

Beaufort Highlights

Town Manager's Work Program

Board of Commissioners' Annual Retreat



During the Board of Commissioners annual retreat discussions revolved around the future of Beaufort, its ongoing projects, a space needs study and a 10-year Capital Improvement Plan. Action was taken to allocate ARPA funding to fund generators for 3 lift stations and for generators for 2 well sites and to allocate the remainder to the USDA water projects fund. The BOC took an in-depth look at the Waterfront Asset project, heard presentations from two financial advisory firms and provided staff with guidance on preparing the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.

Comprehensive Street & Sidewalk Plan—Sidewalk Installation Along Live Oak Street

The Town has begun work on a portion of its town wide street and sidewalk project, a multi-year project that began in 2019. The previous work involved street resurfacing. This phase of the project involves upgrading several existing sidewalks as well as putting in new sidewalks to increase walkability throughout town. This work will continue over the next couple of weeks and will include lane closures along Live Oak Street as the project progresses.

Cedar Street Work Underway—Road Closures Continue

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) began work on Cedar Street in January. Crews have been removing existing curb, asphalt and sidewalk at several intersections along Cedar Street starting at the Cedar Street and Orange Street intersection and working towards the Cedar Street and Marsh Street intersection. There will continue to be closures for the duration of the project.

Tidal Check Valve at Queen Street Outfall

Bids were received on Feb. 23 for installation of an inline tidal check valve at the discharge of the stormwater outfall near the Front Street - Queen Street intersection. The contract for the work has been awarded to the low bidder. The work of cleaning the stormwater line and installing the valve is expected to be complete by the beginning of May.

Sewer Allocation Data Updated

The sewer allocation data posted on the Town's website has been updated. The update shows that approximately 82% of the Town's 1.5 million gallons per day of sewer treatment capacity is committed to existing inflow (63%) and capacity which has been reserved for planned projects (19%). The latest percent is down 2% from the prior listing. The reduction is largely due to the change in calculations made to determine residential capacity reservations whereby a unit flow of 60 gallons per day (gpm) per bedroom is being used rather than 120 gpm/bedroom. Use of this figure was approved for single family and multi-family units by the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality on Aug. 8 and Nov. 28, 2022, respectively. View the report at <https://www.beaufortnc.org/publicutilities/page/sewer-allocation-policy>.

Oceanview Cemetery Improvements



Spot replacements and repairs of the Oceanview Cemetery wall are now complete. Washing and painting of the wall has also been completed.



Dredging

Staff has been working with the Army Corps of Engineers to schedule a spring dredging project. Work is anticipated to begin in the next couple of weeks. Work will include dredging of Range 1 of Bulkhead Channel, the main water entrance into the Beaufort Harbor. The dredge will be here around 3-4 days.



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Board of Commissioners' Upcoming Meetings

6 p.m. March 13 Regular Meeting

4 p.m. March 27 Work Session

For more information on meeting dates and to view agendas visit www.beaufortnc.org/calendar.

March Events:

Coffee with a Cop: 9 a.m. Friday, March 24 at Historic Grounds Coffee Shop

More Project Updates Available Online

Visit the "Mayor's Corner" and select "Project Updates."
www.beaufortnc.org

Ongoing Items of Business

- ▶ High-Rate Infiltration Basin
- ▶ Wastewater Pump Station Improvements Pre-Planning Grant
- ▶ Comprehensive CAMA Land Use Plan
- ▶ Space Needs Study
- ▶ ARPA Funded Projects
- ▶ USDA Funded Utility Projects
- ▶ Wayfinding
- ▶ George Street
- ▶ Budget/Capital Improvement Plan
- ▶ UDO/160D
- ▶ Waterfront Asset Project
- ▶ Meeting Street Flooding Issues
- ▶ Pump Station Replacement Projects



Public Utilities—Water & Sewer Sections

- Sewer pump station #20 in the Beaufort Club has been repaired and placed back into automatic operational mode.
- The fuel day tank that serves the emergency power generator is being replaced at the Glenda Drive water treatment facility.
- Power supply issues are being experienced at water production well #3. Utilities staff has hired an electrical contracting firm to determine the cause of and fix for the problem.

Public Works

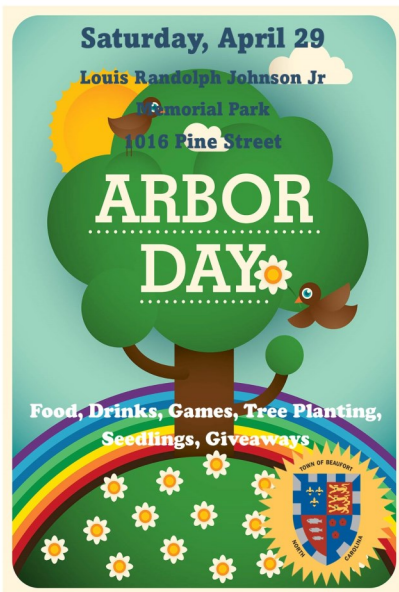
- Staff facilitated the repair of the roof of the pump room at the Pine Street Water Plant.
- Staff has begun preparing the splash pad play features and equipment at the Randolph Johnson Park for the upcoming season. The splashpad is scheduled to open Saturday, April 29 for the 2023 season.
- External security cameras at Town Hall were installed by a contractor working with staff.
- Staff cleared a ditch near Bunch Road, downstream towards the airport. The ditch receives stormwater flow from a portion of the development at and in proximity to Professional Park Drive.
- Staff completed several maintenance tasks along the Front Street docks and boardwalk.
- Public Works provided normal services including trash collection, sweeping streets, building maintenance, grounds maintenance, janitorial services, park maintenance, street maintenance, stormwater maintenance, sidewalk maintenance, etc.

Police

- Deployment and training on new portable radios received through the FEMA Federal Non-Disaster Port Security Grant.
- Network “clean-up” project to be completed on PD infrastructure closet.
- Budget planning and prep.

Planning & Inspections

- Planning staff has met with the developers of the Compass Hotel project and anticipate work will begin on the project in approximately 3-4 weeks.
- Update on 104 Chestnut Street: The property has been sold and is in the process of redevelopment.



Mayor Welcomes First Peace Vessel

Mayor Sharon Harker welcomed crew and visitors, and read a proclamation for the First Peace Vessel, Golden Rule (VFP Golden Rule Project). The 37-foot wooden ketch built in 1958 in San Pedro, California, was docked at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort's Gallants Channel Annex earlier this month.

