

# Beaufort Highlights Town Manager's Work Program

### **NC Division of Water Resources Grants Town's Request**

The NC Division of Water Resources has notified staff of approval of the

Town's request to lower the regulatory defined wastewater unit design flow for new construction within the Town from 240 gallons per day (gpd) for 2-bedroom, multi-family residences (120 gpd/bedroom) to that of 120 gpd for such residences (60 gpd/bedroom). Additionally, a unit design flow of 60 gpd/bedroom will be allowed for each additional bedroom above two bedrooms rather than the 120 gpd/bedroom stipulated by regulation. This approval follows a similar one given by the Division of Water Resources on August 8 for single family residential units.

### **USDA Funded Utility Projects**

Regulatory permit applications were submitted in early December for the various permits and authorizations needed for the USDA-funded utilities project.

### **High-Rate Infiltration Basin**

Permitting/design plans for the wastewater effluent high-rate infiltration basin have been completed. Permit requests have been submitted.

### **Ongoing Project Updates Dashboard**

Project reports can be accessed via the Town website under the "Residents" tab or from the direct link at https://www.beaufortnc.org/publicservices/page/ongoing-project-updates.

### Live Oak Water/Sewer Extension

The permitting process is underway.

### Christmas

Public Works installed new decorations around town to include a new Christmas tree. The old tree was installed at old draw bridge.

### **Sidewalks**

Public Works fixed several sidewalk trip hazards by grinding them down. Identified several to replace. Scheduled brick paver and handicap ramp install for January 9 at the corner of Front and Turner Streets running north on west side to Middle Lane.

### **Depot Repairs**

The HVAC unit was replaced in the depot on west side (commissioners' side).

### Wayfinding

Staff has received quotes and is moving forward with phase 1 of the project which includes bridge plaques and park signs.

### **Ongoing Items of Business**

- ► Cedar Street Pervious Parking Project
- **▶** Capital Projects Timeline
- ► Water & Sewer Subcommittee
- ► Wastewater Pump Station Improvements Pre-Planning Grant
- ► Harbor & Waterways Master Plan
- ► Comprehensive CAMA Land Use Plan
- ► Space Needs Study
- ► ARPA Funded Projects
- ► Oceanview Cemetery





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### **Board of Commissioners' Upcoming Meetings**

6 p.m. Dec. 12 Regular Meeting4 p.m. Dec. 19 Work Session

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Santa House**

1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays

# Buccaneer's New Year's Eve & Captain Jack Pirate Drop

5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31

### John Costlow Train Show

4-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18

### **Claus Crawl**

2-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17

### Olde Fashioned Holiday Market

4-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17

### **Town Hall Closed**

Dec. 23, 26, 27 & Jan. 2

For more information visit www.beaufortnc.org/ calendar.

## Christmas Parade 2022



Art in the Park



### **VOLUNTEER BOARD VACANCIES**

The Town is now accepting applications for the following Volunteer Boards and Commissions:

Board of Adjustment- (2) ETJ Members

Historic Preservation Commission- (2) In-Town Members

Planning Board- (3) In-Town Members; (1) ETJ Member

This information is online at: https://www.beaufortnc.org/bc. The deadline to submit an application is Jan. 10, 2023.

#### Water

- Repairs were made to well #5 and a new pump has been installed. The well has been chlorinated and staff is waiting for test results.
- $\cdot A$  new tap was made off Lennoxville Road to serve 1905 Front Street.

### Sewer

- · Several lift stations were cleaned using the vacuum truck.
- Repaired a sewer lateral in the 200 block of Live Oak Street.

#### **Wastewater Treatment Plant**

The plant lost communications between the effluent flow meter and SCADA. The contractor came and tested fiber optic lines with no problems found. Staff is sending the control module out to Fortech Inc. to test/repair. Currently using influent flow meter for plant flows.

### **Planning & Inspections**

- The Inspections Division is continuing to work on the implementation of new Building Permitting Software that is set to go live in late January to early February. The new software will allow for applicants to submit permits online, review the progress of Town review, pay online, schedule inspections and see comments for those inspections that did not pass. This new system is designed to be more efficient for the user and Town staff.
- The Planning Division is working on text amendments and rezoning for the Beaufort Housing Authority. These items will be instrumental in efforts to provide more affordable housing. The Planning Board should see these items at their January 2023 meeting.
- The State Historic Office has reached out to staff about conducting a Historic Cemetery Headstone Workshop for the spring of 2023. This workshop would be open to anyone interested in repairing and cleaning headstones.

### **Police**

- The Police Department has received 2 signed conditional offers of employment, bringing the department back to full staff.
- Finishing end of year training to ensure compliance with Training and Standards.
- Police Cadet Jacob Andrew graduated BLET and passed his state exam. He will finish the rest of his in-house testing and transition to a sworn police officer as soon as the testing is complete.

### **Fire**

- · In December the Fire Department completed Annual Fire Fighter physicals.
- · Crews are completing annual fire hydrant and hose testing.
- Beaufort Fire in conjunction with the Inspections Department worked with the Airport to get all inspections completed and new hangars brought on-line.