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The British Were Here

It was a week of historic proportions! A delegation representing Abingdon and the Vale of the White Horse District Twinning Society helped us celebrate our 230th Charter Anniversary October 1-5th. The 44 member delegation from Abingdon, England (ABNUK), the largest delegation to visit us since our Trans-Atlantic connections were made some 47 years ago, arrived just after 8 PM on Tuesday, September 30th to a crowd of Town Staff and host families, holding signs with their respective guests names, gathered at Town Hall awaiting their arrival. Made up of Mayor Pat Lonergan, Town Councillors Angela Lawrence and Peter Fulk and 41 members of the Abingdon and District Twin Town Society (ADTTS), the delegation arrived in Washington, D.C. on Monday, September 29th and after a day of touring the Virginia Military Institute and Lexington, embarked on their journey to 'the other Abingdon', as it was referred to by our guests.

The festivities began with a brunch on Wednesday morning for the guests and Town Officials, where our form of government and structure of the Town was explained by Town Manager Greg Kelly and members of Town Council. Our fiber-cutting ceremony, unleashing to the public the Town's Wi-Fi Phase I, was attended by the group and ABNUK's Mayor and our own held opposite ends of the fiber line that were cut, signifying the internet's worldwide reach. In addition the week consisted of visits to the Star Museum; Tavern; White's Mill; the Fields-Penn House; lunch on the Mustering Grounds and a walk through the history of the Battle of King's Mtn. with Blair Keller; a tour of the William King Regional Arts Center; a presentation from Washington

County Assistant Administrator Christianne Parker; breakfast with Congressman Rick Boucher; an Emory and Henry College Football game and a special, spooky treat from Donna-marie Emmert, Abingdon's own Haint Mistress.

Though the Town's official birthday falls on October 7th, a Civic Dinner was held in the Martha Washington Inn Ballroom on October 5th, with our guests, host families, Town Council and members of the Town's Boards and Commissions, as well as Commonwealth of Virginia Attorney General Bob McDonnell in attendance. The evening was filled with fellowship, music from local Appalachian-Celtic band Fire in the Kitchen and a history lesson from Vice-Mayor Ed Morgan.

Abingdon and the Vale are officially twinned with 5 towns in Europe, consisting of Argentan, France; Colmar, France; St. Niklaas, Belgium; Schongau, Germany; Lucca, Italy and have maintained a special friendship with Thames, New Zealand, since WWII. Twinning was created after WWII to foster good relations between towns and cities and helped to maintain peace between the European nations. Since 1963, the two Abingdon's have maintained contact through various visits but have yet to formalize the relationship. This exercise in civic exchange took advantage of the opportunity to cement the bonds and on October 5th at the Town's Civic Dinner, Mayor Lois Humphreys presented Mayor Pat Lonergan with a resolution establishing an official civic friendship. This act will ensure the two towns will promote the other through tourism and civic as well as cultural exchange for years to come.

You can find pictures from the British Visit on page 8 as well as online as www.abingdon.com.



From the "Upper Deck"



In case you haven't heard, the Town of Abingdon has had many reasons to celebrate this year, and celebrate we have. Hopefully, many of you have been able to partake in some of our festivities.

On October 4, 2008 we celebrated the 230th anniversary of the Town Charter and were fortunate to have 46 visitors from Abingdon, England travel across the pond to join in our celebration. We enjoyed a week full of festivities and special events and our visitors from our sister city in England fell in love with our Town. In fact, many have expressed their desire to return in the near future.

During the English visit, it was a great honor for us to be able to have our Mayor, Lois Humphreys and Mayor Pat Lonergan from Abingdon, England join in the ribbon "fiber" cutting ceremony for Phase 1 of our Town's wireless mesh system. The system is now up and running so be sure to log on and check us out, if you are in the mid-downtown area.

I would like to commend Blair Keller, Rick Humphreys and their group of volunteers who worked so hard on the Overmountain Victory Trail Celebration at "The Mustering Grounds". Several new exhibitors were added this year and 1,000 4th graders from the area got to enjoy a true step back in times.

The month of October also marked the 200th Anniversary of the Abingdon Fire Department and they celebrated with a picnic and a building rededication to former Fire Chiefs, Herman "Bo" McCormick and Meredith "Mert" Odum. 200 years, what a milestone for volunteer civil servants.

Congratulations are in order for our Town and its newly formed "Go Green" committee as Abingdon won 3rd place in the first VML "GO GREEN" award presented at a VML ceremony in Norfolk on October 20th. I want to thank the "Go Green" committee and Town staff that worked very hard to pull our "Go Green" presentation together. Please check our website at www.abingdon.com for photos and links of our "Go Green" efforts. We hope this will inspire our citizens to jump on board with us and "Go Green!"

You may have noticed the construction going on at Depot Square. This project is three-fourths (3/4) of the way complete and we can't wait to see the end results. The brick sidewalks are almost complete, final pavement is almost ready to go down and very soon the addition of our caboose will complete the project. Please come down and visit the Arts Depot and the Historical Society while you check out our newest "green and pedestrian friendly space".

If you have not been to the Farmer's Market this season, you have really missed out. It is a wonderful experience and a great way to find locally grown produce, baked goods and unique crafts. The market will remain open until mid November.

I hope to see everyone out for this year's downtown "Sleepy Hollow" celebration. There will be games, food and entertainment by the Benny Wilson Band. And don't forget the chili cook-off. It is guaranteed to be a "saucy" evening. This event will conclude the Town's first full year of music events. Our last two (2) events, Matt Smith All Star Jam, with Bristol native Dane Bryant, followed a few weeks later by Grammy Winners, The Amazing Rhythm Aces, proved to be two of this year's biggest hits.

In closing, let me remind everyone to be sure to check out the Town's beautiful fall foliage. It's guaranteed to draw your attention. Until next time, from the "upper deck", have a great fall and don't forget to check out our website for upcoming events at www.abingdon.com.

Very truly yours,

The Abingdon Music Experience



The Abingdon Music Experience has continued throughout the summer with the 4th of July celebration at the Harry L. Coomes Center that hosted The Return. Thousands of Beatle fans came out to enjoy the music, fireworks and family fun.

The Virginia Highlands Festival kicked off their 60th festival with Chubby Checker and a block party on Main Street with all ten thousand fans doing the Twist. September brought Secrets Band with members of internationally known bands such as Olivia Newton-John, Clint Black, Leann Womack, Donna Summer and Joe Cocker. This Town has never heard such music or had so many famous profes-

sionals together at one time.

We were very fortunate in October to have The Amazing Rhythm Aces. The Aces helped Abingdon celebrate it's 230th Birthday. Our last concert of the season is The Benny Wilson Band that

will entertain at The Sleepy Hollow Party, October 25, on Main Street. Thank you to everyone who came out for The Abingdon Music Experience this season.



Photo and Article Courtesy of Myra Cook, Director of Tourism

People You Should Know

Jason Berry



Council Member Jason Berry was born and raised in Abingdon, Virginia. Mr. Berry's family has lived in this area since 1775 and his grandfather, Nelson Berry, was the Town's first paid Fire Chief. He graduated from Abingdon High School and then attended East Tennessee State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. Mr. Berry also has a Master of Public Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. He serves as the Executive Director of the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator, a local non-profit organization located in Abingdon's Stone Mill Business & Technology Park. The incubator assists entrepreneurs with starting a small business that will be successful once they locate to commercial space within our community.

Mr. Berry resides in Abingdon with his wife Courtney, who is originally from Pittsburgh, PA. In his spare time he likes to play golf, collect baseball memorabilia, and be active in church and community activities. Mr. Berry has been serving as a Council Member for four months and being one of the youngest Council Members ever elected, he hopes to bring an enthusiastic voice to the Council.

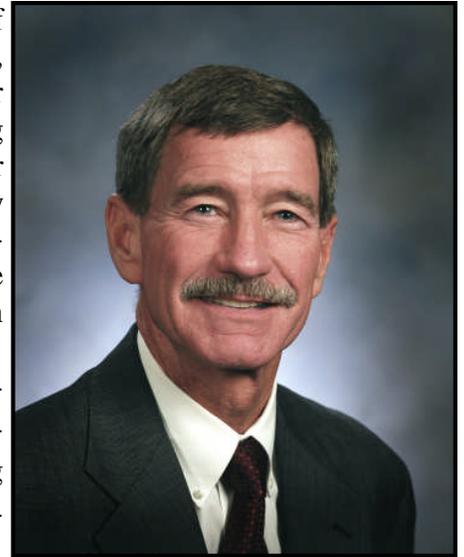
John Dew- "Down with Dew"

John Dew was born in Waukegan, Illinois to a Navy family. After years of moving, he graduated from high school in Virginia Beach, VA. Mr. Dew attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He has been employed with the Town since March 2006 as Director of Public Services and Construction. Mr. Dew works with the street department staff to maintain and improve the Town's streets, storm drainage system, sidewalks, and other features within Town right-of-way. He is involved with the Solid Waste staff to collect and dispose of refuse generated by Town's residents and administer the Town's recycling program. Mr. Dew also works with the Town Inspector and Traffic Signal Technician to administer Town construction projects, inspect and regulate land disturbing projects, and maintain and improve the traffic signals within the corporate limits.

Mr. Dew resides in Bristol, VA with his wife Denise and son Ian. He is involved with Boy Scouts as a Scout Master and was responsible for starting a Destination Imagination team at his son's school. In his spare time, John likes to do things outdoors; hiking, biking, camping, canoeing, and rafting and he enjoys all sports. Mr. Dew describes himself as just another guy trying to balance taking care of business with aggressively seeking a laugh in nearly every situation.



Michael J. Quillen is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Abingdon, VA-based Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. Quillen, 59, joined the Alpha management team as President and the sole manager of Alpha Natural Resources, LLC, the company's top-tier operating subsidiary, in August 2002, and has served as Chief Executive Officer of Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. since January 2003. In February 2005, Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. completed its initial public offering (IPO) and became listed on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: ANR). Mr. Quillen was elected Chairman of the company in October 2006, relinquishing the role of President at that time.



Alpha Natural Resources was formed in 2002 through the acquisition of Pittston's VA coal operations, El Paso's Coastal Coal operations and merger with AMCI's US operations. Alpha is a leading supplier of coal to electric utilities and steel manufacturers that produces over twenty million tons of coal and markets thirty million tons.

Operations are in VA, WV, KY, PA and CO. Alpha's coal reserves primarily consist of high Btu, low sulfur steam coal that is currently in high demand in U.S. coal markets and metallurgical coal that is currently in high demand in both U.S. and international coal markets. Steam coal is primarily purchased by large utilities and industrial customers as fuel for electricity generation, and metallurgical coal is used primarily to make coke, a key component in the steel making process. Alpha produces, processes and sells steam and metallurgical coal from eight regional business units supported by 33 active underground mines, 24 active surface mines and 11 preparation plants located throughout Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Alpha is also actively involved in the purchase and resale of coal mined by others, the majority of which is blended with coal produced from Alpha's mines to create customized products for our customers.

WHEN YOU SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES YOU SUPPORT YOUR WAY OF LIFE

Over the next few weeks, we will begin approaching the 2008 holiday season and most of us will be planning frequent trips to some other towns and cities to purchase many of the items needed to celebrate with friends and family. Many of us will do this without considering the positive financial and environmental impacts we could have on our communities if we made many of these purchases locally.

One of the keys to growing Abingdon's local economy is for residents to spend all that they can in the stores and other businesses that have been set up here, mostly by our friends and neighbors. As many of us know, owning a small business is time consuming and all those who do so take a tremendous risk. In many cases they have placed their homes, credit, and future into the hands of banks or similar institutions from whom they are loaned the funds necessary to operate.

What do they ask of us? Only that we try to frequent their businesses whenever we can. Many of us want to spend our money wisely and are always looking for the best "deal" we can find. That is why we may drive for hours to go to a large discount store and buy everything at one time, usually because it is or seems to be, less expensive than what we would pay at the small "Mom and Pop" stores that are located in our town. But is this a wise thing to do? Have we considered the negative financial impact these out-of-town purchases have on our community? Have we considered the environmental impact of the trip? What is the true cost of those purchases or the out-of-town restaurant meals we consumed?

The Mustering Grounds continues to educate and celebrate the Revolutionary War History of Abingdon and Washington County, Virginia....

On September 20th thru the 24th the 228th Anniversary of the mustering of the Washington County Militiamen took place. The event was open to the public on the 21st and 22nd and featured 16 stations where demonstrators and re-enactors demonstrated everything from how craft and trade people worked in the 1700's to bayonet practice. This year for the first time textiles were featured complete with live Yorkshire sheep. As always one of the highlights was the firearm demonstration that finished with the firing of a flintlock rifle.



The ever popular Guilford Courthouse Fife and Drum Corp entertained attendees on Saturday complete with a march off the field to the Overmountain Victory National Trail so all could see the beautiful and historic piece of the trail that the Town of Abingdon and the National Park Service have partnered to develop.

Starting on Monday, September 22nd and continuing thru the 24th the Mustering Ground played host to 1,100 Fourth Graders. Once again the 16 stations came alive with demonstrators and re-enactors helping to teach history in a "hands on" and interactive approach.



This year's schools included every fourth grade class in the Washington County School System as well as selected fourth grade classes from the Russell County School System, St. Anne's Catholic School, Sullins Academy, Temple Christian School and many home schooled.

The highlight for students and re-enactors attending on September 24th was actually getting to walk off the Mustering with the militiamen who were beginning their march to Kings Mountain, South Carolina. This was just as the Mountain men did on that date in 1780. Of those Kings Mountain Heroes, Thomas Jefferson would later say they "...began the tide that would turn the Revolutionary War."

As the militia left in 2008 the students had to stop and could only wave, say good-bye and hope all would return safely. In 1780 all did not return safely but I am happy to report in 2008 all returned safe----HUZZAH!!!

The Overmountain Victory Trail Celebration was sponsored by the National Park Service, Overmountain Victory Trail Association, Town of Abingdon, Washington County Board of Supervisors, Washington County School System, Black's Fort Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, William Campbell Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Historical Society of Washington County, Virginia.

Visit the Mustering Grounds located at 702 Colonial Road in Abingdon where you too can walk in the footsteps of heroes.

*** Watch over the next few months as several changes and enhancements are planned for your Mustering Grounds.

Article Courtesy of Rick Humphreys, Chairman of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association.

Photos Courtesy of Myra Cook, Director of Tourism



Abingdon Fire Department Turns 200



On a perfectly sunny autumn day, the Abingdon Fire Department held a celebration on Saturday, October 4, 2008 to mark the 200th anniversary of the Charter starting the Fire Department and to rededicate the Fire Station in memory of two former fire chiefs. The festivities started in the morning with fire station tours and displays of fire engines and related equipment. The Aerial Tower was a big hit among those attending. Those brave enough were treated to a ride 100 feet in the air. A catered lunch consisting of BBQ and hot dogs was enjoyed by all. The main ceremony was held at 2:00 PM to rededicate the station to its new name- The Chief "Bo" McCormick Chief "Mert" Odum Fire Station. Both men played a huge role in helping to advance the department to its current status and the fire department members felt it only appropriate to honor them in this way. The Abingdon Fire Department Honor Guard started the ceremony with the presentation of the colors. After the devotion by Chaplin Campbell, Captain Howard introduced Abingdon Mayor Humphreys, who welcomed those in attendance. She also acknowledged the group from Abingdon, England that was present. Chief Burke presented a plaque from the Abingdon Fire Department to the Mayor of Abingdon, England to take back to the Abingdon England Fire Brigade. Chief Burke was also

presented with a photo of the Abingdon England Fire Brigade members. Lisa Odum Caldwell and Firefighter Mark McCormick both spoke about their fathers and what the fire department meant to them. Captain Howard spoke about the minutes of the 1808 meeting of the Abingdon Trustees and highlighted several parts of them. The new lettering on the building designating the new name of the building was unveiled. The Abingdon Town Council and former fire department members were honored with a special badge that was commissioned for this event. We conducted an honorary sounding of the bell by Deputy Chief Stevens to remember deceased fire department members. The Honor Guard retired the colors.

The event was well attended and we joked the ceremony was not interrupted by a fire call or a passing train. The Abingdon Fire Department would like to thank all who attended and those that have supported our efforts over the years. We continue to strive to be the best fire department and to be committed to serving our community.

Courtesy of: Captain Bob Howard, Abingdon Fire Department



Down on Main Street



WHAT'S UP DOWNTOWN?

On October 22, 2008, come listen and learn as Kathleen Frazier, AIA, principal architect of Frazier Associates and Virginia Main Street historic preservation specialist, presents “Winning Façade Treatments for Historic Districts.” She will highlight compelling examples from traditional retail districts across the Commonwealth and region. Anyone interested in historic preservation or community design is encouraged to attend. The program begins at 7:30 pm in the upstairs conference room of The House On Main, 231 W. Main Street. Light refreshments will be provided. **Call 698-5667 to RSVP.**



NEW MERCHANT FOCUS

Willa Jacks is almost here. Construction on the corner of Tanner and E. Main Street of Abingdon's newest fine dining restaurant has elicited much interest and anticipation. Executive Chef, Lisa Silcox, and co-owner, Sharon Livingston have geared every decision toward “enhancing the total experience.” The American eclectic menu will focus on fresh ingredients and be created “one beautiful meal at a time...It's all about the food!” according to Silcox. Beginning in late October or early November, the restaurant will be open Wednesday–Sunday, with lunch served

from 11am-2pm and dinner 5-9pm on W-Th-F, and remain open from 11am-9pm on Saturday and Sunday. The bar will have even later hours and offer a full menu. Deserts will be made in-house daily. So shine your shoes and see you there!

Shop Abingdon 1st!

As the holiday season approaches AMS urges you to support our locally owned businesses. Especially in the current economic climate, it is incredibly important to keep dollars and jobs in our community by patronizing hometown merchants, who are our neighbors and friends. Starting in November, eco-friendly, cloth shopping bags will be available all along Main Street reminding us to ***Shop Abingdon 1st!*** At that time, you'll also be able to pick up your AMS Shopper card. After three purchases downtown, drop your card off at all participating shops to be entered into drawings for great prizes and specials. Save gas, save time, strengthen your community and shop local!

The role of *ABINGDON MAIN STREET, INC.* is to bring different sectors together to develop projects that will build on what's great about Abingdon and help our historic downtown thrive. The Main Street Four Point Approach uses principles of Design, Promotion, Economic Restructuring and Organization to promote civic involvement. We invite county and town residents interested in planning for the future of Abingdon to join us. Stop by the Abingdon Main Street office at 335 Cummings Street inside the Abingdon Visitors and Convention Bureau or send inquiries to eiskra@abingdon.com.

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Abingdon's "Go Green" Initiative



The Abingdon Town Council voted unanimously to establish the *Go Green Committee* as a part of the effort to Go Green in Abingdon. The committee was formed and had its first meeting on Friday, September 26, 2008. The committee voted to develop a website dedicated to the effort in order to keep interested parties informed and communicating on ways to improve the effort. A group has also been formed online for participation in the Abingdon Green Initiative and can be viewed through this website. The membership of the Go Green Committee includes Town of Abingdon employees, the Town Manager, one Town Council Member, and four private citizens. Contact information is available at Abingdon Town Hall located at 133 W. Main Street in Abingdon, next to the Barter Theatre, or by calling 276.628.3167 between 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday-Friday

The Executive Committee of the Virginia Municipal League (VML), an organization of which the Town of Abingdon is a member, voted on Oct. 14, 2007 to adopt the *Go Green Virginia Initiative*. This Initiative directs that VML staff should work with state groups, national groups, state agencies and cities and towns to develop, promote and educate on issues related to reducing emissions in municipal operations, buildings with less energy demand, and fleets of energy-efficient vehicles for municipal operations. VML staff should work with consultants and localities to establish a clearing-house of information and best practices.

This Initiative is designed to inform, encourage and support Virginia's local governments in their efforts to implement practical strategies that are both economically viable and environmentally responsible. One of the elements of this Initiative that pertains specifically to hands-on participation by local governments is the Initiative's sponsorship of a *Go Green Virginia Challenge* for local governments. This friendly competition is designed to encourage Virginia's cities, towns and counties to develop and implement specific environmental policies that take practical actions to reduce the carbon emissions generated by local government, i.e. the "carbon footprint". The Town of Abingdon, utilizing the *Go Green Committee*, is participating in this Challenge, as well as, supporting the Virginia Municipal League's other efforts, specifically, in this case, the *Go Green Virginia Initiative*. For more information please visit www.abingdon.com/gogreen.com.

Article Courtesy of Jim Cowart, "Go Green" Committee Member

Depot Square Update



Construction is nearly complete on the renovations in Depot Square. The contractor, Boring Contractors, has completed the brick sidewalk installation and has begun the base course asphalt paving. The surface course of asphalt will be placed after a caboose is placed in the Square. The Town is waiting to hear from Norfolk Southern about the specifics on moving the caboose and placing it on the constructed display

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Walden Road

Design is nearly complete for the Walden Road Pedestrian Improvements Project. The 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. The project may eventually connect to walkways proposed by the Washington County School Board in a “Safe Routes to School” effort underway. If connected, there will be much safer access from downtown to the various education facilities east of downtown, the Coomes Center, and residential areas in between.

The Town held a public forum on September 29th to discuss project specifics. Members of the public, Town Council, and Town staff were present at the forum. Town staff will soon be approaching property owners along the project for right-of-way

and easements required for the project.

The Town submitted an application in August to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Revenue Sharing program for funds to pay a portion of the construction cost. We anticipate hearing from VDOT sometime in December on whether or not the funds will be available to the Town. Barring any unforeseen disruptions, we will advertise the project in January and begin construction in March or April. Thompson & Litton is the design firm for the project.



Sidewalk Installation



The Town has had a contractor installing new, and replacing old, sidewalk, curb and gutter at various locations in Town. New brick sidewalks have been installed on Remsburg Drive at the Farmers Market, and at the intersection of Main and Tanner Streets. New concrete sidewalks have been installed on West Main in the vicinity of Southern States. Concrete sidewalks have been replaced along A Street and Henderson Court. This work is part of the yearly sidewalk, curb and gutter improvements done by the Town.

Heard ‘Round Town

Right: At the August Council Meeting, Greg Kelly, Town Manager recognized the following individuals for the Employee Service Awards and presented each with a service plaque:

- Dewey Fulton, Abingdon Police Department, 5 years
- Randall O’Quinn, Abingdon Police Department, 15 years
- Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning, 5 years



At the October Council Meeting, Greg Kelly, Town Manager recognized the following individuals for the Employee Service Awards and presented each of them with a service plaque:

- Tammy Baldwin, Finance Department, 15 years
- Craig Weaver, Abingdon Police Department, 10 years



Left: Mr. Kelly recognized a group of Town employees who were awarded Employee of the Year Awards at the August Council Meeting:

- Tenille Montgomery, Town Manager’s Office
- James Agner, Coomes Recreation Center
- David Gobble, Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Lance Campbell, Police Department
- Phillip Dowell, Public Works Department
- Michael Roark, Sewer Collection Department

Right: Mr. Kelly also gave out awards for Outstanding Employee of the Year and those two (2) employees were:

- Marion “Bones” Spiva, Coomes Recreation Center
- Mike Maiden, Wastewater Treatment Facility

Both of these employees will receive a \$500 savings bond. Each of the Employees of the year and the two outstanding employees of the year will receive a paid day off and a glass plaque as a reward for their outstanding level of service to the Town.



Calendar of Events

Oct	1	Board of Architectural Review @ Town Hall	5:00pm
	6	Town Council Work Session @ Town Hall	5:30pm
	6	Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall	7:30pm
	13	Columbus Day (Offices Closed)	
	14	Board of Zoning Appeals @ Town Hall	6:00pm
	20	Tree Commission @ Town Hall	7:30pm
	25	Sleepy Hollow Party @ Market Pavilion	
	27	Planning Commission @ Town Hall	7:00pm
	29	EVA Board @ Johnston Memorial Hospital	12:30pm
	Nov	3	Town Council Work Session @ Town Hall
3		Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall	7:30pm
5		Board of Architectural Review @ Town Hall	5:00pm
6-9		Mistletoe Market @ Southwest Higher Education Center	
11		Veterans Day (Offices Closed)	
11		Board of Zoning Appeals @ Town Hall	6:00pm
17		Tree Commission @ Town Hall	7:30pm
21-23		Holiday Craft Fair @ Coomes Center	
24		Planning Commission @ Town Hall	7:00pm
26		EVA Board @ Johnston Memorial Hospital	12:30pm
Dec	27	Thanksgiving (Offices Closed)	
	30	Recreation Commission @ Town Hall	5:00pm
	1	Town Council Work Session @ Town Hall	5:30pm
	1	Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall	7:30pm
	3	Board of Architectural Review @ Town Hall	5:00pm
	8	Community Christmas	
	9	Board of Zoning Appeals @ Town Hall	6:00pm
	14	Christmas Tour of Homes	
	15	Tree Commission @ Town Hall	7:30pm
	22	Planning Commission @ Town Hall	7:00pm
25	Christmas (Offices Closed)		
31	EVA Board @ Johnston Memorial Hospital	12:30pm	

(Please visit www.abingdon.com for more information)

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Myra Cook..... Tourism Director	Floyd Bailey..... Information Technology
Garrett Jackson..... Town Planner	Jim Cowart..... Economic Development/Grant Writer
Deb Icenhour..... Assistant Town Attorney	John Dew..... Public Works Director (Streets Division)
Marion Watts..... Building Inspection	Jim Smith..... Public Works Director (Wastewater Division)
Joey Burke..... Fire Chief	Chris Johnson..... Parks & Recreation Director

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