



## Infrastructure Repairs for Cleaner Waterways

For several years, professors and students from the University of North Carolina Institute of Marine Sciences (UNC-IMS) have been measuring toxins entering the waterways in and around Beaufort. Our infrastructure has collapsed in some areas and we believe collapsed sewer pipes have leached into our storm water systems and this pollution is degrading the quality of our waterways. As I have mentioned previously, a massive effort is underway to repair our infrastructure and these extensive repairs will contribute to a cleaner coastal ecosystem. An example of this work is underway as we dig up and repair the underground utilities (storm



water, drinking water, and sewer) systems on the 100 block of Orange Street. UNC-IMS water quality experts have seen a strong signal of toxins at the storm water outfall at the end of Orange Street, and these repairs on the 100 block should mitigate some of the sources of this pollution. This project also includes large sections of pervious surface on the street surface as another way to reduce storm water effects.

Town Engineer Greg Meshaw provides an update on major projects during Beaufort work sessions held every fourth Monday of the month at 4 p.m.. As COVID-19 cases increase, we are holding these sessions virtually on Zoom (link posted on the town web site). You can also access these project updates on the Town website at [www.beaufortnc.org](http://www.beaufortnc.org).

*- Mayor Everett S. (Rett) Newton*

## The Very Best of Beaufort

Carteret County has marine science expertise that rivals the very best in the U.S. and across the globe. Dr. Rachel Noble is a Beaufort resident, professor at UNC-IMS, and a recognized water quality expert. Rachel and UNC-IMS colleagues have conducted extensive research in Beaufort waterways and this research has highlighted our need for significant infrastructure repairs, and increased measures to clean up our waterways. In addition, this work has been extraordinarily helpful as we apply for USDA loans and grants to support these infrastructure repairs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Rachel and her team have also been actively involved in ground-breaking research to detect COVID-19 by routine sampling at the waste water treatment plants in Carteret



County and across the state. In some cases, these techniques can detect COVID-19 outbreaks well in advance of normal testing measures. We have talented and caring citizens in our town, and Dr. Rachel Noble certainly represents the very best of Beaufort.

### 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 Dec. 24, 25 & 28  
Please note offices are closed to the public due to Covid-19.  
Please call or email staff.

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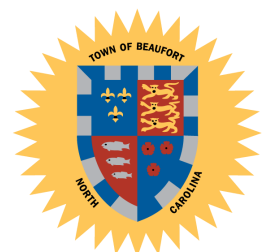
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### Town Manager

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### Newsletter Submissions:

Due Dec. 15, 2020 at 5 p.m.  
Send to  
[r.johnson@beaufortnc.org](mailto:r.johnson@beaufortnc.org)



## Board of Commissioners

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

- Approved 2021 BOC Meeting Dates
- Approved Minutes for the Sept. 28 Work Session & Oct. 12, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Approved Cedar Street Utility Rehabilitation and Replacement Budget Amendment and Bid Award
- Approved Homer Smith Marina Covenant Amendment
- Approved Noise Ordinance Revisions
- Approved Bailey v. the Town of Beaufort, et. al, 19 CVS 311

### Meet the new Town Clerk & Assistant to the Town Manager: Lance Heater

Lance Heater has a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of Arkansas and



served as the Assistant City Manager and Interim City Manager in Martinsville, Virginia in the 1990s. He also was the President and CEO of Southwestern Virginia Gas Company in Martinsville for over 20 years beginning in 1993 and continued to serve as Clerk of Council in Martinsville through 1998. During his time in Martinsville he also served on various boards for the City of Martinsville and as chairman of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce. Most recently, Lance served as Town Clerk of Summerfield, NC. Lance is a North Carolina Certified Municipal Clerk.



Sponsored by:  
Special Olympics Carteret County

## Blood Drive @

Fort Benjamin  
Park Recreation Center

*Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*9:00 am – 3:00 pm*

*Come out and support the fundraiser for the  
Special Olympics Carteret County!*



## December Meetings

All meetings will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Please visit the calendar item for the meeting at [www.beaufortnc.org.calendar](http://www.beaufortnc.org.calendar) for meeting login information.

**6 p.m. Dec. 1**—Historic Preservation Commission

**6 p.m. Dec. 3**—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

**6 p.m. Dec. 14**—Board of Commissioners

**6 p.m. Dec. 21**—Planning Board

**4 p.m. Dec. 21**—Board of Commissioners Work Session

## CAMA Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Unified Development Ordinance—Public Informational Meeting

The Town is working with Stewart Inc. to update the Town's CAMA Core Land Use Plan and create a user-friendly Unified Development Ordinance. There will be a virtual Public Informational Meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan will set the tone for future growth and development within the Town and Extra-territorial Jurisdiction. As members of the community, your voice matters! A link to the meeting will be available at [www.beaufortnc.org](http://www.beaufortnc.org).

### Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission met Nov. 3 and discussed the following six items using Zoom technology:

Case # 20-21 400 Front Street – COA Revision – Request to extend the rear second story (waterside) roof an additional 6' 10 ¾". Leave the existing concrete walkway on the Front Street side of the structure to help meet ADA requirements and to request that brick work be added to the west lower elevation of the structure. This item was

approved based on information and testimony that was given during the hearing.

Case # 20-22 400 Front Street – Signage – Request to install four attached signs on the Front Street façade totaling 62 square feet & install four attached signs on the water side façade totaling 62 square feet. This item was approved based on information and testimony that was given during the hearing.

Contact Planning Director  
Kyle Garner at  
[k.garner@beaufortnc.org](mailto:k.garner@beaufortnc.org)

### Save Those Shells

Rather than tossing oyster shells in the trash, which is illegal, there are several shell recycling drop-off sites across the coast. The North Carolina Coastal Federation Recycling for Reefs Program offers recycling sites including one at their office at 3609 Hwy 24 between Cape Carteret and Morehead City. After the recycled shells are collected and cured, the Coastal Federation works with partners to return them to the water where they provide new habitat for fish and shellfish. For a complete list of coast wide recycling sites, visit [nccoast.org/shellrecycling](http://nccoast.org/shellrecycling).



# BEAUFORT

## Historical Association

**Womble, Johnson and Tuckek Art Opening at Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, Dec. 4, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.** Join us for an art opening on December 4 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. for Jimmy Craig Womble, Mandy Johnson, and Lisa Tuckek! The three will be showcasing a variety of pieces including many new ones. Please be advised that the opening will follow COVID guidelines. Masks required and select number allowed in gallery at a time. For more information about the artists visit [beauforthistoricsite.org](http://beauforthistoricsite.org), call 252-728-5225, or stop by the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery at 130 Turner Street. Art work will be available to view virtually on the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery Facebook page. **Christmas Candlelight Tour, Dec. 12, 5:30-8:30 p.m.** Celebrate the season in Beaufort and ride on the double-decker bus as you view downtown homes, churches, and inns with their festive décor and decorations. Enjoy a guided tour of the Beaufort Historic Site buildings and Old Burial Grounds and find unique gifts in the Old Beaufort Shop. Tickets (limited) are \$20. For more information or to purchase your tickets visit [www.beauforthistoriciste.org](http://www.beauforthistoriciste.org), call 252-728-5225, or stop in at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center, 130 Turner St. Please be advised that masks will be required and the tour will follow all COVID guidelines. All Beaufort Historic Site events are subject to change and or be canceled. Please follow us on social media @thebeauforthistoricsite, visit [beauforthistoricsite.org](http://beauforthistoricsite.org), or call 252-728-5255 for the most updated information.

## Winter Wonder Land Drive Thru

Sausage or Country Ham Biscuits  
with Santa!!!!!!

Saturday, December 5th, 2020  
8:00Am - 11:00Am

Beaufort Fire Station 1  
506 Live Oak Street  
Beaufort, NC 28516

Biscuit of your choice and juice for \$4.00

Add an extra biscuit to your meal for \$3.00

Children bring your Christmas list for Santa!!!

All proceeds go to Beaufort Fireman's  
Association

For more Information, call 252-728-4325



**Date:** Saturday, December 12th

**Time:** 10 A.M.

**Location:** Front Street, Beaufort  
West Side of The Dock House

There is nothing more wonderful than the sparkle in a child's eyes and their cries of delight on Christmas morning. You can be a part of some child's joy by donating a bike in Holland Shepard Group's yearly Race to the North Pole event. We partner with Toys for Tots and Walmart to make Christmas dreams come true. Walmart of Morehead City and Swansboro are offering a 10% discount with each bike purchased from them. The Marine Corps will again be picking up the bikes to deliver and we will be having a tricycle race on Front Street in Beaufort featuring some of the communities most brave leaders. It is a fun event and they are such good sports. Come out and watch on December 12th at 10 am.

Please contact us at 252-504-2400 for more details.

Benefiting:



Call us at 252-504-2400 or stop by our office at 5113-A Hwy 70,  
Morehead City to get your coupon today.

\*One coupon per bicycle



Each office independently owned and operated.



International  
**CWM**  
Center for Women's Ministries

2020 has been challenging in so many ways. If you're struggling, we want to encourage you to reach out. Don't go through it on your own. We are DownEast Beaufort Center for Women's Ministries, we are here to listen to and encourage you. Newly located at Bridgeway Church at 100 Lockhart Dr in Beaufort, we're available Mondays, 10 am-4 pm and by appointment. We are seeking more volunteers who have a heart to help women. For more information or to make an appointment for free peer counseling, please call 252-504-2441 or email us at [downeastbeaufortcwm@outlook.com](mailto:downeastbeaufortcwm@outlook.com). Your inquiries are kept strictly confidential. We have been where you are and would love to walk beside you. You are not alone!

## Holiday Trash/Recycle Schedule

If your pickup falls on or following a holiday, your collection will be delayed by one day.

Christmas Day - Route collections delayed by one day.

New Years Day - Route collections delayed by one day





Join 75 vendors under the live oaks for a magical holiday market too wonderful to miss! Wander through the widely spaced tents spread throughout the courthouse grounds to find the perfect handmade holiday gifts from our local artisans for everyone on your list. Fill your bags with freshly grown food and delicious homemade baked goods from our farmers and foodies to complete your holiday menus. Come and be filled with the joy of our safe, festively lit, outdoor, open-air market for a night to remember! Masks will be available for those who may need them.

### Coastal Carolina Riverwatch's 2020 Eco-Gift Guide

Support our local businesses and our coastal environment this season! Coastal Carolina Riverwatch's Eco-Gift Guide is an online resource featuring gifts that are local, sustainable, and unique. A portion of each purchase goes to Coastal Carolina Riverwatch's work to protect clean water in our community. Participating businesses include Sea Oats Candle Company, Chandra Botanicals, Trav's Tie Dyed Treasures, Oysters Carolina, Crystal Coast Coffee Roasters, Wino Records and more. There's something for everyone! Find the Eco-Gift Guide and learn more at [www.coastalcarolinariverwatch.org](http://www.coastalcarolinariverwatch.org). If your business is interested in getting involved, email [RebeccaD@coastalcarolinariverwatch.org](mailto:RebeccaD@coastalcarolinariverwatch.org).

## Coastal Carolina Riverwatch

Citizen volunteers fighting  
to protect our water, air and communities



**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.

### Writers' Exchange Beaufort NC

The Writers Exchange Beaufort NC offers Critique-on-the-Fly zoom meetings for all poets and writers every 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6-9 PM. Check our Facebook page for more info and request an invitation here: [thewritersXchange@aol.com](mailto:thewritersXchange@aol.com).

## BEAUFORT Picture Show

### BEAUFORT DRIVE-IN

The Beaufort Picture Show is pleased to announce the new Drive-In movie venture at the Gallants Channel (near Bonehenge). Yup, just like the old drive-ins. Bring a carload of friends, snacks as you wish and enjoy an outdoor night at the movies while remaining covid-safe in your vehicle.

7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4: **"ELF"**

Find us at [www.beaufortpictureshow.org](http://www.beaufortpictureshow.org) for tickets and information. Concessions benefit Beaufort Middle School.

COASTAL CAROLINA RIVERWATCH'S

2020

## ECO-GIFT GUIDE

Your online resource for gifts that are  
local, sustainable, and unique!

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[www.coastalcarolinariverwatch.org](http://www.coastalcarolinariverwatch.org)