

Beaufort Highlights

Town Manager's Work Program



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Cedar Street Work Underway—Road Closures Continue, Bioretention Cells Installed

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) began work on Cedar Street in January. There will continue to be closures for the duration of the project. NCDOT completed construction of the 12 bioretention cells the week of May 1. NCDOT staff is preparing a written guide on how to maintain the bioretention cells. Once completed, NCDOT staff will host an informational session with Town staff and present the guide. This will mark the Town's assumption of responsibility for maintenance of the bioretention cells.

Street Rehabilitation Project

Town Engineering staff has completed plans, specifications, and bidding documents for a street rehabilitation project. The street segments to be addressed by this project are different than those where utility work is to occur as part of the USDA-funded utility project.

This project includes:

- 200 & 300 blocks of Moore Street
- 400 & 500 blocks of Pollock Street
- Approximately 450 feet of Fairview Street beginning at its intersection with Live Oak Street
 - Joyce Avenue
- Campen Road beginning at its intersection with Carraway Drive and extending approximately 1,100 feet southwesterly towards the Palmetto Plantation subdivision.

Staff plans to delay the start of the project to avoid working along Moore and Pollock Streets during the summer tourist season. Staff will advertise the project for bids in early August with the hope of beginning construction by late September.

SCADA System

The selection committee chose a vendor for a cloud-based cellular supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system for monitoring the Town's sewer pumping stations. A purchase order was issued on May 5 for the installation of equipment at seven of the Town's sewer pump stations along with the associated set up of the cloud-based monitoring system.

In-Line Check Valve Project

The in-line tide check valve was installed by the Town's contractor within the stormwater pipe that discharges at the waterfront of Taylor's Creek near the Front Street-Queen Street intersection. The project was paid for from the \$60,000 of ARPA funding that was allocated to stormwater improvements.

Train Depot Sound System Upgrades

Upgrades have been made to modify the existing microphones and sound system. Staff will have better control over the microphone levels in the Depot. A temporary speaker is being tested on the rental side of the Depot for overflow.

Parking

The 2023 paid parking season starts Monday, May 22 and continues daily with the exception of the 4th of July through Monday, Sept. 4. Parking passes are now on sale at Town Hall. Weekly, monthly and annual passes are available.

Board of Commissioners' Upcoming Meetings

6 p.m. May 8 Regular Meeting

4 p.m. May 9 Budget Work Session

6 p.m. May 17 Budget Work Session

4 p.m. May 22 Work Session

Town Hall Closed: Monday, May 29

May Events:

Olde Beaufort Farmers Market: Open every Saturday through the end of November from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the courthouse lawn.

Music in the Park: 5-8 p.m. Thursdays April through the end of October in John Newton Park

Crystal Coast Half Booty Triathlon: All day, Saturday, May 13

Beaufort Music Festival: Friday & Saturday, May 19 & 20 at Gallant's Channel

Miles 4 Music 5K Run: 9 a.m. Saturday, May 20

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

Additional Project Updates Available Online

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

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Arbor Day Foundation Names the Town of Beaufort a Tree City USA
BEAUFORT, NC-

The Town of Beaufort was named a 2022 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The Town of Beaufort achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

2022 marks the 5th year the Town of Beaufort has been recognized with this designation.

"It is an honor for Beaufort to be named 2022 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation," said Mayor Sharon Harker. "People gravitate to green spaces. They boost our mood and overall health. I think maintaining and having a strong urban forest really is a great part of Beaufort and making sure we have a strong quality of life here."

Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.



Public Utilities—Water & Sewer Sections

- A crack developed along a portion of the raw water piping that feeds the softeners of the Pine Street water treatment plant. Staff has hired a contractor to repair the issue. Work is currently scheduled for Tuesday, May 9. The plant will be non-operational for approximately 24 hours during the repairs.
- The long-anticipated shipment of 144 water ¾-inch water meters arrived during the week of April 24. A new order of 222 meters was placed on April 26 with the BOC's approval. The earlier than usual order was placed due to extended delivery times experienced this year.

Public Utilities—Wastewater Treatment Plant Section

- The annual removal of sludge stored beneath the shed of the sludge processing building occurred on May 2 and 3.
- Melodi Lyerly, Laboratory Technician, will be leaving the Town on June 30.

Public Works

- Staff facilitated the repair of the roof of the pump room at the Pine Street Water Plant.
- The splashpad at Louis Randolph Johnson Jr Park passed inspection and opened for the season on April 29. The splashpad chlorine system malfunctioned last weekend and staff is conducting repairs.
- The sunken catch basin at the curb line of the west end cul-de-sac of Front Street was replaced by Public Works staff. The piping from the catch basin to the adjacent channel was also replaced and the curbing was removed to accommodate the catch basin.
- Public Works staff removed the tidal check valve installed on the outlet of the stormwater piping at the waterfront of Taylors Creek near the Front Street-Orange Street intersection. The valve was not operating properly and a new one was ordered. The replacement valve will be paid for from the \$60,000 of ARPA funding allocated to stormwater project improvements.
- Public Works staff assisted in repairs at the Police annex to help increase drainage from the water/sewer system.
- Public Works staff is working with a claims adjuster for damages to the corner of the Train Depot roof caused by a delivery truck.
- Sunshades were installed in the Train Depot.
- Public Works staff continued boardwalk and dock decking replacement.
- The Tennis and Basketball courts will be closed July 17-31. Both courts will be resurfaced and repaired. Pickle ball lines will be added to the tennis courts when this work is performed.



Police

- The PD is finalizing plans for the Crystal Coast Triathlon this weekend.
- The PD is in the process of interviewing and hiring parking ambassadors.

Planning & Inspections

- Over 30 people have registered for the Old Burying Ground Workshop to be conducted by the State Historic Preservation Office on Thursday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m. The workshop includes an overview of how to clean headstones followed by hands-on training in the afternoon.
- The new owner of 104 Chestnut is in the process of removing the asbestos from the structure before demolition begins.
- The structures at 707 and 711 Mulberry Street were demolished by the owners of the property.
- The Planning Department's new permitting software is scheduled to go live around the first of July. This will improve the efficiency for contractors by allowing them to schedule inspections online, see the status of permits and receive the results of inspections in real time.

