

Beaufort Highlights

Town Manager's Work Program

Waterfront Improvement Project

Proposals for a concessionaire's lease to operate the Beaufort Town docks were received from four interested firms as of the October 6th deadline. Town staff will complete a review of the proposals and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners in November.

USDA Funded Utility Projects

A mandatory pre-bidding conference for the USDA-funded utilities project was conducted on October 5. The conference was attended by nine representatives of prospective bidders and prospective sub-contractors to the bidders. Bids for the work are due on October 26.

Cedar Street Work Pervious Pavement

The construction of the pervious concrete pavement parking lanes along Cedar Street was completed with all portions of the street being opened to traffic in September. Testing of the pervious concrete pavement yielded infiltration rates ranging from 478 to 779 inches per hour. The required minimum was 100 inches per hour.

Town staff has been advised that NCDOT's paving contractor begun a resurfacing project in Morehead City around mid-September. The Cedar Street resurfacing work is scheduled to begin upon completion of the work in Morehead City.

Storm Drain Project

Students from the Duke Marine Lab are partnering with Town Staff and area high school students for the November Art in the Park. (3-5 p.m. Nov. 8) There would be art activities and opportunities to learn about water pollution and the connection between stormwater, drains, pollution and its impact on our community. A professional artist in being brought in by Duke to paint one of the storm drains at Louis Randolph Johnson Jr. Memorial Park. This project is a part of the Mayor's Conservation Program.



Painting the Beaufort Sign

Members of Carteret Community College's (CCC) SkillsUSA program freshened up the Beaufort sign at Louis Randolph Johnson Jr. Memorial Park in September. Students painted two coats on the sign that was created and donated to the Town by fellow classmates at CCC. Mayor Sharon Harker joined the group to say thank you.

SkillsUSA is a professional organization for students seeking a degree in health science, technical or skilled trade field. For more information please email SkillsUSA@carteret.edu.



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Board of Commissioners' Upcoming Meetings

6 p.m. Oct. 9 Regular Meeting

4 p.m. Oct. 23 Work Session

6 p.m. Nov. 13 Regular Meeting

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

October Events

Olde Beaufort Farmers Market:

Open every Saturday through the end of November from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the courthouse lawn.

Music in the Park: 5-8 p.m. Thursdays through the end of October in John Newton Park

Candidate Forum: 6 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Train Depot—Event by the LWV & the Chamber

Chat with the Chief: 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Beaufort Train Depot

Art in the Park: 3-5 p.m. Oct. 18 at Louis Randolph Johnson Jr. Memorial Park, 1017 Pine Street.

Ongoing Items of Business

- Wastewater Pump Station Improvements Project
- Comprehensive CAMA Land Use Plan
- Space Needs Study
- ARPA Funded Projects
- George Street & Fairview Drive
- UDO/160D
- Dredging Projects
- Professional Park Area Stormwater Inventory & Flood Study
- Waterfront Improvement Project
- Cedar Street Work Pervious Pavement
- High Rate Infiltration Basin

Upcoming King Tide Events

Oct. 27–Nov. 1, 2023
Nov. 26–28, 2023

ELECTION/POLITICAL SIGNS

- Political/Election signs are limited to 4ft. X 2 ft.
- Signs must be removed within 3 days following the certification of the election or conclusion of the campaign.
- No more than 1 sign per abutting street.
- Shall be placed so it doesn't substantially interfere with the view or vision necessary for a motorist to proceed safely through intersections or to enter onto or exit from streets or private roads.
- Candidates must have authorization from private property owners prior to installing a sign.

Public Utilities

Water & Sewer Sections

- Installation of cloud-based cellular supervisory data acquisition (SCADA) systems at the Town's 20 sewer pump stations has been completed except at sewer lift station #20. This station is located within the Beaufort Club subdivision and is the Town's only vacuum-type lift station. A quotation covering the installation of the additional components needed to read the vacuum pressure and sewage pump tank level is being awaited.
- Staff also continued to experience operational issues with sewer lift station #20 during the period. The shaft of a vacuum pump failed. Staff has requested a repair quotation from the manufacturer of the vacuum system.
- Some damage to the security fencing at raw water well #4 occurred due to a fallen tree during Tropical Storm Ophelia. Staff has solicited a repair quotation from Fences Unlimited.

WWTP Section

- Public Utilities staff is arranging a site visit by representatives of Piedmont Automation, a municipal & industrial integration company, to assess the wastewater treatment plant's internal supervisory data acquisition (SCADA). The visit is being arranged due to the previously reported system operational issues. Piedmont Automation was called after efforts to contact the vendor responsible for supplying and programming the system went unanswered.
- Staff conducted a tour of the wastewater treatment plant for several students of the Duke Marine Lab and their instructor on Sept. 28.

Public Works

- Public Works staff undertook significant debris collection along with cleanup work over several days after the departure of Tropical Storm Ophelia.
- Public Works staff continued to replace several broken and cracked deck boards along the Front Street boardwalk during the period as well as secured several loose boards.
- Stumps located within the rights-of-way of several streets were ground down.
- The installation of wayfinding signage continued during the period.
- Public Works management began interviewing prospective candidates for the three open positions in the division.

Planning & Inspections

- The Historic Commission will be in New Bern Dec. 7 for Resilience training for Historic Structures.
- The Planning Board will be discussing the changes in the Land Development and Subdivision Ordinance per 160-D at their October meeting.
- On Oct. 26 Lauren Poole from the State Historic Preservation will be in Town to look at a cemetery off Steep Point Road that may be eligible as a site of Historical Significance.

Police

- The police department currently has two applicants who have signed conditional offers of employment and are navigating the hiring process.
- The next quarterly Chat with the Chief is at 2 p.m. Oct. 17.

Fire

- Crews have been conducting Mutual Aid/Auto Aid training with Morehead City Fire Department.
- All Beaufort Fire Fighters completed respirator FIT testing requirements.
- Beaufort Fire Department has begun familiarization with the Carteret County PORT (Post Overdose Response Team). The PORT program was created by the Carteret County Health Department with funding from the opioid settlement funds and is modeled after PORT programs utilized by several counties in NC. The PORT response teams are specially training individuals in overdose recovery that respond to all overdose emergency scenes throughout the county.
- Beaufort Fire Department took second place in the inaugural "Heroes Backyard Grilling Challenge"



sponsored by Beaufort ACE Hardware. Beaufort Fire Department was the benefactor of this year's grilling challenge. Through donations and proceeds from the grilling challenge, Beaufort Fire Department will be receiving several pieces of fire prevention training equipment and a Sparky costume.

Public Information

- Staff completed FEMA training through the Emergency Management Institute and has obtained Advanced Public Information Officer certification through the Department of Homeland Security.

Join us after school for arts & crafts,
snacks and fun in the Park.
All ages welcome.



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