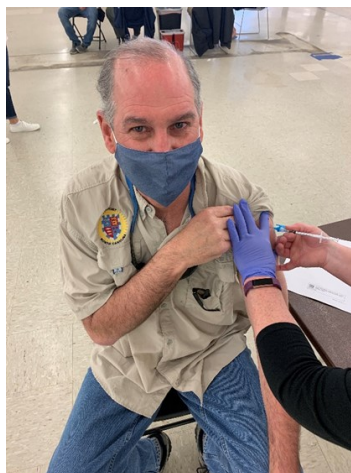




More Amazing Progress in Beaufort

COVID-19. March 1, 2021 was a huge day in Carteret County and in Beaufort. The day marked the first time since Oct. 9, 2020 that we had less than 100 active COVID-19 cases in the county. With the significant increases in vaccinations, I am optimistic that we are on track to get back to some sense of normalcy by late summer or early fall. In the interim, we must continue to use the 3Ws to reduce risk across our community and when given the opportunity to get vaccinated, please do so. Protect Beaufort!

Infrastructure. Also on March 1, 2021 the Beaufort Board of Commissioners approved moving forward with tens of millions of dollars in US Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans and grants to repair crumbling infrastructure across our town. Later, on March 22, 2021, the Board unanimously voted to accept the formal offer and conditions from the USDA Rural Development Office for an infrastructure financing package totaling \$23,579,000. In addition, this project will include street rehabilitation and resurfacing of all those road segments where utility work is performed, totaling about \$7.2 million. This massive effort will go a long way towards fixing our water, sewer, storm water, and street systems.



- Mayor Everette S. (Rett) Newton

Schedule a Vaccination Appointment

Schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment with the Carteret County Health Department online at <https://myspot.nc.gov/> or by calling (252) 728-8550, select Option 2 between the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Walk-ins are not available at clinics. For more information and registration information visit www.carteretcounty.gov.

YOU HAVE A
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TAKE YOUR
SHOT.

Provide Input on the Draft Goals for the Future of Beaufort

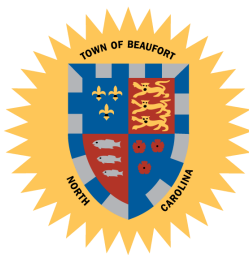
Representatives from Stewart presented draft goals of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan at a public meeting on March 23.

Missed the meeting? You can watch the presentation at www.beaufortnc.org/future. Please take a few moments to complete Survey #2 to provide feedback on the draft goals. A link to the survey, a copy of the presentation, and the recording are available at www.beaufortnc.org/future.

The Very Best of Beaufort

We have an extraordinarily dedicated and professional Beaufort Town Staff led by Town Manager John Day. The Town Staff is working at a high level as first responders, utilities, public works, planning, finance, public information, and so many other critical functions. Their long-range planning and budgeting initiatives, and proactive responses to hurricanes and the COVID-19 pandemic have provided tremendous stability for Beaufort. As a result, there is a very positive energy in our town that can be observed subjectively and measured objectively. People want to live, work, and relax in

Beaufort. Our Town Staff deserves great credit for this success, and clearly represents the very best of Beaufort.



Newsletter Submissions:
Due April 20, 2021 at 5 p.m.
Send to
r.johnson@beaufortnc.org



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8 a.m. -5 p.m.
Monday-Friday
Please note offices are closed
Friday, April 2, 2021.

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Board of Commissioners

During the March regular monthly meetings the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Approved minutes from the Jan. 25 work session and Feb. 8, 2021 regular meeting.
- Approved a three-year audit contract with Martin and Starnes CPAs.
- Approved the USDA financing package for the Utility, Stormwater, and Street Improvements CIP Projects (\$23,579,000) and approved the corresponding engineering consulting agreements.
- Approved two sewer allocation requests.
- Approved three rezoning requests.
- Appointed five individuals to serve on various Town Boards and Commissions.
- Received the monthly financial report and notes for February 2021.
- Received an update from the Town Engineer on current/active Town Projects.

The action list above should not be considered official minutes. Please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/meetings for current meeting agenda and minute information. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, at (252) 728-2141, ext. 233 or a.coleman@beaufortnc.org.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission met March 2, 2021 and discussed the following items:

Case # 20-17 204 Turner Street -Demolition-Request to demolish the existing structure known as the Masonic Lodge at 204 Turner Street. Tabled.

Case # 20-28 218 Front Street-Dock, Uncovered Deck, Landscaping & Fencing - A revised request to install a new dock, uncovered deck, landscaping and a four foot high fence along street frontage at 218 Front Street. Approved.

Case # 21-01 105 Front Street-Raise the Elevation of Existing Structure and Renovations-Request to raise the elevation of the existing structure to meet flood elevation standards with minor improvements to the existing structure at 105 Front Street. Approved.

Case # 21-05 312 Ann Street-New Construction - Request to construct a new 3,856 sq. ft. single-family dwelling and detached carport at 312 Ann

Street. Approved.

Case # 21-07 109 Broad Street-Rear Enclosure -Request to enclose a portion of the rear house structure and carport at 109 Broad Street. Approved.

Case # 21-08 601 Front Street-New Deck over Maintenance Area-Request from the Inlet Inn to construct an 8' high uncovered deck to cover a yard maintenance area. Tabled.

Case # 21-09 113 Front Street-Exterior Renovations - Request to add new siding, stucco to the existing chimney, new windows, change location of front door, paint, add lattice to foundation at 113 Front Street. Approved.

Case # 21-10 620 Front Street-Addition to Existing Ticket Booth- Request to add a small addition to the existing ticket booth for the ferry service to Cape Lookout. Approved.

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side setback from 6' feet to 4.21 feet tapering to 4.7 feet for 22.6 feet of length to the existing southwestern portion of the structure for a total area of approximately 40 sq. ft. Approved.

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment met Feb. 22 and heard the following item:

Case # 21-01 124 Ann Street - A request for a reduction of

April Meetings

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the public gathering guidelines, the Town of Beaufort is conducting all public meetings virtually. Please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for up-to-date meeting information. Please select the desired meeting to access the Zoom login information. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, at (252) 728-2141, ext. 233 or a.coleman@beaufortnc.org.

6 p.m. April 6—Historic Preservation Commission

6 p.m. April 1—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6 p.m. April 12—Board of Commissioners

6 p.m. April 19—Planning Board

4 p.m. April 26—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. April 26—Board of Adjustment

Planning Board

The Planning Board met March 15, 2021 and discussed the following items:

Case # 21-05—Staff Initiated Text Amendment to Section 20 of the Land Development Ordinance (Special Use Permits)—Request to remove the text to conduct a Public Hearing in addition to the evidentiary hearing that is required by law. After hearing comments from members of the public and the Town Attorney, the Board recommended the item for approval and submitted to the Board of Commissioners to conduct a public hearing.

Case # 21-06—PUD Amendment for Beau Coast Subdivision—Request to modify the following standards in the PUD Booklet Dated Feb. 22, 2021 for Beau Coast Subdivision: Convert a section of eight (8) 22' wide townhome lots (existing lots 119-126) to four (4) single family lots (50' wide): Net loss of four (4) dwelling units; Convert two (2) 20 foot wide townhome lots (lots 177 & 178) to one (1) 40' wide single family lot: Net loss of one (1) dwelling unit; o Total net loss of 5 dwelling units; Add permeable pavement specifications to the PUD document for alleys, on-street parking areas, and sidewalks as an option for use in the PUD; and add a note regarding lot configuration options rezone one parcel totaling 15,143 sq. ft. along Cedar Street. After conducting a hearing, the Board recommended that the item be recommended for approval and submitted to the Board of Commissioners to conduct a

public hearing.

Case # 21-07 - Final Plat - Beau Coast Phase V - A request by Blue Treasure, LLC to subdivide a 15.31 acre tract into 86 lots (49 Single-Family Residential Lots & 37 Townhome Lots). After taking public comment the Board recommended that the item be recommended for approval and submitted to the Board of Commissioners.

Case # 21-08 - Preliminary Plat - Beaufort East Village - A request by Blue Treasure, LLC to subdivide a 41.79 Acre Tract into 108 Lots (60 Single-Family & 48 Townhouses). After taking public comment the Board recommended that the item be recommended for approval and submitted to the Board of Commissioners.

In other news:

The Inspections Division issued 65 Building Permits and completed 205 inspections for the month of February.

The demolition of the former Gaskill's Hardware is complete and there has been a lot of speculation as to what is going to happen with the property at the key intersection of Lennoxville Road and Live Oak. As of now the owners have still not submitted any plans or given any indication what is to happen with the property. Once plans are submitted they will follow the same process as other plans to the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

Applicants Needed for Town of Beaufort Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Would you like to play an active role in the governance of your Town? Interested in local issues?



One major way residents can have a positive impact on the future of the Town of Beaufort is volunteering to serve on various Town advisory boards and commissions. The residents who volunteer for these positions are an important link that connects the public to its governing body and are the advisers who make recommendations that ultimately shape the future of our Town.

The Town of Beaufort is currently recruiting residents who live within the Beaufort town limits for an opening on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. This position is for a partial term, expiring in September 2024.

Interested residents are encouraged to apply by submitting an electronic Volunteer Board Application found on the Town's website: <https://www.beaufortnc.org/bc>. Please submit a completed application by 5 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2021.

The Town of Beaufort strives for diversity on volunteer advisory boards and commissions.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, at 252-728-2141, ext. 233 or a.coleman@beaufortnc.org.

We're getting ready



The 2021 reopening of the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market is right around the corner!

The courthouse grounds may be empty now, but on

Saturday morning, April 17th

they will come alive with the bustling, happy market we have all come to know and love. The scene will be filled with lots of vendors, some familiar, some new and eager to make new friends, folks strolling through filling their shopping bags with fresh locally grown products and beautiful artisan treasures, and the joy of the market will once again surround all under the welcoming oaks. 9:00 Am until 1:00 PM

Our safe operating procedures will be in place: handwashing stations, mask wearing, and plenty of room for social distancing.

So bring the kids, bring you furry companions, bring your shopping bags, bring you excitement, and come enjoy the first market of the new season! We thank you for your love and support.

Vermiculture 101 Class

This Earth Day, join NC Cooperative Extension, Coastal Carolina Riverwatch, and Carteret Food and Health Council for Vermiculture 101. This will be a free virtual workshop 6 p.m. April 22.

Vermiculture is the practice of keeping earthworms to compost kitchen scraps. You can keep your waste out of landfills with this fun and interactive way! Worm kits are available for pre-purchase. Visit www.coastalcarolinariverwatch.org to register.



Town of Beaufort Parks & Rec Advisory Board invites you to participate in a community cleanup of the public waterways on Front Street.

When: April 24 from 9-11

Where: Grayden Paul Park

*Post Event Drinks are Provided by Backstreet Pub



Chat with the Chief 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Chat with the Chief is an opportunity for citizens to engage with the Beaufort Police Chief Paul Burdette, Jr. to learn more about what is happening in the community, discuss neighborhood issues, identify problems, discuss police/community relations and to deepen community partnerships.

During the meeting, Chief Burdette will provide an in-depth look at data from the last quarter. He will share statistics and trends as well as information on the daily operations

within the Beaufort Police Department.

Citizens and business owners are encouraged to submit questions in advance to r.johnson@beaufortnc.org or to ask them live during the meeting.

Due to COVID-19, the meeting will be virtual and broadcast Live on the Town of Beaufort Police Department's and the Town of Beaufort's Facebook pages.



HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH 8 AM-1 PM

CARTERET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3820 BRIDGES STREET, MOREHEAD CITY

Acceptable:
Used motor oil
Lawn/Garden fertilizer
& pesticides
Farm pesticides
Gasoline
Drain openers
Paint thinners
Cooking oil
Anti-freeze
Batteries
Latex and oil paints
Limit of 10 gallons paint per vehicle

Non-acceptable:
Gas cylinders
Explosives
Ammunition
Commercial waste
Infectious waste
Biological waste
Radioactive waste
Anything without a label



BEAUFORT

Picture Show

BEAUFORT DRIVE-IN More info and tickets www.beaufortpictureshow.org 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17 "Muscle Shoals"

The incredible true story of a small town with a big sound, a documentary celebrating Rick Hall, the founder of FAME Studios in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and the signature sound he developed in songs such as I'll Take You There, Brown Sugar, and When a Man Loves a Woman.

8 p.m. Saturday, April 24 "Jaws"

When a killer shark unleashes chaos on a beach community,

it's up to a local sheriff, a marine biologist, and an old seafarer to hunt the beast down

With the warmer weather, we are returning to outdoor movies at Mill Space, known as "Beau-Show Al Fresco."

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10 "The Good Liar"

Consummate con man Roy Courtney has set his sights on his latest mark: the recently widowed Betty McLeish, worth millions. But this time, what should have been a simple swindle escalates into a cat-and-mouse game with the ultimate stakes.



Beaufort Development Association
Beautiful. Historic. Waterfront.
COME VISIT OUR TOWN

News from the Beaufort Development Association

Spring is the time for renewal and so it is for the BDA. Awakening after a long sleep and a bad dream, a COVID nightmare to be more precise. Businesses enthusiasm to partner with BDA and beaufortnc.com for advertising opportunities is our current objective, delayed but not forgotten. The BDA is in the process of assigning a DBA (Doing Business As) status to use beaufortnc.com in addition to our BDA name. This decision is part of our effort to be a more inclusive organization, as many members of our community are enthusiastic to actively participate working on events. Thank you to Travel & Leisure magazine for acknowledging

Beaufort as one of the most romantic towns. By now you all have seen and shared with friends and family, the Jan./Feb. Issue of AAA's Carolinas Magazine highlighting Beaufort. Watch for the April issue of Our State magazine with a full page spread Discover Beaufort. Coastal Living mentioned people love Emerald Isle for its beach but they come to Beaufort for shopping and dining. Our State Travel Club, a group of 45, will be visiting Harkers Island and Beaufort April 8-11, with shopping plans on April 8. And last but not least, March was Women's History month; at last count we can acknowledge at least 34 women owned businesses in Beaufort and we know there are more than that. You Go Girls!

For information on the BDA and to read the entire quarterly newsletter, e-mail wendyda-vidson98@gmail.com, BDA on Facebook or beaufortnc.com.



BEAUFORT WOMAN'S CLUB

1921 100 YEARS of 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Beaufort Town Flags: Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$70) and 12" x 18" garden flags (\$25) are for sale at Ace Hardware, 1511 Live Oak; Cousins Bed & Breakfast, 305 Turner; and First Citizens Bank, 1501 Live Oak. Proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.



BEAUFORT Historical Association

Publick Day

The Beaufort Historic Site, 130 Turner Street, transforms into an open-air marketplace 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 24. Publick Day welcomes visitors to explore the vast array of crafts, art, goods and food for sale from various vendors and Old Beaufort Farmers Market favorites.

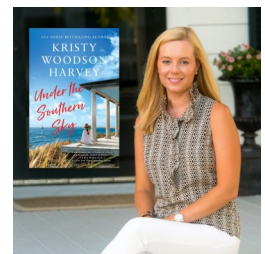
"We are excited to welcome back Publick Day this year," Public Relations Director Hannah Taylor said. "It will be a little different with everyone wearing masks and vendors spread throughout different parts of the grounds, but we think it will make it fun like a little treasure hunt to find our vendors and the unique goods they are selling!"

"Publick Day is a true community event that marks the beginning of spring here at the Beaufort Historic Site," Executive Director Patricia Suggs said. "It provides the chance to shop local, and find the perfect treasure that you couldn't necessarily find on the shelf of any store." Based on the colonial-era Williamsburg "Publick Times," which gave community members an opportunity to come to town to see and be seen, conduct court business, shop, gossip, dine and dance all centered around the general court session. Our modern-day event offers some of the same. Expect to find a variety of vendors selling antiques, vintage finds, collectibles, arts and crafts, wood crafts, furniture, hand-made jewelry, baskets, pottery, candles and more. The Carteret County Master Gardeners will have a full array of native flowers and plants for sale to benefit

their ongoing classes and programs and will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. The Old Beaufort Shop, as well as the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery with Featured Artist Pat Holscher, will also be open for guests to purchase unique gifts and fine art. All proceeds from Publick Day go towards the on-going restoration efforts and educational programs of the Beaufort Historical Association. For more information on Publick Day, call (252) 728-5225.

Beaufort Historical Association Hosting Local Author Kristy Harvey Book Launch Events

Join international best-selling author, Kristy Woodson Harvey, on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 to celebrate the launch of her new book, *Underneath the Southern Sky* in Historic Beaufort, North Carolina. A series of events including a Literary Luncheon at the Beaufort Hotel and a "Seriously Southern Cocktail Party" at the Beaufort Historic Site will take place. For more information about Kristy Harvey, these events,



or to purchase your tickets call 252-728-5225,

visit beauforthistoricsite.org, or stop in at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street. Masks are required for all events.

Virtual Spring Run/Walk for Autism



Autism Society of NORTH CAROLINA

Join us from anywhere that works for you! During the week of April 17-24, you are invited to complete a

5K race or 1-mile run/walk and fundraiser to help support your local programs and services. The race is a fundraiser for the Autism Society of North Carolina. Register at www.runwalkforautism.com.