



Town of Beaufort Newsletter

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Summertime in Beaufort

It's really hard to believe how quickly summer is passing. As we proceed to August, there is a very positive energy in town and a lot going on:

Randolph Johnson Park Dedication. On Aug. 7 at 11 a.m., there will be a dedication for Randolph Johnson Park. The extraordinary improvements to the park are possible thanks to a generous benefactor who donated \$2 Million for Beaufort parks. We are grateful for this generous donation, and very proud of this robust park that supports **all** Beaufort citizens.

Pirate Invasion. The Beaufort Pirate Invasion is back Aug. 13–15. The organizers and town staff have taken measures to ensure this event will be safe, fun, and family-friendly. Please join in and help us repel the pirates for yet another year.

Back to School. Students go back to public school on Aug. 23. We have great schools in Beaufort and amazing faculty, staff, and students. Please support our schools...they are so important to the health and prosperity of our community.

Hurricane Preparation. Please continue your preparation. Information is available on the town website at <u>https://www.beaufortnc.org/fire/page/hurricane-preparednessflood-information</u>.

COVID-19. In Carteret County and across North Carolina, we are experiencing another significant increase in COVID-19 positive cases and hospitalizations. The vast majority of these cases are those that are not vaccinated. As of July 22, 45% of Carteret County citizens have been fully vaccinated. Please ensure you are vaccinated to protect yourself and those around you.

- Mayor Everette S. (Rett) Newton



Coffee with a Cop 8:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30, 2021 Join your neighbors and Town of Beaufort police

officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your neighborhood! The Beaufort Police Department (BPD) will host Coffee with a Cop from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30 at Cru Bar/Wine Store/The Beaufort Coffee Shop at 120 Turner Street. For more information, call the BPD at (252) 728-4561 and ask for Lt. Halsey.





The Very Best of Beaufort

Janine Facciola is an entrepreneur, small business owner, and the visionary leader who started Randolph Johnson Park through research, outreach to Randolph Johnson's family, coordination with town staff, and fund raisers to pay for park playground equipment. She recognized the need for a neighborhood park and set her sights on getting the park constructed. Now, building upon Janine's superb work, the park has been greatly expanded. In addition to her role in building Randolph Johnson Park, Janine was the initial Chair of the Beaufort Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, worked on planning for the Beaufort Music Festival, has supported the arts community, and has served on numerous school parent-teacher advisory boards. Janine's visionary leadership, selfless service, and passion for our town clearly represent the very best of Beaufort.

Note: Each month, we will highlight individuals or organizations that represent The Very Best of Beaufort.

August 2021

Town Hall

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Office Hours

8 a.m. -5 p.m. Monday-Friday

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



Board of Commissioners Action List

• Approved an event application request from Beaufort Pirate Invasion for an event Aug. 13-14 with a few contingencies.

• Discussed the timeline for returning to in-person meetings for the Board of Commissioners and the Town's five (5) voluntary boards/

commissions/committees. • Approved a Site Plan for Front Street Village to construct a 16,500 square foot Transportation Center as approved as part of the original Planned Unit Development (PUD) and 250 gallons of sewer allocation. • Approved the Preliminary Plat for Front Street Village Phase IV, which subdivides a 10.44acre tract into 34 Single-Family residential lots and uses approximately 12,240 gallons of sewer allocation.

• Approved the Final Plat for Live Oak Commons, which subdivides a 1.28-acre tract into 8 Single Family residential lots. • Adopted a Proclamation Recognizing the Contributions of Glen Livingston Harris, former

Applicants Needed for Town of Beaufort Boards and Commissions

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 the following vacancies:

Parks and Recreation Advisory

Pay to Park Season

The 2021 Pay to Park Season is underway through Sept. 6, 2021. Parking rates are \$1/hour between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. except in the West/East parking lots which are at an escalating rate starting at \$1/hour. Visit www.beaufortnc.org/parking for more information. Handicap parking is free at any parking location.

Surfman in the United States Coast Guard and Beaufort resident who will have a fast response cutter vessel named in his honor on Aug. 6.

•Received a report from the Beaufort Police Department on Citizen Encounters and Body Camera Training of the Beaufort Law Enforcement Officers. •Appointed Becky Bowler to serve on the Town's Planning Board.

 $\cdot Received the monthly Town Manager's report.$

•Received an update from the Town Engineer on current/ active Town Projects.

•Received an update from the Town's Attorney on statutory provisions from the newly effective 160D and information regarding Conflicts of Interest as it pertains to quasi-judicial proceedings.

The action list above should not be considered official minutes. Please visit www.beaufortnc.org/meetings for current meeting agenda and minute information. Questions: Contact Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, at (252)728-2141, ext. 233 or a.coleman@beaufortnc.org.

Board - 1 position

This position is for a three-year term appointment, expiring on Sept. 30, 2024.

To learn more about the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, please visit website:

https://www.beaufortnc.org/bcprab

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 no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 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

August Meetings



Meetings will continue to be on Zoom. Please visit the Town's website at <u>www.beaufortnc.org/calendar</u> for up-to-date meeting information and meeting links. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, at 252-728-2141, ext. 233 or <u>a.coleman@beaufortnc.org</u>. **6 p.m. Aug. 3**—Historic Preservation Commission **6 p.m. Aug. 5**—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board **6 p.m. Aug. 9**—Board of Commissioners **6 p.m. Aug. 9**—Board of Commissioners **6 p.m. Aug. 16**—Planning Board **4 p.m. Aug. 23**—Board of Commissioners Work Session **6 p.m. Aug. 24**—CAMA/Comp Plan Steering Committee

Planning Board

The Planning Board met July 19, 2021 and discussed the following items:

Case # 21-17 Special Use Permit - Jim Dandy Stores- Request to operate a Gas/Service Station at 1550 Lennoxville Road. After several presentations from both sides, the Board voted 3 to 1 to recommend denial of the Special Use Request to the Board of Commissioners and asked that conditions be added that the Board of Commissioners consider requiring a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) and an Environmental Assessment for the project.

Case# 21-21 Rezoning 302 Cedar Street B-1 to R-8- Request to rezone a 2,366 square foot lot at 302 Cedar Street from B-1 to

Historic Preservation Commission

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

Case # 21--25 616 Ann St - Off Street Parking- Request from Superior Structures to install a Brick Paver Driveway 60' Long & 8' Wide for 616 Ann Street. Approved.

Case # 21-26 313 Ann St. - Historic plaque – Request from Ian & Tracy Huckabee for a Historic Plaque for 313 Ann Street. Approved.

Case # 21-27 513 Front St -Signage – Request from Amber DiCostanzo to install a 6.25 sq. ft. Free Standing Hanging Sign on a Post at 513 Front Street. Approved. The lighting was not approved and the applicant was R-8. After conducting a hearing the Board recommended that the Board of Commissioners consider rezoning the property to either R-8 or CS-MU (Cedar Street Mixed Use).

In other news:

The Inspections Division issued 60 Building Permits and completed 285 inspections for the month of June. The yearly total included 753 Building Permits and 2,472 inspections. This was an increase of 170 Building Permits and 226 Inspections from the previous year.

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requested to submit a sample of the lighting for the HPC to consider.

Case # 21-28 204 Turner St -Addition – Request from Filter Design Studio, PLLC (Jay Horton) for a rear addition to the Old Masonic Building at 204 Turner Street. Tabled to allow comments from the State Historic Preservation Office before rendering a decision.

Case # 21-29 129 Turner St -Signage-Request from Kristy Brittingham of Sandy's Florist to install and replace the existing signs with two new signs totaling 53.8 sq. ft. Approved.

If you have any questions about Beaufort's Historic District, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at (252) 728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Committee

On July 15, the Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Committee met with the Town's consultants from Moffatt & Nichol.

This meeting was more of an introductory to the project and the consultants who reviewed the scope of the project and provided a proposed timeline and discussion of a project website.

A list of priorities was included for the committee to review and be prepared to prioritize at their August meeting. Those items are as follows:

- Disposition of the Beaufort Docks (the current lease expires in 2024)
- Reconstruction of the Front Street bulkhead between Turner and Queen Streets
- Reconstruction of the Front Street boardwalk
- Consideration of establishing mooring fields in Taylors Creek and Town Creek (harbor of refuge)
- Disposition of the National Park Service lease

for the Town Hall Information Center and ferry concessionaire docks (lease expires in 2024) A dredging plan (which includes plans for the necessary environmental assessments required for dredging of Taylors Creek and Town Creek) Suggested amendments to the Navigable Water Ordinance

- Opportunities for Public Access
- Water quality and environmentally sensitive areas
- Best practices for reduction of black water and grey water
- Best practices for reduction of marine debris
- Protection of the Rachel Carson Reserve

It is anticipated that the discussion of these items will bring others to light for discussion and consideration. Potential dates for public input will be coming soon, so please stay engaged. For more information please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director at 252-728-2142 or

at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.



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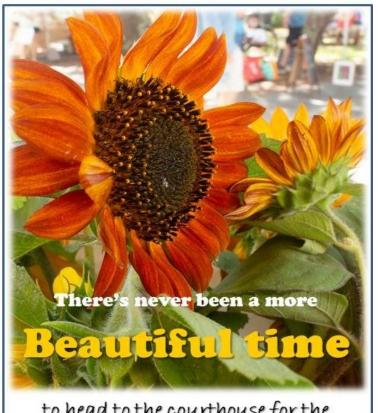
Beaufort Firemen's Association Donates Thermal Imagers On May 4, 2021, the Beaufort Firemen's Association donated 6 personal Thermal imagers to Beaufort Fire Department at a total cost of \$3,400. These Thermal imagers will help our firefighters save lives if they become lost or are trying to find a trapped person in a house fire. Beaufort Firemen's Association is a nonprofit organization that relies on donations to help support our firefighters and other local organizations. For more information on the Beaufort Firemen's Association visit their Facebook page.

Beaufort Garden Club

An update from Beaufort Garden Clubs Beautification Committee known as The Pretty Ladies. We have had a busy work schedule this spring and summer in addition to our weekly watering and weeding schedule. We had the soil replaced in all of the planters along the boardwalk making the flowering plants especially robust and plush this summer. We replanted the bed in front of Town Hall and look forward to this garden as it matures and shows off its variety of texture and color. We planted the newly installed Sea Reader boat pollinator garden at the County Library on Live Oak St. In addition, we collaborated with the County Public Building Director and his crew to clear out an assortment of mature vines and volunteer trees amongst the azaleas under the large oaks on the Court House grounds. We have 39 committed members who water many areas for the Town of Beaufort on a weekly schedule. Watering is one of our most important chores while weeding comes in at a close second. To kindly help us out if you see a weed feel free to pull it !! Lastly, we wanted to make the town and residents aware that the roses along the boardwalk waterfront are succumbing to the rose rosette virus. At this time there is no cure and the virus



persists in the soil for several years so roses removed can not be immediately replaced by another rose. As of this writing, 13 roses were infected with the virus and have been removed. Unfortunately we expect more casualties in the coming months. We plan on replanting with appropriate shrubs in the near future. Here are two links for more information: https:// extensiongardener.ces.ncsu.edu/2020/03/roserosette-virus-flower-killer/ https://roserosette.org/ Kindest Regards, Monica Hunter and Donna Becker, co-chairs of the Pretty Ladies



to head to the courthouse for the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market!

9:00 - 1:00 Saturdays

Find fresh homegrown veggies, meats, honey, eggs, delicious baked goods, and quality art and craftwork of all kinds...all homemade, homegrown, or handmade! Join us!

The Beaufort Drive-In at Gallant's Channel 830 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 "VANISHING SAIL"

"If this thing gone from here, everything gone, you know." Alwyn Enoe is one of the last wooden boatbuilders in the Grenadines, he decides to create one final sailing vessel with his sons before the skills introduced by Scottish settlers are lost forever.

8 p.m. Friday, Aug 13 "THE SWORD OF TORTUGA" Finally...the Movie!

Years in the making! Made locally! A cast of dozens if not thousands! A truly Piratical Adventure brought to you by none other than Beaufort's own Captain Horatio Sinbad! Meet him and many of the actors and crew, and get yer own autographed copy of his book or a photo op with these Legends! It's real, and it's spectacular!

More info and tickets www.beaufortpictureshow.org.

Randolph Johnson Park Dedication 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021

Join the Town on Saturday, Aug. 7 for a special dedication of the newly renovated Randolph Johnson Memorial Park, 1017 Pine Street.

The celebration will feature several speakers, free food while supplies last and a splashdown! Come join the fun and celebrate.

Donate Used Books to the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library is pleased to accept donations of used books to raise funds for the Beaufort branch library. You can bring books on Tuesday mornings (9-10 a.m.). Go behind the library where the red Book Wagon is stored and



stocked. If you have a large donation, contact Jane Burbella to arrange a drop-off or pick-up time-(252) 723-3132 or onetoread@gmail.com. If you have just a few books to donate, you can drop them off at the book Wagon on Saturdays at the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market.

Veggie Van Mobile Farmers Market

Carteret Local Food Network is selling the freshest produce in Beaufort from our VEGGIE VAN every Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. at Beaufort Housing Authority Community Center, 407 Second Street, Beaufort. Grown on only Carteret County farms, Chef Caroline finds the freshest and healthiest veggies, fruits and eggs and helps families keep their local farmers in business. Free Recipes and SNAP clients get HALF OFF! Other locations during the week include Carteret Community College, Crystal Coast Apartments, and more. Visit our website at https:// www.carteretlocalfoodnetwork.org/veggie-van for the full schedule or call (252) 777-2359 for more information.

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, 1501 Live Oak; and online at www.BeaufortWomansClub.org. Proceeds benefit the com-



munity through the Beaufort Woman's Club.

News from the Beaufort **Development Association**

Our streets are teeming with people, and according to the Tourism Development Board of Carteret County record breaking numbers of peopleare visiting the Crystal Coast. Annoying to some and a blessing for others.

The economic well being of our town enhances all of our lives in many ways.

Sad to see that Jackie a long time businesswoman and proprietor of Patches of Gold at 523 Front Street is retiring. She is having terrific sales at her store, stop by and at least wish her well for her retirement.

Once again Jeff Adams is delighting

Beaufort with something new and different. The Green Room at Black Sheep, next door to the original Black Sheep on the boardwalk, a relaxing lounge atmosphere, 21+ only.

The Beaufort Creamery is open for ice cream and other goodies-finding the door is a challenge but worth it. Enjoy.

The new splash pad is soooo wonderful at Randolph Johnson Memorial Park, and can be easily driven to from Hedrick & Pine Streets with plenty of parking. A great relief and fun for the little ones, with nice accommodations.

For information on the BDA, email wendydavidson98@gmail.com, find BDA on Facebook or visit beaufortnc.com.

Local, fresh food is the most nutritious

The Food Waste & Recovery Program of the Carteret Food and Health Council invites home gardeners to grow a little extra to donate to Carteret food pantries!

Bring produce to the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market on Saturdays by 1 p.m. Email or call Daryl at dfwalker99@hotmail.com/919-219-9840 with questions or pickup during the week.

