

# Beaufort Highlights

## Town Manager's Work Program

### Harbor & Waterways Public Charrettes

**Save the Date:** May 6 : Two Sessions: 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.

**Location:** Beaufort Fire Station #1, 506 Live Oak Street

The public is invited to come and provide comments on future improvements to the Beaufort Waterfront. Additional information to be provided on the Town's website, in the monthly newsletter, social media and to the Sunshine List in the coming weeks.

### Oceanview Cemetery Cleanup

The Town of Beaufort will conduct the bi-annual cleaning of Oceanview Cemetery on May 8, 2024 in accordance with Town Ordinance Sec. 95.08 - Removal of Debris. The Town conducts cemetery clean-ups twice per year. The public is notified at least 30 days in advance of each established clean-up date.

Per the ordinance, town staff are authorized to remove and dispose of all loose items including, but not limited to, flower arrangements, vases, and trinkets. Anyone with questions should contact the Town of Beaufort at (252) 728-2141 ext. 231.

### USDA Funded Projects

The preconstruction meeting for the USDA Funded projects is scheduled for April 9. The meeting will bring together the contractors, the Town's engineering consultant, USDA, and Town representatives. More information will be available after this meeting. Town staff will be collaborating to ensure information about this project is shared with the public as it becomes available to include regular construction timing and progress updates.

### Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan

The Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan will be available on the Town website under the "Parks" tab at [www.beaufortnc.org/parks](http://www.beaufortnc.org/parks). Hard copies will also be available at Town Hall.

### Compass Hotel Update

Compass Hotel began work on the demolition of the remaining building and is prepping the property for the new structure. The contractor submitted an updated construction schedule for staff and Board review.

### Meetings Livestreamed

Starting this month, all Board of Commissioners Regular Meetings, Work Sessions and Planning Board meetings are being livestreamed to the Town of Beaufort's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BeaufortTown](http://www.facebook.com/BeaufortTown). Please note from time to time there may be technical difficulties but Town staff will make every effort to ensure this service is available.

### Leonda Drive Sewer Effluent Abandonment

Bids were received on March 28 for a project to fill an old, abandoned sewer outfall line under Leonda Drive with a product called "flowable fill." This work is being undertaken because the abandoned line is believed to be the reason for past sinkholes along Leonda Drive. Three bids were received with the lowest being submitted by Parker Development of Jacksonville, NC at \$34,040.



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### Board of Commissioners' Upcoming Meetings

(BOC Meetings are at the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street)

6 p.m. April 8: Regular Meeting

4 p.m. April 22: Work Session

6 p.m. May 13: Regular Meeting

### Harbor & Waterways Public Charrettes

(Charrettes are at Beaufort Fire Station 1, 506 Live Oak Street)

3-5 p.m. May 6: Harbor & Waterways Charrette #1

6-8 p.m. May 6: Harbor & Waterways Charrette #2

### FY 2025 Budget Adoption Schedule

(Budget meetings are at the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street)

6 p.m. May 13: Budget presented at regular BOC Meeting

4 p.m. May 14: Budget Work Session

6 p.m. May 22: Budget Work Session

4 p.m. May 28: Budget Work Session (if needed)

6 p.m. June 10: Public Hearing and Adoption of the FY25 Budget

### More Project Updates Available Online

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

[www.beaufortnc.org](http://www.beaufortnc.org)

### Upcoming Events

April 13: Opening Day at the Farmer's Market

April 20: The Periwinkle Beer Mile

April 22: Earth Day

April 26: Arbor Day

April 27: Charters of Freedom Dedication Ceremony

May 4: Wooden Boat Show

May 11 & 12: Cherry Point MCAS Air Show

May 17 & 18: Beaufort Music Festival

May 18: Miles for Music 5K Run

5 p.m. Thursdays April-Oct.: Rock the Dock at John Newton Park

[www.beaufortnc.org/calendar](http://www.beaufortnc.org/calendar)

### 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/Rural Development
- NCDOT - Live Oak Street - Access Management Project R-5945
- Professional Park Drive Area Stormwater Inventory & Flood Study
- USDA Funded Utility Projects
- UDO Update
- Trestle Walk Project



## Upcoming King Tide Events:

April 8–10, 2024  
May 6–9, 2024  
August 17–21, 2024  
September 15–23, 2024  
October 15–22, 2024  
November 14–18, 2024

## What are King Tides?

King tides are the highest high and lowest low tide events of the year. They are regular and predictable events that occur when the Sun, Earth and Moon are in alignment and the Moon is at its closest point to the Earth. These conditions cause extreme highs and lows during the daily tidal cycle.

# CHARTERS of FREEDOM

Carteret County Government and Foundation Forward, Inc.  
invite you to attend a Dedication Ceremony.

## APRIL 27, 2024

Starts 11AM | Carteret County Courthouse  
Beaufort, NC



The Declaration of Independence  
The Constitution of the United States  
The Bill of Rights

chartersoffreedom.com



# Walk with Ease

  


## 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.

Walk With Ease Beaufort meets on Wednesdays in April and May at 1 p.m. Contact [r.johnson@beaufortnc.org](mailto:r.johnson@beaufortnc.org) for more information and meeting location.

## Planning & Inspections

- On Tuesday April 2 over 130 residents and business owners celebrated the 50th anniversary of Beaufort's Application to be placed on the National Register. Participants were given a history of preservation in the community as well as on-going projects and past accomplishments. A special thanks for all those who volunteered to help and to the local restaurants who contributed food for the reception after the event.
- The State Historic Preservation Office will conduct a workshop on Historic Tax Credits for qualified structures on Friday, May 17. This is an all-day workshop and is open to Certified Local Government staff and citizens. More information to come in the May newsletter.
- The Planning Board will have training presented by the UNC School of Government specific to Planning Boards on Thursday, May 16.
- The Army Corps of Engineers met last week to discuss the use of a side cast dredge for Bulkhead Channel. We are hopeful this can be accomplished, and the channel dredging will begin soon.



## Public Utilities Water & Sewer Sections

- Staff spoke with representatives of NC DEQ after receipt of the notice of a possible increase in the requirements of the water distribution system sampling plan. It was determined the Town's current sampling is sufficient. This outcome was noteworthy since the increased testing would have significantly impacted the budget.
- Maintenance issues continue with the vacuum-type sewer collection system in the Beaufort Club subdivision. Issues continue to crop up with the individual sewer ejector "pods" located next to each residence. The Sewer Division staff is working through the issues, but no real solution has been provided by the manufacturer of the pods, AirVac. Complaints have been received from residents of the subdivision about the number of times we are seen in the neighborhood working on these units.

## Public Utilities: Waste Water Treatment Plant Section

- Technicians from an integration company continue troubleshooting the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system at the treatment plant. The vendor is currently awaiting parts to be able to continue the troubleshooting process and is hoping that the troubleshooting will allow for the SCADA system to be operational. The system has been out of commission since July 2023.
- A new electric motor was purchased and installed for the odor control unit after the original motor failed. Testing of the odor control unit over a weeklong period in March showed the air being emitted from the unit to typically contain no hydrogen sulfide; however, there were intermittent peaks where the levels reached as much as 2 parts per million (ppm). Hydrogen sulfide gas typically smells like rotten eggs which is first noticeable between 0.01 and 1.5 ppm. The odor becomes offensive at 3 to 5 ppm.
- A new chemical feed pump was purchased due to the malfunction of one of the existing pumps needed to ensure proper disinfection during the treatment process.

## Public Works

- Staff concluded 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 by hauling debris and excavated material away. Staff will be replacing the right-of-way fencing.
- Staff has been installing handrails along the west side of the 100 block of Turner Street.
- Staff continues to work with Duke Energy regarding replacement sodium vapor streetlights with LED lights as well as adding LED streetlights in areas in need of illumination. The monthly lease rate of LED lights is less than that for sodium vapor lights.
- Staff have been painting signposts at various locations across Town. Staff will soon begin repainting crosswalks and parking spaces.
- Working to open the Splash Pad by the end of the month.
- Staff continues replacing broken and cracked deck boards and handrails along the Front Street boardwalk along with the securing of loose boards.
- Staff deep cleaned the parking lot at Town Hall to include pressure washing and repainting.

## Fire

- The Fire Department is preparing for the on-boarding of the new Engine 1. Staff will go to Florida the 3rd week of April for final inspections and acceptance testing. We anticipate arrival of the new apparatus in Beaufort at the end of April. Hose loading, equipment placement and training will take place with the expectation of the new Engine 1 being placed into service early May.



with Carteret Community College Fire/Rescue Training Program.

- All Fire Department staff completed Cancer Awareness and Prevention Training offered through Carolinas East Health System and SECU Comprehensive Cancer Center at Carolinas East Medical Center. Cancer is now recognized as one of the primary causes of death to active and retired firefighters.

- Beaufort Fire Department assisted Carteret Community College with Open-House activities at the "Public Safety Training Facility" on Laurel Road. Rescue and live-fire training activities were demonstrated by multiple fire departments from around Carteret County. We are very excited to have this "first of its kind training facility in the county" this close to Beaufort and look forward to the opportunity to work closely

## Police

- Staff will be conducting annual firearms training during the month of April.
- Quarterly Chat with the Chief will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 at the Beaufort Train Depot and livestreamed.