

# Beaufort Highlights

## Town Manager's Work Program

### Beaufort Emergency Alerts

The Town of Beaufort has a new system for sending emergency notifications.

Citizens can sign up to receive Important Notifications to include: Emergency, Weather, Road Closures

#### For Full Registration:

Scan the QR Code and complete the web form or visit [www.beaufortnc.org](http://www.beaufortnc.org) and follow the registration links.

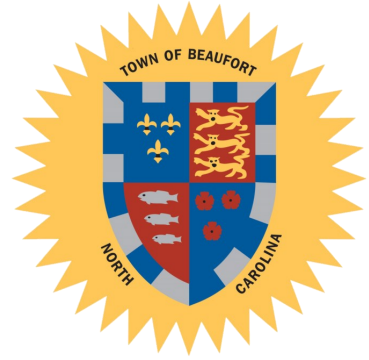
#### Text Alerts Only:

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

The system will reply with an acknowledgement that you have signed up to receive notifications.

Receive Emergency Alerts, Weather Alerts, Road Closure Alerts and more.

You may opt into alerts that are of interest to you.



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### Board of Commissioners' Upcoming Meetings

6 p.m. Aug. 8 Regular Meeting

6 p.m. Aug. 24 Special Meeting:  
Comprehensive/CAMA Land Use  
Plan Meeting

4 p.m. Aug. 22 Work Session

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Beaufort Farmers Market

Every Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Yo ho ho a bottle o' Run 5K

Saturday, Aug. 13

#### Art in the Park

1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18

#### First Day of School

Aug. 29

#### Beaufort Pirate Invasion

Sept. 23-25

For more information visit  
[www.beaufortnc.org/calendar](http://www.beaufortnc.org/calendar)

### Harbor & Waterways Master Plan

The committee is preparing to make a presentation to the Board of Commissioners at the September Regular Meeting on Sept. 12.

### Wayfinding Project

Staff is working on a presentation for the August Work Session.



**Left:** Mayor Sharon Harker was recognized during the annual North Carolina Black Elected Municipal Officials (NCBEMO) conference. Harker was presented with the Dr. Vivian Burke Community Leadership Award in appreciation for her years of dedicated service in the community.

**Below:** Eddie M. Buffaloe Jr., Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Beaufort Mayor Sharon Harker and Commissioner Melvin Cooper were a few of the many attendees at the NCBEMO conference in Beaufort.



## Art in the Park



The first Art in the Park event at Randolph Johnson Park brought lots of smiles as nearly 40 children participated. The next Art in the Park is 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18.



## Public Services

### Public Services Administration & Engineering

- The professional services agreement has just been executed for the space needs assessment of Town Hall, the Police Department, and Public Works. A kickoff meeting is expected within the next couple of weeks.
- Engineering staff has been advised that the NC Department of Environmental Quality will approve lowering of the regulatory defined wastewater unit design flow for new construction within the Town from 360 gallons per day (gpd) for a 3-bedroom, single family residence (120 gpd/bedroom) to that of 180 gpd for the residence (60 gpd/bedroom). The approved reduction will be for single family residences only. Accordingly, staff in conjunction with the Town's consultant plans to compile and submit information specific to multifamily residential units in the coming days in hopes of obtaining a reduction in the design unit flow rate for these units.

### Public Utilities

#### Water & Sewer Sections

- Utilities staff attempted to repair a sewer main along Lockhart Drive near its intersection with Campen Road. Unfortunately, the effort to make the repair was terminated due to the depth of the main coupled with its location relative to a 16-inch force main and the depth to the water table. As such, this repair will be part of the USDA-funded utilities project unless the situation worsens to the point that the repair needs to be made sooner. At that point the services of a local utilities contractor will be engaged to perform the work via the competitive bidding process.
- Utilities staff completed the repair of a small diameter water line fronting B&W cleaners that had developed a leak.
- Staff identified the issue causing the short cycling of sewer pump station no. 18 and thereafter, affected the repair.

### Public Works

- The period has been marked by multiple requests for stormwater drainage help. Both Public Works and Engineer staff have corresponded and met with residents. Where possible, Public Works staff has performed maintenance of storm water features. In other cases, residents were advised that the Town was unable to assist. They were advised in this manner because there were no easements in place along the drainage features and/or because the area of concern was confined to private property only (i.e., the area did not involve a Town street or serve a larger, upstream area).
- The Public Works Director has been coordinating with the State-approved contractor as to the schedule and scope of maintenance work to be performed at the burial grounds.
- Public Works staff performed work that transformed the Ann Street-Live Oak Street from a 2-way stop to a 4-way stop.
- Public Works staff coordinated the installation of lights at the Randolph Johnson Park parking lot.
- The Public Works Director provided assistance to Duke Energy as they planned the wiring replacement for street lighting at the west parking lot of Front Street. The work is currently slated to take place during the Fall.

### Fire Department

- Beaufort Fire Station 2 on Hwy 101 is fully operational and staffed 24/7.
- Jack Fleeman has been promoted to serve as the department's first Deputy Chief of Operations.
- Final inspections are complete on the new fire Engine and we expect delivery any day.

### Planning & Inspections

- The Annual Community Rating System (Flood Insurance) Report has been submitted and we are hopeful to keep our Class 7 rating which provides a 15% reduction for residents with flood policies.
- Code Enforcement is in full swing with some abatements and those working towards compliance.
- Inspections continues to be active with Pruitt Health Care moving along.

### Police Department

- Both new School Resource Officer positions have been filled. One is a new hire and the other is an internal candidate. Officer Paulo Ferreira will remain at Beaufort Middle School.
- All PD staff participated in regional active shooter training 2 weeks ago. These training sessions were attended by all of our law enforcement partners in the region highlighting the coordination of efforts and response.