegie Training, where she earned a Public Speaking and Human Relations award. She is a past (2004) president of the Abingdon Rotary Club, where she earned a Presidential Citation for Outstanding Leadership in 2000, 2001 and 2004. She was appointed by Governor James S. Gilmore, III, to the Governor's Small Business Advisory Board in 2000 and served four years, culminating with her chairmanship of this board from 2003-2004. Most recently, Mrs. Lowe received a 2007 Leadership of Washington County award.

In her spare time, Mrs. Lowe enjoys jogging, dancing, singing and assisting with the marketing of the Double-wired Spinnerbait fishing lure,

developed by her father. She is married to Stephen Lowe and has two children, Brandy and Jerry. She also has two grandchildren, Ava and Hannah.

Mrs. Lowe, a first-term Councilwoman, was elected to the Abingdon Town Council in 2005.

Tony Sullivan

Born in Newport News, Tony Sullivan headed west to graduate from Pulaski County High School before attending New River Community College, where he received associate's degrees in Police Science and Forensic Science. He then received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the Old Dominion University. Chief Sullivan is also a certified leadership graduate from the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond.

When not on duty, Chief Sullivan enjoys working with youth through sports and his church, hiking, keeping up with his children and other sports of all kinds. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Susan, for nineteen years and has two daughters, Riley and Erin.

Chief Sullivan has been on the job as our Town's chief of police since August of 2001, after serving as the assistant chief of police in Bedford, Virginia. When asked to describe his job, he said, "I manage people, solve problems, develop new ideas, resolve community complaints, and address public policy concerns."



Market News

The Abingdon Farmers Market will open April 19th, for the 2008 season!

The “buy local” movement continues to spread across America and, here in Abingdon, we are lucky to have one of most prolific farmers markets in the region! The market moved to its new location at the corner of Cummings Street and Remsburg Drive last season, and in doing so, has allowed for an even more diverse selection of products available to customers.

The concept behind the “buy local” idea is that produce does not have to travel as many miles (an average of 1,494 miles according to Iowa State University) and therefore, is picked ripe by local farmers. Most producers at the Abingdon Farmers Market (AFM) harvest their produce within a day of selling it to their customers. This ensures more nutritious and tastier meals for you and your family!

You’ll also be surprised at the diversity of the market. AFM vendors offer organic produce, traditional produce, heirloom variety vegetables, grass-fed beef, chicken, and lamb, cut flowers, potted plants, ready-made herb gardens, fresh canned goods, fresh baked goods, arts, home-made crafts and clothing, jewelry, pet treats, and more!

The AFM will also be showcasing local talent as well this year. There will be a guest chef appearing every first Saturday, an educational event planned every second Saturday, an open day every third Saturday, and a band playing every fourth Saturday of the month. For more information about events or vendors, please visit the AFM website at www.abingdonfarmersmarket.net. The website is currently under construction but, should be operational by opening day of the 2008 season! Have questions or suggestions? Email us at Abingdon.farmers.market@gmail.com!

Contributed by-Lucee Kossler, Abingdon Farmers Market



2008 Highlands Jazz Festival

From the first Highlands Jazz Festival in 2001, the Festival has attracted increasing numbers of jazz fans as word spreads about this weekend of great jazz music. The Festival continues to garner high praise not only from audiences, but also from musicians and area jazz critics as well. From the Appalachian Mountain setting to the talented musicians playing, the Highlands Jazz Festival offers an unique musical and cultural experience.

This year, the 8th Annual Highlands Jazz Festival, will be held April 25 & 26, 2008 in the Grand Hall of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon. The Festival will continue to offer cabaret-style seating and a dining menu with foods and beverages on a par with other great American jazz cities, as well as a large dance floor available for the enjoyment of its patrons. Tickets for the Festival will be \$25.00 for Friday evening, \$25.00 for Saturday evening and \$10.00 for Saturday afternoon's Southwest Virginia area student jazz bands. A Festival pass – good for all events and performances – will be \$50.00. Students will be admitted free of charge to all performances. Tickets will be sold at the Abingdon Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and the Abingdon Town Hall.

This year's Friday night performances beginning at 7:00 PM, will include the Todd Wright Quartet, the Charles Goodwin Dixieland Band and the Blue Ridge Jazz Ensemble with Jennifer Kirkland.

Area student jazz bands will perform on Saturday at 1:00PM, while the Charles Goodwin Orchestra, accompanied by vocalist Maddy Winer, will take the stage at 7:00PM. Mr. Goodwin is one of the area's most enthusiastic promoters of jazz, through his collaborations and performances with nationally-known jazz artists. Also appearing Saturday night will be the Todd Wright Quartet, featuring a Saxophone Royale.

Contributed By-
Jim Cowart, Highlands Jazz
Festival Chairman



Parks and Recreation

Chocolate Kisses Dance

The Coomes Recreation Center hosted a dance following Valentines Day at the Higher Education Center. The “Chocolate Kisses Dance” was the first dance in a new series sponsored by the Coomes Center. The Collegians were the headline band for the evening. The Coomes Center’s own Jennifer Johnson even got to show her talents by singing with the band for a few numbers as well. The dance was well received with over 300 people in attendance.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt was held the Saturday before Easter at the Coomes Recreation Center. More than five hundred youth hunted for over 6,000 eggs hidden around the Coomes Center.

Yesterday Once More Dance

On Friday, May 23, 2008, the Coomes Recreation Center will be hosting “Yesterday Once More” at the Higher Education Center. “Yesterday Once More” is the 2nd dance of the series sponsored by the Coomes Center and will take you back to the years gone by. The featured band is “The Gentlemen and Their Lady,” from Norfolk, Virginia. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Tickets are available at the Coomes Recreation Center for \$15 per person, or \$20 per person at the door. You must be 21 years or older to attend.



Opening Day at the Outdoor Pool

Don’t miss opening day at the outdoor pool this year. Come by for a swim and don’t forget to bring your sunscreen. Opening day is Saturday, May 24, 2008.

July 4th at the Coomes Recreation Center

This 4th of July at the Coomes Center will be one to remember. The Return, a Beatles cover band, will be headlining the days events at the Coomes Center. With events for everyone in the family, from swimming in the pool to the climbing wall, the Coomes Center will be the place to be. Our traditional fireworks display will end the day’s events at 9:45 PM.





Down on Main Street

Pending board approval, Abingdon Main Street (AMS) will announce the person selected as Executive Director in the near future. The board is very enthusiastic about the choice and looks forward to introducing the Director to the Town Council on Monday, April 7, 2008. The Director will be located at the Abingdon Convention and Visitors' Bureau and will begin work June 2, 2008.

Staff from Virginia Main Street will conduct workshops for each of the AMS committees on April 15 and 16 in Abingdon. The Promotion Committee is hard at work on the production of a cookbook as a fundraiser. Abingdon residents and town employees are encouraged to submit their recipes to Tenille Montgomery at mtenille@abingdon.com if they have not already done so. A fall fundraiser is also in the works. *Contributed by Susan Howard, Secretary of Abingdon Main Street, Inc. and Owner of Plumb Alley Beads.*

“Our Menu has Changed”

Fine dining and good eateries have long been a staple of life in Abingdon. The Tavern, Wither's Hardware, Alison's, The Peppermill and others have provided atmosphere and delicious entrees to Abingdon's residents and visitors for years. However, in recent years, the Town has watched several of these close their doors; Alta Cucina, Caroline's, Baja Café and, of course, the Starving Artist Café.

Well, when one door closes, another door opens...this summer, Abingdon will welcome two new restaurants and possibly a third before year's end. The first to open will be Ellis' Soda Shoppe. Located in the former Ellis Drug Store, owner Doug Ellis plans to bring to downtown Abingdon a bit of its past; sidewalk dining and mom and pop eats with soda fountain treats.



Above: Future site of Willa-Jack's, at corner of Tanner and Main Street



The Old & Historic District is seeing a 'new' construction for the first time in years. Board of Architectural Review members have approved plans for a new eatery in town. The carwash at Tanner Street and East Main will soon be no more, as new owners Terry and Sharon Livingston along with Lisa Simcox, have begun construction on the Town's latest in fine dining, Willa-Jack's. The restaurant will feature an outdoor, sidewalk dining experience as well as indoor seating and bar. Keep an eye out for these and other establishments opening soon!

Left: Owner, Doug Ellis and Manager, Alan Widener outside the future Soda Shoppe—Coming Soon!

On Walden Road

The Town is moving forward on a project to improve pedestrian safety and access on the eastern end of Valley Street and Walden Road. This project is one in a series of improvement needs identified in a comprehensive pedestrian plan developed by the Town in 2002, titled the “Town of Abingdon Pedestrian Safety Movement Study” by Anderson & Associates, Inc. Improvements identified in the study that have already been



completed include the brick-pattern crosswalks adjacent to the Barter Theater and the Washington County Public Library, and pedestrian signals at high-use intersections on Main Street. The new project will include construction of sidewalk, curb and gutter, and other associated items along the north side of Valley Street from Whites Mill Road to Walden Road, and on the north side of Walden Road from Valley Street to the Washington County School Board property approximately 600 feet east of Boone Street. Thompson & Litton, Inc. has been contracted by the Town for professional design services, and has already begun surveying needed for the design. The design is expected to be completed



by the end of June, barring any delays from the required government agency reviews or permitting. The Town will be submitting an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Revenue Sharing program for funds to pay a portion of the construction cost. VDOT has yet to determine the schedule for the application submission, so the construction schedule is dependent on that determination. The Town will provide an opportunity for public input during the design phase of the project. Keep an eye on the Town website for updates.

DEPOT SQUARE: ARRIVING NOW

All aboard for a new look and new flow in the Depot Square! Abingdon contractor Boring Contractors Inc. started March 24th on a Town project to make improvements for traffic, pedestrians, and all other uses in Depot Square between Wall Street and Fuller Street. The improvements will include new storm drainage, brick sidewalks, decorative street lighting, larger landscaped and grassed areas, and a more channelized traffic flow. Bringing up the markers on the project will be a former Norfolk and Western Railway/Norfolk Southern Railway caboose to be placed between the former N&W



passenger and freight stations, which currently house the Washington County Historical Society and the Arts Depot.

Construction is scheduled to be completed just before the Virginia Highlands Festival hits the town, barring any unexpected delays or problems. Motorists and pedestrians are encouraged to use an alternate route during construction when possible. The contractor is required to maintain access, but traffic may be delayed occasionally, and there will be heavy construction equipment operating in the area.

The New Abingdon Music Experience

As the warm weather approaches, it's time to get outside and listen to some music! The Town's Music Events Committee is pleased to announce the schedule for *The New Abingdon Music Experience* featuring artists with a wide variety of musical styles and sounds. Some concerts will also feature local artisans, farmers and vendors. These concerts will be held at several venues throughout the Town, such as the Harry L. Coomes Recreation Center, Latture Field, the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Main Street and the recently-opened Market Pavilion.

BE THERE!

Artists and dates will be announced on April 16th from 11:30AM-1:30PM with a BBQ Buffet at the Market Pavilion. For more information on *The New Abingdon Music Experience*, please contact the Abingdon Convention & Visitors Bureau at (276) 676-2282 or access www.abingdon.com. Don't miss all the great events and entertainment that will be going on during the summer and fall.

Bike Virginia Coming to Abingdon

Few things can be called the biggest and best in Virginia, but Bike Virginia is definitely one of them. For the past eighteen years, Bike Virginia has brought tens of thousands of families and friends together for the largest multi-day bike tour in Virginia. Southwest Virginia has been given the opportunity to host Bike Virginia's 21st Annual Bicycling Adventure which will take place June 20-25, 2008. During this five-day event, cyclist will be visiting the three host cities of Abingdon, Bristol and Kingsport.



Rated by *Bicycle Magazine* as "One of the top 10 rides in the U.S.", Bike Virginia is an organization that educates its members as well as the general public about the health and environmental benefits of biking. Each summer, 2,000 cyclists take part in a five-day tour through Virginia's scenic highways.

The Town of Abingdon will host Bike Virginia June 23 and 24. On Monday evening, a concert sponsored by the Town at Abingdon's Farmers Market with feature performances by The Crooked Road musicians will guarantee lots of fun. The community is invited to come out and enjoy food from various local restaurants and live entertainment. Tuesday evening, Barter Theatre will sponsor a dinner event at Stonewall Square for the cyclist.



Abingdon State of the Art



Residents and visitors to Abingdon are often accustomed to the wonderful ambience of our town and its historic district, but do not let our history fool anyone into thinking that we are stuck in the past. Abingdon is on the verge of unveiling a wireless mesh network which will bathe our historic streets in state of the art wireless communication. By June of this year, the infrastructure will be in place and the wireless connectivity will be open to all who wish to connect.

With the help and expertise of engineers and installers from Federal Signal Corporation, the Information Technology Department is currently designing and deploying the equipment necessary for wireless connections from any laptop that is equipped with a wireless antennae. Most current laptops are equipped with a 802.11 a/b/g card for

computing on the go.

We are excited that connectivity should be available on the Barter Green, the Lawn of the Martha Washington Inn, or sitting on a bench outside of Town Hall. In fact, in the initial phase of deployment anyone in the area between the Newman Police Building and the Washington County Court House should be able to get on the Internet to check email or surf the web. This technology will also improve communications for our emergency service departments. In the next two years, we expect to deploy more antennae with the potential of covering all of the Town limits. Abingdon is "state of the art". We are very proud to preserve the historic nature of our town, all the while providing the best of technology to those who grace our streets.

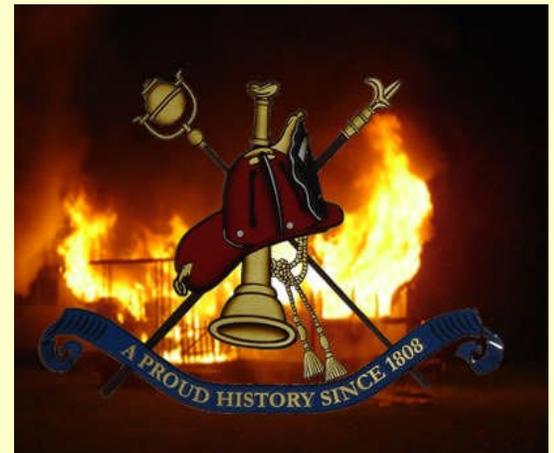
Fire Department Turns 200

The Abingdon Fire Department, an all-volunteer department, provides fire protection for the Town of Abingdon and parts of Washington County. The AFD's station, located at 316 Park Street, serves a primary response district of thirty percent of the residents and twenty-three percent of the structures in Washington County. Due to the AFD's central place in the County, surrounding fire departments are often able to utilize the AFD's equipment when necessary.

Chief Joey Burke and Assistant Chief John McCormick lead seven other line officers and thirty-two firefighters who operate a modern roster of eight vehicles. Two Class A fire engines, a 100' aerial platform, a tanker, a brush truck, a pickup for personnel transport and two SUVs configured as command posts comprise the AFD's mobile apparatus. The AFD also owns the two fire engines purchased by the Town of Abingdon in the 1920s; both vehicles have been cos-

metically restored and may be seen at the Park Street facility.

The Abingdon Fire Department marks its bicentennial in 2008 with a public celebration that will be announced in the near future. Additional information will be available in this newsletter or from the Town of Abingdon's website, www.abingdon.com. Visit the AFD online at www.abingdonfire.org.



Heard 'Round Town

At February Council Meeting, Town Manager Greg Kelly recognized John Crigger, Jr. for 20 years of service with the Town of Abingdon. John is an employee within the Wastewater Division. The Town Manager and John grew up together in Abingdon. Mr. Kelly jokingly said while presenting John with his plaque that “Having grown up together John and I know a whole lot about each other, but I won’t mention it, if John won’t.”



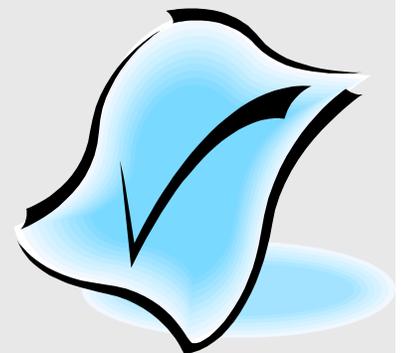
3rd Floor Renovations Almost Finished

The 3rd floor of Town Hall is presently under renovation to convert storage use to accommodate a reception area, six offices, a conference room and a copy/server room. The interior finish will be compatible with the present finish throughout the building. The project should be completed by the end of April. The Town Manager will determine which departments will occupy this new space shortly after its completion.

Don't forget this *Black's Fort Messenger* and past newsletters can be accessed at www.abingdon.com

REMINDER

**Abingdon Town Council Elections on May 6th.
Polls will be open from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall,**



Calendar of Events

April

2	Board of Architectural Review– Town Hall	5:00pm
7	Town Council Meeting– Town Hall	7:30pm
8	Board of Zoning Appeals– Town Hall	6:00pm
18-20	Mid-Atlantic Garden Fair	
21	Tree Commission– Town Hall	7:30pm
25-26	Highlands Jazz Festival– Southwest Virginia Higher Ed Center	
28	Planning Commission– Town Hall	7:00pm
30	EVA Board– Johnston Memorial Hospital	12:30pm

May

5	Town Council Meeting– Town Hall	7:30pm
6	Town Council Elections-Town Hall	6:00am-7:00pm
7	Board of Architectural Review– Town Hall	5:00pm
11	Mother’s Day	
13	Board of Zoning Appeals-Town Hall	6:00pm
19	Tree Commission-Town Hall	7:30pm
24	Plumb Alley Day	
25	Recreation Commission-Town Hall	5:00pm
26	Memorial Day (Offices Closed)	
28	EVA Board– Johnston Memorial Hospital	12:30pm
TBA	Planning Commission-Town Hall	7:00pm

June

2	Town Council Meeting-Town Hall	7:30pm
4	Board of Architectural Review– Town Hall	5:00pm
10	Board of Zoning Appeals-Town Hall	6:00pm
15	Father’s Day	
16	Tree Commission-Town Hall	7:30pm
21-22	2008 Garden Tour	
23	Planning Commission-Town Hall	7:00pm
23-24	Bike Virginia	
25	EVA Board-Johnston Memorial Hospital	12:30pm

July

2	Board of Architectural Review-Town Hall	5:00pm
4	Independence Day (Offices Closed)	
4	Fourth in the Park– Coomes Center	

For additional meetings and times, please visit www.abingdon.com

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<i>Myra Cook</i>	Tourism Director	<i>Floyd Bailey</i>	Information Technology
<i>Garrett Jackson</i>	Town Planner	<i>John Dew</i>	Public Works Director (Streets Division)
<i>Marion Watts</i>	Building Inspection	<i>Jim Smith</i>	Public Works Director (Wastewater Division)
<i>Joey Burke</i>	Fire Chief	<i>Chris Johnson</i>	Parks & Recreation Director

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