

BEAUFORT NORTH CAROLINA



Town of Beaufort Newsletter

www.beaufortnc.org

April 2023

Town Hall 701 Front Street P.O. Box 390 Beaufort, NC 28516 (252) 728-2141

Office Hours

8 a.m. -5 p.m. Monday-Friday Closed Friday, April 7.

Town Hall is accessed via Pollock Street.



Mayor Sharon Harker s.harker@beaufortnc.org

Commissioners John Hagle j.hagle@beaufortnc.org Marianna Hollinshed m.hollinshed@beaufortnc.org **Bob** Terwilliger b.terwilliger@beaufortnc.org **Melvin Cooper** m.cooper@beaufortnc.org **Bucky Oliver** b.oliver@beaufortnc.org

> **Town Manager Todd Clark** t.clark@beaufortnc.org

Newsletter Submissions: Due 5 p.m. April 15, 2023 Send to Rachel Johnson, PIO at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org



Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Committee

The Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Committee was recognized for their dedication and hard work during the Board of Commissioner's Regular March meeting.

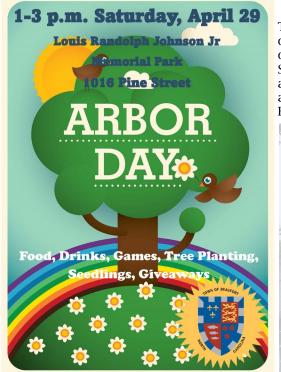
Committee members include Tipper Davis, Steve Bishop, Victor Fasolino, Douglas Doubleday, Becky Bowler, Susan Sanders, Miriam Sutton and Doug Townsend.

April Town Meetings

Meetings will be conducted in the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort unless otherwise noted. Please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for meeting agendas. Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are livestreamed on the Town's Facebook page. 6 p.m. April 4—Historic Preservation Commission 6:30 p.m. April 12-Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 6 p.m. April 10—Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Want to know more about 6 p.m. April 17—Planning Board what is going on around 2 p.m. April 19—Chat with the Chief 4 p.m. April 24—Board of Commissioners Work Session Town? Visit www.beaufortnc.org for Project Updates and the 6 p.m. April 24—Board of Adjustment monthly Town Manager's Report. Both may be found Sunshine List: Sign up for meeting notifications by emailing Town Clerk

Elizabeth Lewis at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

inside the "Mayor's Corner."



Splashpad to Open for the Season

The splashpad at Louis Randolph Johnson Jr. Park will open for the season on April 29, 2023 and will remain open daily (weather permitting) through September. Splashpad hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m. The shelter is available on a first come, first serve basis as reservations are not accepted. The park is at 1017 Pine Street, Beaufort.



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 guestions in advance to p.burdette@beaufortnc.org or to ask them live during the meeting.

The meeting will be in person at the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, and broadcast Live on the Town of Beaufort Police Department's and the Town of Beaufort's Facebook pages

Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners met Feb. 27 and March 13 for their regularly scheduled monthly meetings. They took the following actions and heard the following presentations:

- Adopted a resolution allowing the Town of Beaufort BOC the ability to appoint Board of Adjustment ETJ members, should the Carteret County Board of Commissioners fail to make the requested appointments within 90 days.
- Received a monthly financial update.
- Recognized and thanked Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Committee Members.
- Approved minutes from Feb. 13 and Feb. 27 meeting minutes were approved.
- Approved the Lion's Club

Paid Parking Season Starts May 22, 2023

The 2023 Paid Parking Season begins Monday, May 22, 2023 and runs through Monday, Sept. 4, 2023. Parking rates are \$1/hr between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The West/East parking lots are an escalating rate starting at \$1/hr. Parking passes are available for purchase at Town Hall beginning Monday, May 1,

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER - HIGH GRASS The goal for the Planning and



Inspections Department is to protect the Town of Beaufort's aesthet-

ics, health, safety, and welfare by providing professional planning, building inspection, and code compliance services.

Beaufort homeowners and residents are responsible for maintaining the grass and weeds at their property. This includes the front, back and sides of a yard as well as the alley easement and parkway adjacent to the property. In addition, any grass around structures, fences, meters, etc. must be trimmed. Any grass, weeds or other unsightly vegetation in excess of six Bridge Run.

- Approved a request for extension of reserved sewer capacity at 504 Island Drive.
- Approved two resolutions concerning Beaufort Police Department surplus items.
- Approved an amendment to the Town's Personnel Policy.
- Approved the 2023 Triathlon Event.
- Approved the 2023 Music in the Park Concert Series for 29 dates.
- Todd Clark provided a monthly Town Manager's report.
- Todd Clark shared his Town Manager's report, which can be accessed at: www.beaufortnc.org/ boardofcommissioners/ page/managers-report.
 For more information contact

Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

2023. Parking is free for anyone displaying a handicap tag. You may pay at any of the 16 pay stations by debit/credit card, US coin, or using the PayByPhone app-download it today and pay from anywhere throughout the season. Visit www.beaufortnc.org/parking for additional information. You may also contact the parking office at parking@beaufortnc.org.

inches are in violation of the Town's Code of Ordinances Section 91.65.

Furthermore, the Town encourages all yard waste such as dry grass, cut tree limbs and brush should be properly disposed of.

A well-maintained yard is an effective crime prevention tool. Lawns that are not cared for give criminals the impression the property is unattended and might be an easy target. In addition, high grass has the potential to harbor rodents, snakes, and other vermin. It can also be a breeding ground for mosquitos and chiggers.

If properties in your neighborhood have grass or weeds of 6 inches you may file a complaint with the Planning & Inspections Department at (252) 728-2142.

Planning Board

The Beaufort Planning Board met Feb. 20 and March 20 and discussed the following item: Case 23-01: Text Amendment -Affordable Housing District - A proposal to allow up to 16 units per acre for property owned or operated by the Beaufort Housing Authority. The draft amendment is aimed to combat the lack of attainable and affordable housing in the community for those with limited housing options. A Public Hearing was conducted at the February meeting and the Planning Board unani-

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met on March 7 and discussed the following items:

Case #22-16: 121 Turner Street: Request to install a new 4' x 4' metal sign over the doorway. Tabled – applicant is revising their request.

Case #23-03: 205 Moore Street: Request to install a 3-foot-high picket fence in the front yard and increase the height to 5 ft down the side with brick pavers and landscaping. Approved with the condition the fence be graduated as it moves towards the rear of the property.

Case #22-04: 208 Cedar/319 Orange Street: Request to reapprove an expired COA for the installation of a parking lot with fencing, landscaping and lighting. Approved. Case #23-05: 131 Craven Street:

Flood Insurance Reminder

Spring is just around the corner and there is not a better time to



start thinking about purchasing flood insurance or reviewing your current policy with your Insur-

ance Agent before the rainy season.

Flood Insurance can come in handy when heavy rain events occur; however, it is also a good idea to keep up with changes in coverage and ensure that your carrier is applying a discount for the Town Participating in the Federal Flood Program. To help identify the how, when, where and tips about flooding,

mously recommended tabling the item at this meeting. The same item was discussed at the March meeting with a presentation by the applicant. After receiving public input via public comment at the March meeting, the Board voted to recommend approval of the item with recommended changes. This item will appear before the Board of Commissioners during their regular April meeting. If you have any questions please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

Request to remove an existing chimney and two front doors and replace with a single door. Approved with the conditions that the interior chimney be removed with the remaining (exterior) chimney still shown above the roof line and the sidelights and frame be painted white to match others in the district.

Case #23-06: 302 Cedar Street: Request to renovate the existing house and construct a rear addition above the existing rear of the structure. Approved. **Case #23-07: 308 Moore Street:** Request to construct a new home on a vacant parcel. Approved except for the tabling of the request for a metal roof pending more information from the applicant.

If you have any questions, contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

The Town of Beaufort recommends that you visit the Carteret County web site at www.carteretcountygov.org and select Carteret County Flood Tips Brochure.

Residents of Beaufort should receive approximately a 15% discount on Flood Insurance policies for primary residents due to the Town participating in the National Flood Program. If you have any questions please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.



Museum program to explore historic whale skeleton procurement

Shore based whaling practices once occurred along the North Carolina coast. But after a whale carcass was brought ashore and stripped,



a pile of large bones from the whale's skeleton tures." was often

left behind on the beach. An upcoming lecture hosted by the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort will reveal the final resting place for the skeletal remains of several of those whales harvested off the state's coast. **Museum Education Curator** Benjamin Wunderly will present "Whale Skeleton Procurement in North Carolina, circa 1900" at 11 a.m. on April 6. Registration is not required for the free program, which will be in the museum auditorium. The presentation will also be live streamed through Zoom and simulcast on the museum's Facebook page.

"Small communities of fishermen supplemented their income during the off season by turning to whale harvesting," Wunderly said. "The epicenters of these historic whaling practices were on the **Outer Banks at Cape Hatteras** and Shackleford Banks.' The oil rendered from the animal's blubber would be sold at local markets and

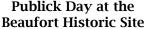
often shipped to distant ports along the eastern seaboard, Bermuda and even further across the Atlantic. "Naturalists and biologists took note of the bones left behind and collected the remnants for the purpose of education," Wunderly said. "Some were even mounted as displays, creating what might have been the earliest opportunity for the public to learn about such large ocean crea-

Wunderly's presentation will go into detail regarding some of the logistics involved in the process.

"The retrieval, transportation, preparing, and eventual exhibiting of the whale skeletons was no small feat," he said. "And the practice of acquiring and displaying marine mammal skeletons for the purpose of education still takes place today in North Carolina."

Bonehenge Whale Center is a Beaufort-based educational workshop where specimens acquired from the North Carolina Marine Mammal Stranding Program are prepared for installation in museums, aquariums, marine science labs, and other educational centers. Some of the displays that have been created at Bonehenge will also be covered in Wunderly's presentation.

The North Carolina Maritime Museum, 315 Front Street, is open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Free admission.



The Beaufort Historic Site, 130 Turner Street, transforms into an open-air marketplace on Saturday, April 15, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Historic Site invites the public to explore the vast array of crafts, art, goods, and food for sale from various vendors.



The event is inspired by "Publick Times," the colonial-era event that took place twice a year in Williams-

burg, Va when courts were in session. Community members would come to town to see and be seen, conduct court business, shop, gossip, dine, and dance. Our modernday 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 an array of native flowers and plants for sale to benefit their ongoing classes and programs. They will also be on hand to answer your gardening questions. In addition, the Old Beaufort Shop and the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, which will be featuring Lynda Harris's work, will also be displaying new unique gifts and fine art.

All proceeds from Publick Day go towards the ongoing restoration efforts and educational programs of the Beaufort Historical Association. Vendor spots are available: email pr@beauforthistoricsite.org. For more information on Publick Day, call (252) 728-5225.

Easter Egg Hunt at the **Beaufort Historic Site**

Join the fun at the annual Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Beaufort Historic Site. Children ages 7 and under are invited to search for hidden eggs filled with candy and enjoy light refreshments.

This annual event, coordinated with volunteers from The National Charity League, a motherdaughter service organization, is fun for the whole family. Children will be divided into ageappropriate groups and sent to

Lynda Harris Art Show

The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery

at the Beaufort Historic Site is excited to welcome artist Lynda Harris for a show on Friday, April 7 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Harris is already a popular artist in the



gallery and has previously been featured as the 2020 Old Homes Tour artist, though then it was a virtual show. Her stunning coastal scenes deserve to be seen inperson at the gallery where she will be the featured artist for the months of April and May. Don't miss this free show and take home one of her lovely pieces! For more information about Harris or the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, please visit www.beauforthistoricsite.org, call 252-728-5225. or stop in at the gallery! The gallery is open Monday-Saturday from 10-4 p.m.

Weaving Demonstration

As part of the Beaufort Historical Association's Living History series, Nancy Vaughan will conduct a weaving demonstration Wednesday,

April 19 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The Warped Weavers, a volunteer group that has met weekly on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site for over 40 years, will demonstrate this ancient art. They work on barn-frame looms and produce rugs, shawls, tea towels and placemats, and more that are donated to the Old Beaufort Shop to aid in the preservation and education efforts of the Beaufort Historic Site. For information on this and other Living History Programs, call (252) 728-5225, or visit www.beauforthistoricsite.org.



different areas of the Historic Site to search for eggs.

The event is free; all you need to bring is your Easter basket, and arrive early to position yourself for the start of the hunt! The gates to the grounds will open at 11 a.m. sharp for all age groups. For more information, call the 252-728-5225, visit beauforthistoricsite.org.



Easter Sunrise Service

There will be a sunrise service at John Newton Memorial Park on the waterfront at 6:45 a.m. Easter Sunday morning, April 9, 2023. The service will be sponsored by Ann Street United Methodist Church. The entire community is invited. A worship service in the sanctuary will follow at 10 a.m. Ann Street United Methodist Church is at 417 Ann Street. Call (252) 728-4279 for additional information.



On Saturday, April 15th the OBFM will open for its 11th season! Farmers will be there with cool weather greens, foodies will share freshly baked take home or eat-at-the-market food, hot coffee, and an amazing group of arts and craftspeople will be ready with their latest creations! Our last year's vendor family will return along with some brand new folks too!

It's time to start filling the courthouse grounds under the oaks with the joy, love, and fun of the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market: 9 – 1 every Saturday morning.

BEAUFORT OLE TOWNE ROTARY 21ST ANNUAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

2023

Register Yourself or a team, or become a sponsor click below!

4 May 2023 Shotgun start at 1.00 pm

Beufort Club 300 Links Drive, Beaufort NC





5 & 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15 "RUTH WEISS: THE BEAT GOD-DESS"

A contemporary of Beat legends



Lawrence Ferlingetti and Jack Kerouac, Ruth Weiss emigrated to America from Nazi Germany at age 10 and spent time in New York

City and Chicago before arriving in San Francisco. Combining elements of jazz, poetry, art and dance, Weiss became a major player in the Beat Generation of the 1950s and beyond. Darren Lucas, writing in Movie Reviews 101, asserts: "It's hard not to see her (Weiss's) fingerprints all over modern U.S. history, and Melody Miller's 2019 documentary expertly takes us over why that is."

5 & 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15 **"TO STAY ALIVE: A METHOD"** Based on Michel Houellebecq's 1991 essay "To Stay Alive," director Erik Lieshout addresses the premise that "human suffering is the source of all poetic

Beaufort Town Flags

Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$70) and 12" x 18" garden flags (\$30) for sale at Ace Hardware, 1511 Live Oak; Cousins Bed & Breakfast, 305 Turner; First Citizens Bank,

Plastic Free By the Sea Happy Spring! The season brings with it new beginnings.



Let's bring a fresh start into our lives. Out with the plastic and in with alternative! Here are

a few tips towards living a more plastic-free lifestyle. ►About one billion plastic toothbrushes are discarded annually. Try sustainable and biodegradable bamboo toothbrushes.

► Use cotton swabs with paper rods rather than plastic.

► Buy bread packaged in paper instead of plastic.

Switch to plastic-free chewing gum. Most gum is made from plastics, rubber, and waxes!

► Cut down on junk mail. Visit https://consumer.ftc.gov/

expression" and the plight of struggling artists and the pursuit of the muse. Included are segments on Anne Claire Bourdin, Jerome Tasssier, Robert Combas and especially Iggy Pop (James Osterberg Jr.), of whom Houellebecu was a big fan. Both films will be screened at the Mill Space venue.

Beaufort Picture Show is a 501c3 nonprofit organization "on a mission" to present the best in recent independent and mainstream film to local audiences. Screenings take place at the Mill Space venue (next to Mill Whistle Brewing on Lennoxville Road) in midtown Beaufort. As a nonprofit, admission is free, although a minimum donation of \$5 is suggested — and appreciated! Concessions are available, and beverages may be purchased from the adjacent pub.

All BPS screenings and events are subject to change; please check online for latest information and tickets at: www.beaufortpictureshow.org.

1501 Live Oak; and online at www.BeaufortWomansClub.orgP

roceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.



articles/how-stop-junk-mail to opt out of most promotional mail.

► Avoid buying new CDs and DVDs. Stream or buy used. Opt for no receipt when possible. Most are coated in a thin layer of plastic.

► Food wrappers and containers make up a majority of plastic pollution by count. See if you can go a day, then a week, without buying anything with plastic packaging. It will be eyeopening!

► Support local, regional, and national legislation to reduce plastic bags.

► Use reusable shopping bags. Post notes in your house and car as reminders. For more information on Plastic Free by the Sea, a local Environmental Conservation Organization or to contact the group,

visit www.facebook.com/ PlasticFreeENC.