



The Future of Beaufort is Very Bright!

Despite the challenges of hurricanes and a pandemic, our Board of Commissioners and extraordinary Town Staff professionals have worked very hard to provide stability for our wonderful community. We have invested in our town, have cleaned up our waterways, are fixing above- and below-ground infrastructure, are building and improving parks, and we now have a five-year plan that provides immense stability for Beaufort.

As I've often stated, Beaufort is not great because of our government...our town government just provides the stability for greatness to occur. **The true greatness of Beaufort is due to our amazing coastal ecosystem and our citizens, businesses, non-profits, civic groups, museum, research institutes, schools, and churches.**

We thank Commissioners Ann Carter and Charles McDonald for their decades of service as they depart the Board of Commissioners. They have made difficult decisions and are leaving Beaufort in far better shape than they found it when first elected.

With the current stability of the town, the hiring of new town manager Todd Clarke, the installation of Mayor-elect Sharon Harker, Commissioner-elect Melvin Cooper, Commissioner-elect Charles Oliver, and Commissioner-designate Bob Terwilliger, **the future of Beaufort is very bright!** The new board members all bring extraordinary skill sets to their leadership roles and will serve our town well.

And while we've made extraordinary progress over the last four years, there are still significant challenges ahead for the new board to consider to include resilience measures to protect our community from the effects of climate change, and complex land use and harbor management planning. These topics are critical for the continued health and prosperity of Beaufort.

- Mayor Everett S. (Rett) Newton

Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting

The Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners will have an Organizational Meeting at the Beaufort Fire Department, 506 Live Oak Street, on Dec. 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Newly elected and appointed officials will be administered the oath of office, the outgoing mayor and board members will be honored for their service, and a Mayor Pro Tem will be elected. A reception will follow.

Coffee with a Cop

Join your neighbors and Beaufort Police Officers for coffee and conversation on Tuesday, Dec. 14 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Speedway, 1800 Live Oak Street. No agendas or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. For more information, contact Lt. David Halsey at (252) 728-4561.



The Very Best of Beaufort



The unprecedented success of Beaufort today is not by chance. Prior to my tenure as mayor, my predecessor and all of the current commissioners hired John Day as the Beaufort Town Manager. Once I was elected, it was crystal clear to me that John has vast experience, extraordinary vision, proven leadership skills, and unquestioned integrity. John has never sought the limelight but on a daily basis he has patiently analyzed our critical challenges, responded to numerous crises, and he has strived for incremental progress that, over his five-year tenure as manager, has culminated in the amazing community we have today. This success can be measured objectively and felt subjectively... people want to work here, live here, and play here. John is retiring over the next few months but he leaves a spectacular legacy in our town, and he clearly represents the very best of Beaufort. On behalf of a grateful Town of Beaufort, we wish John and Christy fair winds and following seas.

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Monday-Friday

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Nov. 24, 27, 28 & 31.

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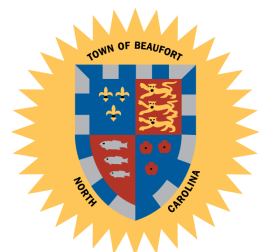
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Newsletter Submissions:

Due Dec. 15 2021 at 5 p.m.

Send to

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Board of Commissioners Action List

- Approved request by the BDA to host a Christmas parade at 1 p.m. Dec. 4.
- Welcomed Laurel Anderson as the new Planning & Inspections Administrative Support Specialist.
- Received the Town Manager's Report.

Planning Board

The Planning Board met Nov. 15, 2021 via Zoom and discussed the following items:

Case # 21-25 Staff Rezoning Eastern Avenue from TCA to B-1: Request by Town Staff to rezone five parcels and a portion of a sixth from TCA to B-1. This property was originally zoned B-1 in 1998 and was changed through changes to the zoning map over the years. This rezoning will fix the zoning issue back to its original and appropriate zoning. After conducting a public hearing and taking Board Member questions the Planning Board unanimously (6-0) recommended approval of the rezoning request to the Board of Commissioners.

- Congratulated newly elected Mayor Sharon Harker and Commissioners Bucky Oliver and Melvin Cooper.
- Mayor-elect Sharon Harker resigned as Commissioner.
- Appointed Bob Terwilliger to fill the vacant Commissioner seat.

Case #21-26 Rezoning 2158 Live Oak St. from R-20 to B-1- Request by the Cullipher Group on behalf of Rosemyr Corporation to rezone one parcel totaling 0.579 acres from R-20 to B-1. This property is surrounded by B-1 zoned property on three sides and would be consistent with the surrounding land use pattern. After conducting a public hearing and taking Board Member questions the Planning Board unanimously (6-0) recommended approval of the rezoning request to the Board of Commissioners.

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

Board of Adjustment

The Town of Beaufort Board of Adjustment met Oct. 25 via Zoom and discussed the following:

Case #21-03 Variance Request for 1107 Front Street: Variance request by William & Susan Keller for the reduction of a side setback from 8' feet to 2.7 feet (for a 5.3 foot encroachment) at a distance of 22 ft. of length to the existing southwestern portion of the structure for a total area of approximately 116 sq. ft. After conducting a Quasi-Judicial hearing the Board of Adjustment unanimously (5-0) approved the variance as requested.

who shared their comments, & opinions on how the waterfront including the town docks and boardwalk should look as well as supporting features.

At 6:30 p.m. a virtual session began with over 100 participants. The consultants are gathering the comments for a draft on public comment and completion of the plan for review and adoption by the Board of Commissioners in the spring of 22. For those who would like to review the presentation and take a survey on the Harbor & Waterway master Plan may do so by visiting the website at: www.planBeaufortNCwaterfront.com

Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Update

On Tuesday, November 16, 2021, a public engagement session was held by the Harbor Committee and the Town's consultant Moffatt & Nichol to gain insight on the desires of the community for the waterfront and surrounding waterways. A live in-person session started at 4 p.m. with Chair Doug Townsend, sharing the goals of the committee and the plan in an effort to share the progress that had been made so far with the community. Consultants Scott Lagueux and Mark Pirrello spoke to approximately 40 citizens,

December Meetings

All Town meetings will continue to be held on Zoom. Please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for meeting links.

6 p.m. Dec. 7—Historic Preservation Commission

6 p.m. Dec. 2—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6 p.m. Dec. 6—Organizational Meeting (In-person at the Fire Department)

9 a.m. Dec. 9—Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Committee

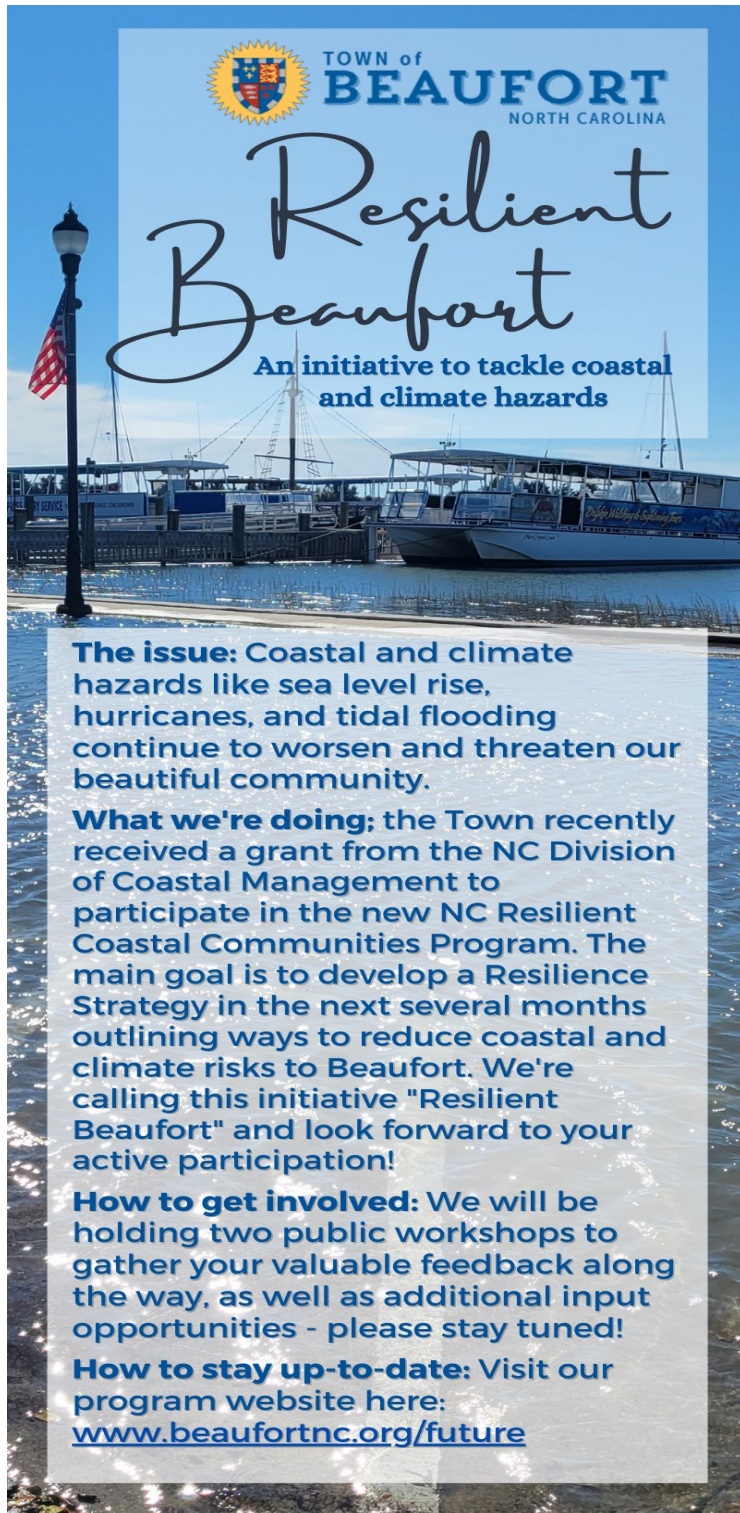
6 p.m. Dec. 13—Board of Commissioners

Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Board Community Input Session

6 p.m. Dec. 20—Planning Board

4 p.m. Dec. 20—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. Dec. 29—Board of Adjustment



TOWN of BEAUFORT
NORTH CAROLINA

Resilient Beaufort

An initiative to tackle coastal and climate hazards

The issue: Coastal and climate hazards like sea level rise, hurricanes, and tidal flooding continue to worsen and threaten our beautiful community.

What we're doing: the Town recently received a grant from the NC Division of Coastal Management to participate in the new NC Resilient Coastal Communities Program. The main goal is to develop a Resilience Strategy in the next several months outlining ways to reduce coastal and climate risks to Beaufort. We're calling this initiative "Resilient Beaufort" and look forward to your active participation!

How to get involved: We will be holding two public workshops to gather your valuable feedback along the way, as well as additional input opportunities - please stay tuned!

How to stay up-to-date: Visit our program website here: www.beaufortnc.org/future

Behind on your Utility Bill? Call Today to Set-up a Plan.

Residents with delinquent utility accounts are urged to call Town Hall to set up a payment arrangement before Jan. 1, 2022. Please contact Shawn Licari or Cherelle Vann at 252-728-2141 ext .228 or 229.

Assistance can be applied for through the Rebuild NC- Hope Program. Check out the website for additional information, <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/hope-program> or call 1-888-927-5467.

The Old Beaufort Post Office Papers Project



When you have had the same Post Office Box for four generations, like the Moore family with Box 274, you get to know the postal workers just like they get to

know their patrons.

As a young girl, growing up on Pollock Street, Virginia Moore Burrows would be given the family's post office box key for mail retrieval especially when her parents decided it was time for her to spend some time out of the house. The key was attached to a broken off piece of a ruler-smoothed down to avoid splinters and large enough for a child to grab without losing it. Here is her account:

"At first, I was too short to see into the mailbox even standing on tip toes. I didn't realize it until much later (when I was taller) that the postal workers would recognize me

when I came in the door and push the mail forward in the box so I could reach it. When I got older, I could see inside the box but couldn't always reach everything. Sometimes I would accidentally knock the mail on to the floor behind the mailbox. I would have to go to the service window, apologize (Mom always taught me to be polite) and ask a postal clerk to retrieve that mail for me. Beaufort had grown by then and the workload behind the counter had increased but retrieving the mail was always done with a smile. The postmen always made everyone feel welcome.

I miss sitting on our porch on Pollock Street, watching the mail trucks go by, wondering where all the mail was going and whether I would ever get to travel like all those pieces of mail."

Looking forward to sharing more of the "Old Beaufort Post Office Papers" in the next TOB Newsletter. Thank you for continuing to submit your postal memories to Ranger Kathleen O'Grady at kathleen_o'grady@nps.gov.

2021 Winter Wonderland Drive Thru Biscuits with Santa



On Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 the Beaufort Firemen's Association will be hosting their second annual Biscuits with Santa. It will be a drive Thru event at the fire station, 506 Live Oak Street. Tickets will be available on EventBright stating Nov. 1. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189280241297>
\$3 Ham or sausage biscuits, \$2 orange or apple juice

Reminder: Leash Law in Beaufort

Just a friendly reminder that the Town of Beaufort has a leash law as does Carteret County.

Remember when visiting public spaces with your four legged friends to adhere to the laws in place to protect not only yourself and your companion but your neighbors, the wildlife and our environment.

For more information on the leash law in Beaufort visit Chapter 94 of the Town of Beaufort Code of Ordinances found online at www.beaufortnc.org.

For more information call Carteret County Animal Control at (252) 728-8585.

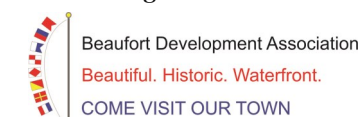
Beaufort Development Association News

Reminder! Illuminate Beaufort the first 3 Fridays and Saturdays in December to light up your house outside. Time to take a holiday stroll, bike or ride and share the Christmas spirit with friends and neighbors. The light up coordinators: Pat Orange at orange1534@aol.com & Pat Wesson at pfwesson@yahoo.com. Contact them also if you want to purchase lit balls, a fundraiser for Equality & Equity.

Steve Duncan is our Santa again

this year because he did a fabulous job last year and please note we have added Sunday Santa to our schedule 1-3. Also...Pets and owners love to visit Santa too! Bring your buddies for pictures with Santa. Wishing everyone a very joyous and Merry Christmas, and much health and happiness for the New Year.

Got News? wendyda-vidson98@gmail.com



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.

Celebrate the Holidays in Beaufort

Calendar compiled by the Beaufort Development Association (BDA)

December 2021

Illuminate Beaufort Light Fest—All month long people are encouraged to enjoy the lights and stroll the streets of town.

Fri. Dec. 3 4:30-6 Mattie King Davis Holiday Art Show

Fri. Dec. 3 6 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting & Sing Along

Fri. Dec. 3 Window Decorating contest

Fri. Dec. 3 4 p.m. Wreath decorating contest

Fri. Dec. 3-Sun. Dec. 5 Core Sound Waterfowl Weekend

Sat. Dec. 4 8 a.m. Biscuits with Santa—Beaufort Fire Department

Sat. Dec. 4 1 p.m. Christmas Parade

Sat. Dec. 4 Santa in his workshop 11-1 & 2-3 waterfront-Newton Park

Sat. Dec. 4 6 p.m. Christmas boat Flotilla

Sun. Dec. 5 Santa in his workshop 1-3

Fri. Dec. 10 5-8 NC Coastal Federation Oyster Roast

Fri. Dec. 10 & Sat. Dec. 11 1:30 both days English Double Decker Bus Tour with Peachtree Bluff author Kristy Harvey

Sat. Dec. 11 Santa in his workshop 11-3

Sat. Dec. 11 Claus Crawl 2-6

Sat. Dec. 11 Beaufort Holiday Art Walk 1-5

Sat. Dec. 11 Candlelight Tour

Sun. Dec. 12 Santa in his workshop 1-3

John Costlow Train Show new location NC Maritime Museum

Fri. Dec. 17 4-8pm Sat. Dec. 18 10am-8pm Sun. Dec. 19 11am-5pm

Sat. Dec. 18 Santa in his workshop 11-3

Sat. Dec. 18 4-8 p.m. Olde Fashioned Holiday Market

Sun. Dec. 19 Santa in his workshop 1-3

New Years Eve

Dec. 31 5-7 p.m. Buccaneer's New Years Eve John Newton Park
7 p.m. Capt. Shack Pirate Drop

For more information on these events, contact the BDA or visit www.beaufortnc.com.



Come enjoy a spirited evening of holiday shopping and revelry; make your plans now to for our 7th annual Olde-Fashioned Holiday Market!

This outdoor, open air event is one you don't want to miss! About 80 friendly, local vendors will gather on the courthouse square in tents decorated with twinkling lights and holiday trimmings to offer the best in locally grown farm products, foods, and artisan wares!

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BEAUFORT *Historical Association*

Mattie King Davis Art Show
with Lisa Tuckek, Mandy Johnson, and Jimmy Craig Womble
December 3 @ 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Literary Luncheon: Christmas in Peachtree Bluff w/Kristy Woodson Harvey
December 8 @ 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm - \$45
Christmas in Peachtree Bluff Double-Decker Bus Tours

Down East Center for Women's Ministries

Start the new year off right with the Down East Center for Women's Ministries. Come join us in a study, on a journey of healing or volunteer or train to help others heal by becoming a trained peer counselor. Join us for: Making Peace With your Past -Mondays at 11 am beginning Jan 10 and "Take Courage," a 7-week study by Jennifer Rothschild, Thursdays at 11 am beginning Jan 20. Please call

Pet Photos with Santa

Beaufort Lions Club will be sponsoring Pet Photos with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 11 at Beaufort Pet Provision's new location on Live Oak Street. Time: 10- 12:30 and 1:30-4:00
Please call Beaufort Pet Provisions for an appointment: 252-838-9286.
Price is \$15 for one pet and \$20 for two pets. All proceeds support Leader Dog for the Blind.

December 10 & 11 @ 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - \$15

Christmas Candlelight Tour
December 11 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - \$20

For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.beauforthistoriciste.org, call 252-728-5225, or stop in at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center, 130 Turner St. All Beaufort Historic Site events are subject to change. Please bring a mask.

828-768-2691 or email us at downeastbeaufortcwm@outlook.com with any questions or to reserve your spot! We also offer free peer counseling for women by appointment. We are temporarily located at Bridge-way Church at 100 Lockhart Drive in Beaufort. We've been where you are and would love to walk beside you-you are not alone! Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy new year!

Plastic Free By the Sea

Be generous this holiday season - to yourself and to your family and friends, by giving to the earth. The holidays bring a whirl of joy and a surfeit of presents, but also oodles of trash and environmental damage. Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday period than any other time of year. The



extra waste amounts to 25 million tons of garbage, or about 1 million extra tons per week!

Incorporate these easy tweaks to your normal holiday planning to reduce plastic, and waste in general. Both the earth and your wallet will benefit from extra green! Bestow experiences rather than physical gifts. Purchase a museum membership, lessons or a fun class, a restaurant certificate, or tickets to a sporting event or concert. Double the fun by joining the recipient in the activity. For physical gifts, spend time researching and shopping to reduce the amount of plastic involved: look for items with less packaging, are made with natural materials (i.e. wooden toys), or made of recycled material. Consider gifts that will reduce single-use plastics such as canvas tote bags, reusable silicone sandwich bags, or a battery charger. Used book stores and consignment shops can yield unique gifts and eliminate the production of yet more goods. Minimize your consumerism by having a Secret Santa gift exchange in lieu of giving to everyone. Wrapping paper is often used once

and thrown away. Instead of purchasing more, use newspaper or paper bags (kids love to decorate). Reusable alternatives are tins, baskets, boxes, reusable bags, or pillowcases tied with a ribbon. Use cloth ribbons instead of plastic bows. When opening wrapped gifts, unwrap them carefully and reuse the wrappings next year. Instead of paper cards, consider sending e-cards or telephoning friends and family. Each year, approximately 1.6 billion holiday cards are sold in the U.S. If sending traditional cards, seek those made of recycled paper. Avoid those with shiny or gold foil coatings, as they can't be recycled. You're likely receiving many unwanted mail-order catalogs. Call the company's 800 number and request you be removed from their mailing list. Shopping local reduces the greenhouse gases emitted through transportation and fuels the local economy. When shopping for gifts, food, and decorations, use reusable shopping bags. Place them on the seat next to you so you don't forget to bring them into stores. While sharing your holiday meal, use a cloth tablecloth rather than a plastic one for a homier ambience. Pitchers of water eliminate the need for bottled water. Leftovers can be stored in glassware or reusable plastic containers you already own, rather than in plastic zip bags. Guests can bring their own containers if the surplus will be shared. Along with trimming the tree, trim down on holiday waste! All it takes is being a conscious consumer.



Holland Shepard Group



Date: Saturday, December 11th
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Front Street, Beaufort
West Side of the Dock House

There is nothing more wonderful than the sparkle in a child's eye and cries of delight on Christmas morning. You can make Christmas dreams come true by donating a bike to Toys for Tots. Every year Holland Shepard Group hosts the Race to the North Pole to encourage bicycle donations to Toys for Tots. They have invited some of Carteret County's community and business leaders to participate in a tricycle race. Participants will ride in a series of small races on kid-sized tricycles. A winner will be crowned at the end of the last heat. Holland Shepard Group is challenging the community, all participants and spectators to donate at least one new bicycle. Bicycles will be collected by the Marines the day of the event.

**For more information, please call
252-504-2400**

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