

Beaufort Highlights

Town Manager's Work Program



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Compass Hotel Update

Construction is to begin on Monday, April 1. The loans have closed and the contractor will submit an updated construction schedule. As soon as it is submitted, staff will send it to the Board.

Unified Development Ordinance Update

Staff met with White & Smith, the consultant for the UDO Update, last week to discuss Phase 1 of the project. The consultant hopes to begin stakeholder meetings as early as April. As soon as dates, times, and locations are planned we will begin notifying the public of the meetings.

Trestle Walk Project

The Town, working with our contracted Grant Writer, submitted an application for the 2024 RAISE Grant Program through the Department of Transportation. The grant, if approved, will enable the Town to complete necessary plans leading to the construction of a multi-use pathway benefiting the citizens of Beaufort and the State of North Carolina.

The objective is to formalize engineering design plans that ultimately lead to the construction of a trail that connects residential neighborhoods adjacent to Live Oak Street to Gallants Channel. Additionally, the planning grant will help the Town accomplish several key objectives to include the elimination of a dangerous pedestrian crossing at Highway 70 and Turner Street, to provide a walking trail that includes viewpoints of Town Creek for our citizens and educates the public on the value of environmental protection and preservation.

Leonda Sewer Effluent Abandonment

Town staff has advertised a project to fill an old, abandoned sewer outfall line under Leonda Drive with a product called "flowable fill." This work is being conducted because the abandoned line is believed to be the reason for past sinkholes along Leonda Drive.

50 Years of Historic Preservation

On April 2, the Town will be celebrating its 50th anniversary of being on the National Register of Historic Places. The Historic Commission has invited the public to celebrate this accomplishment on April 2 at the Ann Street United Methodist Church's Eure Building at 6 p.m. There will be a short program from the State Historic Preservation Office followed by a cake cutting and light refreshments.

Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan

The Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan draft is being prepared for the Board of Commissioners to review at the March 25 Work Session.

Volunteer Boards

The Volunteer Board application deadline is March 13, 2024. The Town is currently accepting positions for the Board of Adjustment and Historic Preservation Commission. Apply online at www.beaufortnc.org/bc.

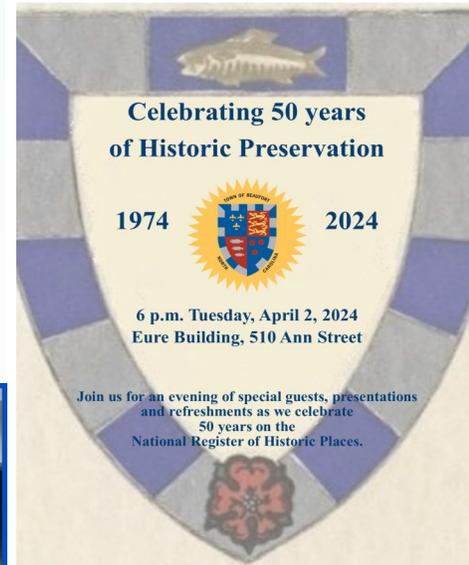
Board of Commissioners' Upcoming Meetings

6 p.m. March 11 Regular Meeting

4 p.m. March 25 Work Session

6 p.m. April 8 Regular Meeting

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



The Mayor Sharon Harker and the Town helped to welcome Pruitt Health to the community during a ribbon cutting at their new facility on Feb. 20, 2024.



Upcoming Events

March 23: Crystal Coast Autism 5K Run

March 30: Crystal Coast Cancer Rehab 5K Run

March 31: Sunrise Service at John Newton Park

April 2: Historic Preservation Celebration

April 13: Opening Day at the Farmer's Market

April 20: The Periwinkle Beer Mile

May 4: Wooden Boat Show

May 18: Miles for Music 5K Run

Ongoing Items of Business

- Wastewater Pump Station Improvements Project
- ARPA Funded Projects
- Waterfront Improvement Project
- High Rate Infiltration Basin
- National Park Service Contract Negotiations
- Wayfinding
- Golden Leaf Foundation Grant
- FY23 Street Rehabilitation and Construction Project
- Parking
- Main Street Program
- NCDOT - Live Oak Street - Access Management Project R-5945
- Professional Park Drive Area Stormwater Inventory & Flood Study
- USDA Funded Utility Projects



Former Commissioner John Hagle was recognized in February as citizen of the year by the Carteret County Chamber of Commerce.

Beaufort Emergency Alerts

Sign up to receive notifications directly from the Town.

Full Registration:



Scan the QR Code and complete the web form or visit www.beaufortnc.org and follow the registration links.

Text Alerts Only:

Sign up via text by texting "Join beaufortnc-alerts" to 31002 without the quotation marks.



**8:30 a.m.
Friday, March 22
2024**

**Dancing Baristas
Cafe**

**823 W. Beaufort
Road**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION!**

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Lt. David Halsey at 252-728-4561

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

www.beaufortnc.org

Public Utilities Water & Sewer Sections

- A notice of a possible increase in the requirements of the water distribution system sampling plan has been received. Staff believes that the changes will directly impact the budget given the potential for increased testing. The Public Utilities Manager intends to contact the NC Department of Environmental Quality to gain a clearer understanding of the changes.
- The high service pump at the Glenda Drive water treatment plant that failed has been repaired and is scheduled to be reinstalled the week of March 11.
- Maintenance issues continue with sewer lift station #20 lift station in the Beaufort Club subdivision. Parts have been ordered so that upgrades can be made to a programable logic controller at the station in hopes that the upgrades will remedy the latest issues.
- The cleaning of various sewer mains and lift stations was recently completed by staff using the Town's jetting and vacuum truck.
- There is one job vacancy in the Water section and one in the Sewer section.

Public Utilities: Waste Water Treatment Plant Section

- Technicians from an integration company are scheduled to be onsite on March 11 to begin troubleshooting the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system. The system has been out of commission since July 2023.
- David Littleton was hired and began as an Instrumentation Control Technician on March 4. The position also provides support to all other areas of Public Utilities, had been open since September 1 as the result of a retirement.
- Interviews have been scheduled for the one open position at the WWTP.

Public Works

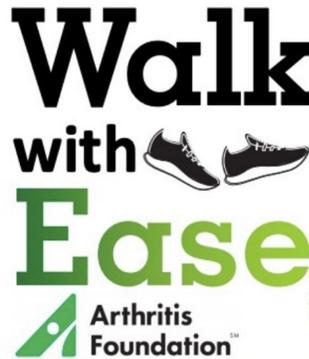
- The work to reroof the shingled portion of Town Hall has been completed along with interior repairs to the Front Street lobby. This work was made necessary by the migration of water into the building that caused drywall damage in the Front Street lobby.
- Public Works staff are beginning the clean-up phase of the project to clear and regrade the substantive ditch that borders the Palmetto Planation subdivision at the US 70 bypass.
- Work to install handrails along the west side of the 100 block of Turner Street is underway.
- A report has been received concerning the condition of Town-maintained sidewalks from the vendor Public Utilities staff authorized to perform the assessment.
- Public Works staff continues to work with Duke Energy regarding lighting issues that they have identified within the Town.
- The new grapple truck for debris collection received during the week of January 8 has been placed into service.
- Normal services were provided during the period to include trash collection, sweeping streets, building maintenance, grounds maintenance, janitorial services, park maintenance, street maintenance, storm-water maintenance, sidewalk maintenance, etc.

Police

- Order a mobile message board. This will support operations in other town departments.
- Patrol Division continues to support regional traffic safety campaigns.
- Coffee with a Cop is at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 22 at Dancing Baristas.

Fire

- Beaufort Fire crews conducted 10 days of firefighter/rescue training at the Beaufort Inn property. The multi-story building provided a great training opportunity for crews to practice hose advancement techniques, ladder training operations, ventilation practices, setting up multiple rescue scenarios, and many firefighter safety evolutions.
- Three new Lieutenants began their shift /crew assignments. Congratulations to Lt. Mike Linz, Lt. Richie Hunnings, and Lt. Alexander Alves.
- The Fire Department completed quarterly multi-company training as required by the NC Office of the Fire Marshal for fire department ratings and inspections. Multi-company training involves with mutual-aid and auto-aid fire departments contracted with the Beaufort Fire Department. Training was conducted at the new Carteret Community College Emergency Services Training Center on Laurel Rd.



**Walk
with
Ease**

Arthritis Foundation

Day of Week:

Month:

Location:

Cost:

Space is limited, sign up today!

Contact:
Rachel Johnson, Town of Beaufort Parks Coordinator
R.johnson@beaufortnc.org
(252) 528-8765



The Arthritis Foundation Walk With Ease Program is an exercise program that can reduce pain and improve overall health. If you can be on your feet for 10 minutes without increased pain, you can have success with Walk With Ease.