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#### **Town of Beaufort Newsletter**

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August 2022

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HURRICANE SEASON

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Newsletter Submissions: Due 5 p.m. Aug. 15, 2022 Send to Rachel Johnson, PIO at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

#### **Beaufort Emergency Alerts**

The Town of Beaufort has a new system for sending emergency notifications. Sign up to receive Important Notifications and Emergency Alerts. For Full Registration:

Scan the QR Code and complete the web form. Text Alerts Only:

Sign up via text by texting "Join beaufortnc-alerts" to 31002 without the quotation marks.

The system will reply with an acknowledgement that you have signed up to receive notifications.

Receive Emergency Alerts, Weather Alerts, Road Closure Alerts and more. You may opt into alerts that are of interest to you. For more information on the Emergency Alert system, contact Rachel Johnson at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org or call (252) 528-8765.

School starts Monday, Aug. 29, 2022. FOR THE SCHOOL BUS

PASSING VEHICLES CAUSE AN ESTIMATED TWO-THIRDS OF SCHOOL BUS LOADING AND UNLOADING FATALITIES.

#### **August 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 Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are livestreamed on the Town's Facebook page.

6 p.m. Aug. 2—Historic Preservation Commission 6 p.m. Aug. 4—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 6 p.m. Aug. 8—Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting 6 p.m. Aug. 15 —Planning Board 9 a.m. Aug. 18- Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Board (Meets at the Beaufort Hotel) 4 p.m. Aug. 22—Board of Commissioners Work Session 6 p.m. Aug. 22—Board of Adjustment Sunshine List: Sign up for meeting notifications by emailing Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.



## **Beaufort's** Hurricane **Resource Center**

Did you know the Town website has valuable resources for residents on how to prepare for a hurricane from building a disaster kit to information about storm surge, wind damage flood insurance and much more? Visit www.beaufortnc.org and click on the "Residents" tab and

Medically Fragile needs in the event of Registry The Carteret County Medically



service that helps emergency responders to better assist residents with special select Hurricane Preparedness/Flood Information. This section is also home to tips on what to do in the middle of a hurricane and after a storm. https:// www.beaufortnc.org/ fire/page/hurricanepreparednessfloodinformation. For more information contact Public Information Officer Rachel Johnson at r.johnson@beaufortn c.org.

an emergency. If you or someone you know is medically fragile, please sign up at https:// www.carteretcountyn c.gov/605/Medically-Fragile. A link may also be found on Beaufort's Hurricane Resource Center at www.beaufortnc.org.



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#### Board of Commissioners June 27 BOC Work Session:

• Jeff Cabaniss with NCDOT gave a presentation on current and future projects.

• The Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners (BOC) adopted the FY 2023 Budget.

• BOC granted permission for Arts in Beaufort to use the shower house on the boardwalk as a location for a public art mural.

• Approved aSewer Allocation Request for Salt Wynd Preserve Subdivision.

• Adopted a resolution to apply for Grant Funding Assistance in the Cedar Street Pervious Pavement Parking Lane Construction. • Approved FY 2022 Budget Amendment #12.

• Approved Capital Reserve Fund Amendment #12. • Approved FY 2022 Budget

Amendment #13.

• Approved Capital Project USSI Stormwater and Streets Improvements Budget Amendment #1.

 $\cdot$  Finance Director, Christi Wood gave a financial report for May

#### **Planning Board**

The Beaufort Planning Board met June 20 and discussed the following items:

Case # 22-22-12 Site Plan: AA Storage: Request to approve a site plan proposing a 150,567 sq. ft. Mini-Storage facility on a 12.47-acre tract at 2176 Live Oak Street, Approved. Case # 22-13 Preliminary/ Final Plat 1791 Live Oak: Request to approve a subdivision of an 8.3 acre tract into two lots. Tabled until an access agreement letter from the adjacent owner is received. Case # 22-16 Special Use Permit 1791 Live Oak Street: Request for a mini-storage facility behind the ABC Store. Recommended the request to the Board of Commissioners with conditions:

That the applicant include light abatement and noise control as part of the site plan when submitted; that the applicant provide the size and number of units for boat storage and the total number of climate controlled units; That the Boat & RV Storage be enclosed; And that the Board of Commissioners consider a Sunset Clause on the use if a Site Pan is not applied for within a Specific Time.

#### 2022.

July 11 BOC Regular Meeting: • Approved 2023 Historic Beaufort Road Race.

• Approved BOC meeting minutes for: May 9 BOC Work Session, May 16 Budget Work Session, May 23 BOC Regular Meeting, June 6 Budget Work Session, and June 27 BOC Work Session.

• Approved Case #22-12 AA Storage Site Plan.

• Approved FY 2023 Budge Amendment #1 and Capital Reserve Fund Amendment #13 • Approved a rezoning request from TR to PUD with Master Plan at 801 Mulberry Street. • Denied a Variance Request for Salt Wynd Preserve Cul-de-sac Length.

• Approved Case #22-16 Special Use Permit for a Mini-Storage facility at 1791 Live Oak Street. • Approved Case #22-11 PUD Old Beaufort Elementary School (SUP).

For more information contact Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

#### Resilience Plan Update

Due to the work that Planner, Sam Burdick, and you, members of the community have contributed to the Resilience Plan, the State of North Carolina has awarded the Town a grant of \$75,000 for updates to our Land Development Ordinance that will include recommended mitigation measures as well as other resilience standards.

#### Code Enforcement

As residents of Beaufort keeping our community clean and attractive is important as such our department has made a more conscious effort in nuisance code issues as of late. If you receive a Letter related to any of these issues to abate a nuisance note that failure to so carries a \$500 per day, per item penalty until the issue is resolved. So our best advice is to Keep Beaufort Clean and Beautiful.

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

#### Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission met July 5 and discussed the following items: **Case # 22-19 608 Broad Street:** Request for a roof change from metal to shingle. Approved.

**Case # 22-20 113 Front Street:** Request to install a 36" high Beaufort style fence on the South Side Property. Approved.

The Commission asked to have John Wood from the

#### Commissioner to Host Office Hours

Commissioner Bob Terwilliger will host office hours at the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort. ComState Historic Preservation Office present information about metal roofs that could be helpful when reviewing future Certificate of Appropriateness.

Fee Schedule Updates: Minor Works projects are \$50 and the Certificate of Appropriateness is \$250. 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.

missioner Terwilliger will be available 2-4 p.m. Aug. 18. Drop by or make an appointment by emailing b.terwilliger@beaufortnc.org.



The Town wants to hear from you. Help shape the future of Beaufort.

Review the plan at www.beaufortnc.org/future and attend the meeting to share your comments.

Public Hearing: 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, 2022 Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street

Visit www.beaufortnc.org/future for more information and project history.

**Bulk Item Pick-up** Please call Town Hall at (252) 728-2141 ext. 221 to schedule a bulk item pickup by 5 p.m.



on Monday the week you would like pickup. Bulk item pickup is on Wednesday. **Pickups must be scheduled** and items must

> be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesday. There is a 75-lb weight limit. Contractor debris is not accepted.

#### Pay to Park Season

The 2022 Pay to Park Season began Monday, May 23, 2022 and runs through 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5, 2022. 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.

Parking passes are available for sale at Town Hall. For more information, visit www.beaufortnc.org/parking. Parking is free for anyone displaying a handicap tag at any

#### The Old Beaufort Post Office Papers

Calling all former postal box holders and mail carriers that spent time in the old Beaufort Post Office at 701 Front Street. We are again collecting your stories to share in the newsletter and would like to hear from you. Please contact Ranger Kathleen O'Grady, Cape Lookout National Seashore at kathleen\_o'grady@nps.gov. parking location. Pay at any of the 16 pay stations, by debit/credit card, US coin or with the PayByPhone app—download it today and pay from anywhere throughout the season. Visit www.beaufortnc.org/parking for more information. Contact the parking office at parking@beaufortnc.org.

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For anyone interested, stop in



on a Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. for a program about this fascinating old building and be ready to make some

new discoveries.





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#### BEAUFORT Historical Association

#### Growing up in Beaufort

7:-8 p.m.| Aug. 5 FREE Join us for a chat with Geoffrey Adair who was born and raised in Beaufort and is a member of the sixth generation of his family to live on Orange Street. He vividly remembers the smell of Menhaden steamers moored at Beaufort's docks, the cool air of the season's first mullet shift and the simple pleasure of swimming across "the cut" on a hot summer's day. Learn a bit of Beaufort's history and hear his recollections of what it was like growing up in this historic seaport village before it became Southern Living's Top Small Town to Visit! Please call 252-728-5225 to rsvp. The event is free. Gosia Tojza Art Show 4:30-6 p.m. Aug. 6 FREE Join the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery in welcoming artist Gosia Tojza! Gosia Tojza is a well- known and admired North Carolina artist. Her work depicts beautiful scenes such as coastal birds, boats,

and landscapes. Free for all to attend. Tojza will be the Featured Artist for the months of August and September. This will be one of her last shows before retiring from shows. For more information call 252 -728-5225 or stop in at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery (130 Turner St).

#### **Barn Quilt Workshop** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 26 \$60 Back by popular demand! Learn how to make your very on Barn Quilt. A barn quilt is a large piece of painted wood that looks like a single quilt block and decorates the side of a barn or building. Our barn quilts will be 24"x24" and you will be able to take it home with you! Material fees are \$60. Guests will be able to pick from an array of designs and colors. Sign up at least a



vance. Workshop max is 8. Sign

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up today by calling 252-728-5225 or visiting the Old Beaufort Shop at 130 Turner St. Class limit is 6.



#### Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market

If you love the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market, let the nation know by voting for us as your Favorite Farmers Market!

#### Please go to:

markets.farmland.org to cast your vote to put the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market on the map! You can also go to our website: oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org and vote from the homepage. Is the OBFM your favorite market to shop on Saturday mornings for fresh food and beautiful artisan work, all from local, small businesses? Do you enjoy strolling through the grounds under the huge, old live oaks with your friends, family, or your best buddy pooch? Is a trip to the market on Saturday morning your social event for the week? Is it your happy place? Let's add Favorite Farmers Market to Beaufort's state and nationally recognized attractions!

The Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the courthouse square.



#### The Beaufort Picture Show at Mill Space

More information about screening time and reserving your spot is available at beaufortpictureshow.org.

"Death on the Nile"

#### 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, 20222

A mystery film based on the 1937 novel of the same name by Agatha Christie. While on vacation on the Nile, Hercule Poirot must investigate the murder of a young heiress.

Rated PG-13 | 2h 7min | 2022 Free Admission

#### **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 community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.





The 2022 search is on for the nation's Favorite Farmers Markets. IF YOU LOVE OUR MARKET VOTE at: markets.farmland.org

# VOTING ENDS SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

Show your love and help put the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market on the map! \$10,000 in prize money for the winning market.

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### Plastic Free By the Sea

Global Efforts in Plastic Reduction According to industry experts, plastic will outnumber fish in our oceans by 2050 if the current rate of plastic pollution continues. Fortunately, global measures have been initiated to keep this from happening. This spring, the UN Environmental Assembly met and 175 countries formally agreed to write a plastic treaty utilizing sciencebased reliave to

based policy to combat plastic waste. It hopes to have the legally-binding agreement finalized by 2024.

Tourism con-

tributes much plastic waste in the world, as many products are single-use or used just a few times. Over 100 companies have signed The Global Tourism Plastics Initiative, targeting the root causes of plastic pollution. The focus is on creating a circular economy by reusing products, committing to eliminate unnecessary plastic and moving away from single-use products. In 2015 The European Union created the European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy. The focus is also to create a circular method of reuse and eliminating single-use products through collaboration between producers, retailers, and consumers.

In 2002 Bangladesh was one of the first countries to ban plastic bags. Since then, at least 127 countries enacted legislation to regulate plastic bags. About 77 countries have banned bags outright. Others are currently

phasing them out or providing incentives to use reusable bags. India, the second most populated country

in the world, passed legislation in July banning single-use plastic products. Producing, distributing, and using single-use plastic products is now outlawed. Dominica initiated Go Green Dominica, phasing out plastic products and initiating alternatives which could be converted into energy, water, or biomass. Let's encourage and help U.S. lawmakers to join the 'banned' wagon!

