

Beaufort Highlights

Town Manager's Work Program



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Cedar Street Work Underway—Road Closures Continue

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) began work on Cedar Street in January. Crews have been removing existing curb, asphalt and sidewalk at several intersections along Cedar Street starting at the Cedar Street and Orange Street intersection and working towards the Cedar Street and Marsh Street intersection. There will continue to be closures for the duration of the project.

Cedar Street Pervious Parking Project

Engineering staff will soon advertise the project to construct pervious pavement at the parking lanes along Cedar Street. Construction bids are tentatively scheduled to be received by March 2.

Tidal Check Valve at Queen Street Outfall

On Feb. 7, engineering staff advertised the project to install an in-line backflow preventer in the stormwater main that discharges at Taylor's Creek. Bids from interested contractors are due Feb. 21.

Professional Park Drive

The Town of Beaufort has been advised that the Division of Water Infrastructure staff has recommended grant funding for the Town of Beaufort Professional Park Drive Area Stormwater Inventory & Flood Study in the requested amount of \$394,815. The recommendations must still be acted on by the State Water Infrastructure Authority on Feb. 21, but this is certainly a positive indicator that the Town will be approved for this grant. If funded, the study will focus on the propensity for flooding at Meeting Street.



Wayfinding

Staff has ordered all of the signs in phase 1 of the project. The park signs have been installed. The bridge plaques are on the process of being made. Staff is preparing signage for phase 2 which will include directional signage.

Art Mural

Arts in Beaufort is preparing to issue a "Call for Artists" for the mural project on Feb. 15. The theme for the mural is "Blue." They plan to make a presentation to the Parks & Recreation Board at the April 12 meeting. The Parks Board will provide a recommendation to the BOC during an April BOC meeting.

"Arts in Beaufort" has proposed some changes that differ from the BOC's June 2022 approved request. "Arts in Beaufort" plans to have the mural complete by Memorial Day. Staff has advised the group of what the BOC approved in June 2022 and that staff can not give approvals for the requested changes.

Board of Commissioners' Upcoming Meetings

- 6 p.m. Feb. 13 Regular Meeting
- 4 p.m. Feb. 27 Work Session
- 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday & Friday, March 9 & 10 Board Retreat

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

1 p.m. March 1, 2023
Annual Small Vessel/Kayak Lottery
Registration closes at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27.
Visit beaufortnc.org for more information and the application.

Events:

1-5 Saturday, Feb. 18 Mardi Gras on Middle Lane

Ongoing Items of Business

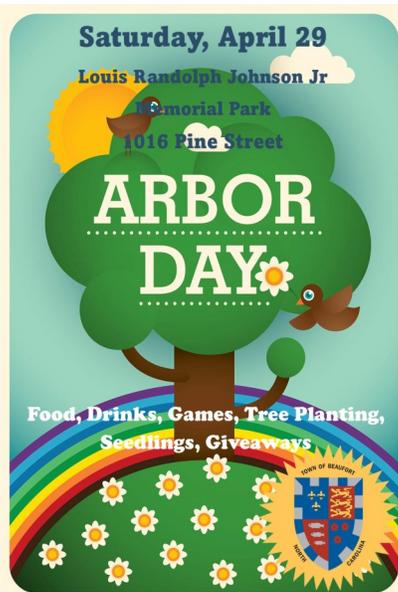
- ▶ High-Rate Infiltration Basin
- ▶ Water & Sewer Subcommittee
- ▶ Wastewater Pump Station Improvements Pre-Planning Grant
- ▶ Harbor & Waterways Master Plan
- ▶ Comprehensive CAMA Land Use Plan
- ▶ Space Needs Study
- ▶ ARPA Funded Projects
- ▶ Oceanview Cemetery
- ▶ USDA Funded Utility Projects
- ▶ Ongoing Project Updates Dashboard
- ▶ Dredging

Leadership Carteret 2023



Beaufort Town Manager Todd Clark is a participant in the Carteret County Chamber of Commerce's "Leadership Carteret."

Leadership Carteret is one of the Chamber's proudest traditions. This 10-week class is designed to bring community leaders together to gain knowledge and build relationships. The focus is on introducing the class members to the places, people and issues that define Carteret County.



Water & Sewer

- Utilities staff installed a water tap for a vacant lot on Willow Street.
- Staff made repair to 2" galvanized waterline on 3rd Street.
- Staff cut out "frozen" bolts on piping in the high service room at Pine Street Water Plant and replaced them with new stainless-steel bolts.
- Utilities staff performed field work to determine the cause of very low fire flows along Campen Road in proximity to Eastport at the Park Apartments. Staff found a covered valve that was in the off position. Fire flow in the area increased significantly once the valve was opened according to the results of testing performed by the Fire Department.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- The belt press was operated during the period so as to dewater sludge from the digesters. Dewatering must occur before the Town's contractor can dispose of the sludge.
- Wastewater staff used high pressure water to clean weirs in both clarifiers.

Public Works

- Staff facilitated the installation of brick pavers along Turner Street and Middle Lane adjacent to The Vault property (i.e., old First Citizens Bank).
- Staff lowered the height of one of the curbs in the pedestrian refuge area at the corner of Turner Street and Middle Lane by grinding. The curb was lowered given that it has been repeatedly struck by vehicles turning right from Turner Street onto Middle Lane.
- Staff replaced a stormwater culvert located at the Jericho Street and Sycamore Drive intersection.
- Staff installed a culvert in a ditch paralleling Campen Road at the request of the Fire Department so as to provide direct access to a fire hydrant located across the ditch.
- Staff installed the new wayfinding park signs.
- Staff facilitated the replacement of several broken sidewalk concrete panels in the east parking lot.

Fire

- All Fire Department engine/pumpers were tested by an outside vendor and passed certification for the calendar year.
- The Fire Department boat (Watercraft 1) was pulled for annual servicing, detailed and returned to full operations.
- Three Fire Department personnel completed a week long search & rescue operations training course with US Coast Guard Sector North Carolina, the course was conducted at USCG Station Fort Macon.
- Submitted an Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) submitted for communications equipment.

Police

- Finalizing the portable radio replacement project.
- New officers are progressing through training at the anticipated pace.

Planning & Inspections

- Site work has begun on Compass Hotel. The owner has applied to for a COA.
- Staff is working with the County to host a citizen drop-in session on Tuesday, Feb. 28 for the update to the Carteret Transportation Plan. This plan looks at transportation issues and goals across the entire county and is used by NCDOT to determine locally funded projects. Discussion is not limited to just roadways but also bicycle, pedestrian and air transportation. Citizen participation is greatly appreciated.
- The Historic Preservation Commission and staff are working with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to conduct a Historic Cemetery Workshop in the Old Burying Ground in early May. Topics will include vegetation maintenance, headstone cleaning and repair. The public is invited to attend the workshop.
- Staff is working with Infovision Software to launch an electronic permitting and plan review software. It is expected to go live this spring.