



Coronavirus and Beaufort

There are many topics I'd rather discuss, but we can't run away from this topic and we must take action to protect our community. Hopefully, by the time this is published, there will be much more testing available...but I doubt it. Absent robust testing, we must take pro-active measures to increase social distancing so we can reduce the transmission rate of COVID-19 and "flatten the curve."

On March 25, 2020, we ordered a proclamation to enforce social distancing as an interim measure to a shelter in place order from the Governor or the County. While most of us will easily weather the storm, we have senior citizens and those with pre-existing conditions that are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. So to prevent the spread of the virus:

- Stay at home unless you have essential needs
- Use hygiene methods like washing your hands for 20 seconds, and coughing into a tissue and disposing of the tissue
- Consider people around you may be infected so stay 6 feet away from others
- Consider sources that could be infected like door handles
- If you are feeling poorly, stay at home or contact the Carteret County Health Department

To the people of our beloved Beaufort...this is the biggest challenge of our lifetimes. It is invisible, it is pervasive, and it is destructive, if unchecked. This requires all hands on deck and a discipline that Americans are unaccustomed to. I understand that measures are inconvenient. I understand our businesses are under enormous stress. We are already leading this effort in North Carolina and together, with discipline, we can beat this Coronavirus pandemic.

- Mayor Everett S. (Rett) Newton

The Very Best of Beaufort

On a daily basis, our school leadership, faculty, and staff go above and beyond to meet the needs of our Carteret County students and, in many cases, the students' families. In time of crisis, these selfless school employees become Superheroes. I have seen first-hand how school employees and volunteers are making meals, loading meals onto buses, and delivering meals to students who are in need.



From Beaufort Middle School, on March 23 in the middle of the Coronavirus crisis with schools closed,



they delivered over 400 meals and the daily total in the County is well in the thousands. You may not hear about it, you may not see, but this amazing support to our Carteret County community is happening behind the scenes. I have always wanted to be a Superhero but have never got there, but our school employees and volunteers have, and they truly represent the very best of Beaufort!



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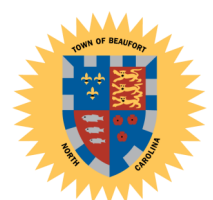
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Newsletter Submissions:

Due April 20, 2020 at 5 p.m.
Send to r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

Board of Commissioners

During the March 9, 2020 regular monthly meeting, the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes of the Jan. 29, 2020 work session, the Feb. 10, 2020 regular meeting and the Feb. 24, 2020 work session
- Approved a Resolution Supporting the Maritime Heritage Foundation at Gallants Channel
- Approved Sewer Plant Odor Control equipment to be paid for by Preston Development
- Appointed Barbara Francis-Heckman to fill an unexpired term for the Historic Preservation Commission
- Approved a Resolution Requesting NCDOT to Lower the Speed Limit on Turner and Cedar Streets
- Approved Budget Amendments #7 and #8 for FY20
- Approved Capital Reserve Fund Amendment #2 for FY20
- Approved Special Events for Pirate Invasion, Lion's Club Bridge Run, Historic Beaufort Road Race, Crystal Coast Half Booty Triathlon and Wooden Boat Show

During a Special Called Meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2020, the Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Adopted a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for the approval of a financing agreement
- Adopted a resolution approving financing terms
- Awarded the road/sidewalk construction bid, including Add Alternates 1,2 and 3 to Thomas Simpson Construction in the amount of \$1,877,582.51 contingent upon LGC approval and successful closing of financing by BB&T
- Awarded the Turner Street improvements bid to Sunland Builders in the amount of \$152,694 contingent upon LGC approval and successful closing of financing by BB&T

Contacting Town Hall Employees

Please note that due to COVID-19, all Town buildings are closed to the public. If you need to reach someone at Town Hall via phone, call the main line, pick the extensions and leave a message. Messages are being checked periodically. Emails are listed on the Town website at www.beaufortnc.org.

How to Reach Town Hall (252) 728-2141

Extensions:

Water and Sewer Accounts or Bulk Item Pick Up—229 or 228
Parking-232
Inspections and Permitting-224
Planning and Zoning-223
Parks, Events, Public Information Officer-231
Finance-235 or 240
Cemetery-221
Town Clerk-233
Town Manager-230
All other inquiries-221



After Hours:

Sewer emergency: (252) 241-5164
Water emergency: (252) 241-3525

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission met March 3, 2020 and discussed the following items:

- Approved: Case 20-04: 410 Front Street: Request to install a 12 sq. ft. sign on water-side of building and a 15 sq. ft. sign on Front Street above the awning.

In case some of you were

Planning Board

The Planning Board met March 16, 2020 and discussed the following item:

- Case # 20-01 Zoning Map Update of 15 Parcels: A staff initiated request to consider an official Zoning Map update to reflect the changes associated with the Gallants Channel Bridge and new US-70 (i.e. rights-of-way, shifts in parcel boundaries, etc.). This request also includes the rezoning of 14 parcels and the initial zoning of the portion of Rachel Carson Reserve included in the recent expansion of the corporate limits. This item was brought back to the Board with additional information requested regarding setbacks. The Planning Board recommended approval as presented.

- Case 19-12 Text Amendment - Lower Live Oak Overlay District - A staff initiated request to develop standards for exterior materials and signage for 13 parcels along a portion of Live Oak Street beginning at Cedar Street and ending at First Street. The Planning Board conducted a public hearing and after taking comments reviewed the proposed text and made suggestions for the Board of Commissioners to consider prior to adoption. Recommended approval with chang-

wondering, we have decided to begin work on the new Historic Standards with our consultant, Thomason Historical Consultants of Nashville TN. A community forum will be conducted at some point in the future.

For more information, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

es to the text regarding signage and materials.

- Case 19-13 Lower Live Oak Corridor Overlay District - This item is the companion of the proposed text amendment for the Live Oak Overlay District. This item shows and defines the geographic boundary in which the standards are to apply. Recommended for approved as presented

- Case No. 20-05 Gallants Point Subdivision - Final Plat - Formerly Aqua 10 - This project showed the subdivision of an 11.78 acre tract into 16 Single-Family Residential Lots at the end of West Beaufort Road Extension. The project includes the bonding of incomplete infrastructure of approximately \$126,000 and a payment of \$1,800 for recreation fees. Recommended for approval.

- In other news, the Planning Department has received plans for an Advance Auto business next to the Piggly Wiggly. Plans are to renovate the existing interior and be open by the fall.

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April Meetings

All meetings will be conducted virtually. Please visit the calendar item for the meeting at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for meeting login information.

6 p.m. April 13—Board of Commissioners

4 p.m. April 27—Board of Commissioners Work Session

Update on Randolph Johnson Park & Infrastructure from Mayor Newton

The good news is Randolph Johnson Park is well underway. The bad news is we don't have any idea what effect the Coronavirus pandemic will have on this awesome community project. Ideally, we hope this will be finished in the July time frame. Stay tuned for more...

Left: Shows the progress on the picnic shelter/restroom facility as of March 26, 2020. Below: The park property is ready for the installation of the Splash Pad. As of March 26, 2020, installation was scheduled to begin within days.

During our March Board of Commissioners meeting, our thoughtful Commissioners unanimously approved the Town Staff to pursue funding for significant road and sidewalk work. These large-

scale projects are depicted below in charts provided by our Town Engineers, Greg Meshaw and Sam Bell. To view a map of the sidewalks and a larger version of the street project maps, please visit <https://www.beaufortnc.org/boardofcommissioners/page/project-updates>.



STREETS PROJECT-PHASE I SHEETS MAP (PART 1)

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms* can include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

***Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. Seek medical advice if you**
- Develop symptoms
AND
- Have been in close contact with someone known to have COVID-19, or recently traveled to an area with widespread or ongoing community transmission.



cdc.gov/COVID19

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COVID-19 Resources

Make sure you are getting your information from reliable sources. Links to the following may be found at www.beaufortnc.org/coronavirus

Carteret County Health Department: www.carteretcountync.gov

Center for Disease Control (CDC): cdc.gov/COVID-19

North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services (NCDHHS): www.ncdhhs.gov
NC COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Call Center - 866-462-3821 or call 2-1-1



World Health Organization (WHO): www.who.int

Carteret County is posting updates on the number of cases in the County, daily at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the County website at www.carteretcountync.gov and on the public information recording line at 252-726-7177.

How to Pay a Utility Bill while Town Hall is Closed

To pay a water bill via credit card you will need to make an online payment or call the 1-800 number below. Please deposit checks/money orders into the drop box on the side of Town Hall. No cash payments are being accepted at this time. To pay by phone 1-800-272-9829; online www.Officialpayments.com Jurisdiction code 4394.

Solid Waste Rates

Per the contract between the Town and Green For Life (GFL), rates are subject to change annually based on the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U): South Region as published by the US Department of Labor. This index reflects an increase of 2.1% for these services. Beginning April 1, 2020, residential solid waste rates will increase from \$18.78 to \$19.17. Commercial rates will change July 1, 2020.



OBFM
Our farmers and food producers are growing and making fresh, safe, local food for you to purchase when we open.

The market leadership is staying informed with the latest COVID-19 info as it pertains to farmers markets and will make the best possible decision concerning our opening date and how you can access our farmers and foodies vegetables, meats, baked goods, and other products.

Our vendors rely on your business and are most appreciative of your support during this challenging time.

Stay informed by following us on Facebook and our website: oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org for up to date info.

THANKS FOR SHOPPING LOCAL! ❤️

A Message from Beaufort Police Chief Paul Burdette

During these uncertain times, it is very important to remain aware of the evolving developments surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak.

With our coordinated responses changing almost daily, please continue to check the CDC website as well as our website (www.beaufortnc.org/coronavirus) for the most up to date information.

We understand these are challenging and unprecedented times, but have confidence that your health, safety, and overall wellbeing remain our top priority.

Your Beaufort Police Department is now, and will continue to be here when you need us, I promise. You can help us by simply following the guidelines put forth in order to protect our community.



Beaufortnc.org

The Town website is a valuable resource at this time. It is updated daily with the current COVID-19 information and resources.

It also contains a wealth of other information about the Town. You can sign up on the website to automatically receive email alerts when updates are made.

The Town is also on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/BeaufortTown. Please follow us for frequent video updates from Mayor Newton. If you have questions, please email Town of Beaufort's Public Information Officer, Rachel Johnson at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org.