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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

With high gas prices and the state of the national economy, Beaufort is fortunate to have so many visitors this summer. I attribute this to the beautiful vistas we have and sometimes we take for granted the beautiful place we live. The Big Rock and Barta fishing tournaments brought many boats and visitors and both benefit many worthwhile causes. From my observations it appears that tourism traffic is up this year and we hope this translates into additional sales for our merchants.

Increased traffic also means parking problems and vandalism to our public restrooms, benches and public areas. We have hired a traffic consultant and are awaiting her report so that we can put in place new idea for 2009. We ask that you report any vandalism or suspicious activities to the police department or town officials so that immediate action may be taken.



Check out the progress on the Town's new WWTTP!!!!

TIPS FOR DEALING WITH WILDLIFE

Each year the Police Department receives increased amount of calls and complaints on wildlife in Beaufort. With the increase in urban construction, clearing of wooded areas, and overall urban sprawl, people are experiencing wildlife in their back yards, or should we say animals are experiencing people in their back yards. The Police Department wants to help educate citizens on the do's and don'ts of coexisting with wildlife. The department currently works with the Carteret County Animal Control in removal of rabid animals, but not all animals that people see out during the day are rabid. Some small animals this time of year could be orphaned and homeless. In the event you are faced with removal of wildlife from your home such as a raccoon in the attic or snakes in the crawl space under the house, you will need to contact a Licensed Pest Exterminator. In the event you have domestic animals such as cats or dogs, the department does have animal traps that are loaned to Beaufort Citizens at no cost. These traps are designed not to injure animals when triggered by the animal. The Carteret County Animal Control Office will send someone to pick up any domestic animals that are caught in a trap. To check the availability of traps, please contact Melissa Oden at the Police Department Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. To find out more about tips for dealing with urban wildlife please visit Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc.'s webpage at www.wildlife-rescue.org/library/urban.html

NOTES FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

New Pick-Up Truck

We are pleased to announce that we have taken delivery of our new 2008 Ford Pick-up truck. This truck will be used transport hose, foam, etc., in addition to being utilized as need, such as responding to woods fires.



Update on Business Pre-Plans & Fire Inspections

The Beaufort Fire Department is continuing with our Commercial Pre-Plan Program in which our Fire Inspectors and staff have been working with local businesses on completing detailed Pre-plans and Fire Inspections. These pre-plans include information on the building's location, occupancy, hazards, fire department connections and hydrants, building layout, and other pertinent data that would assist the fire department in case of an emergency. We look forward with working with all businesses on improving service and safety. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Chief Fulp at 728-4325.

TAX CORNER

Have you renewed your Privilege License for the 2008-09 Tax Year??? The deadline was August 1st to avoid additional interest of 5% of the amount of the license per month for a minimum of 25%; with a maximum penalty of \$5.00.

AUGUST HAPPENINGS

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| Aug. 5th BHPC Meeting at 6 pm | Aug. 18th Planning Board at 6 pm |
| Aug 8th-9th Beaufort Pyrate Invasion | Aug. 25th BOA Meeting at 6 pm |
| August 11th - BOC Meeting at 6 pm | |