

TOWN of BEAUFORT NORTH CAROLINA

Town of Beaufort Newsletter

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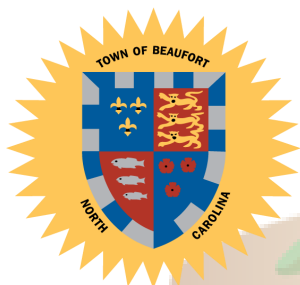
December 2022

Town Hall

701 Front Street
P.O. Box 390
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Office Hours

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday-Friday
Town Hall will be
closed Dec. 23, 26,
27 & Jan. 2



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Newsletter

Submissions:
Due 5 p.m. Dec. 15, 2022
Send to
Rachel Johnson, PIO at
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Holiday Events

Santa's Workshop: Santa will be in his Santa House in John Newton Park Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 18. Saturday hours are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday hours are 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by the Beaufort Business Association.

3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 Art in the Park at Randolph Johnson Park. Free crafts and children's activities. Sponsored by the Town of Beaufort, the National Park Service and the Maritime Museum Beaufort.

10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 Race to the North Pole in the Front Street parking lot next to the Dock House. Sponsored by the Holland Shepard Group.

1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 Holiday Art Walk Sponsored by the Beaufort Historic Site www.beauforthistoricsite.org

5-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 Christmas Candlelight Tour Sponsored by the Beaufort Historic Site www.beauforthistoricsite.org

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 16-18 John Costlow Train Show at the NC Maritime Museum Beaufort. 4-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 & 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18

2-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 Claus Crawl Sponsored by the Carteret County Chamber of Commerce. www.crystalcoastnc.org

4-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 Olde Fashioned Holiday Market on the grounds of the Carteret County Courthouse. Sponsored by the Olde Beaufort Farmers Market. www.oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org/

5-7 p.m. Dec. 31 Buccaneer's New Year's Eve and Captain Shack Pirate Drop at John Newton Park. Sponsored by the Beaufort Business Association

Illuminate Beaufort is a program sponsored by the Beaufort Business Association that encourages homeowners all over town to light up Beaufort in their own artistic styles for everyone to enjoy the lights of the season.

December Town Meetings/Events

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. Dec. 6—Historic Preservation Commission
6:30 p.m. Dec. 1—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
3 p.m. Dec. 8 -Art in the Park at Randolph Johnson Park
8:30 a.m. Dec. 9—Coffee with a Cop
6 p.m. Dec. 12—Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
6 p.m. Dec. 19—Planning Board
4 p.m. Dec. 19—Board of Commissioners Work Session

Sunshine List: Sign up for meeting notifications by emailing Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

Want to know more about what is going on around Town?

Visit www.beaufortnc.org for Project Updates and the Town Manager's Work Program. Both may be found inside the "Mayor's Corner."



Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners met on Oct. 24 and Nov. 14 for regularly scheduled meetings. They took the following actions and heard the following presentations:

- Adopted a resolution instructing the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of 5 petitions for annexation received from Blue Treasure, LLC.
- Approved several BBA Events.
- Motion for Town staff to submit a request to NCDOT that would extend the 25 mph zone on Front Street.
- Approved minutes from Oct. 10 & 24, 2022.
- Approved a Sewer Allocation

Planning Board

The Beaufort Planning Board met Oct. 17, 2022 and discussed the following items: **Case # 22-18:** Rezoning 243 Leonda Dr. from R-20 to RS-5- Request to rezone a 9,713 sq. ft. lot from Residential-20 (R-

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission met Nov. 1 and discussed the following items: **Case #22-28:** 214 Broad St.- Request to increase the size of an approved shed to a workshop/garage totaling 390 sq. ft. (13' X 30"). Approved. **Case # 22-29** 214 Orange St.- Request to replace wood siding with fiber cement siding on the sides of a Historic Plaque home. Denied, and the applicant was informed to replace the wood siding with new wood siding as either pine or cedar siding. Staff is in discussion with the State Historic preservation Office on hosting a Historic Cemetery Stonework workshop in the

Fats, Oils & Greases

Many overflows, or SSO's, are caused by the accumulations of fats, oils, and greases (FOG) in the wastewater collection system. While the collection system is designed to handle and safely transport sanitary waste to the wastewater treatment plant, too much FOG placed into the system can cause clogs and result in an

tion Request for Salt Wynd Preserve Subdivision, Phase 2

- Approved the 2023 Triathlon, with conditions.
- Approved multiple maintenance items to be performed at Oceanview Cemetery.
- Set a Public Hearing date for the annexation of the following (5) parcels: 185 Freedom Park Rd; 187 Freedom Park Rd; 189 Freedom Park Rd; 243 Leonda Dr; and 249 Leonda Dr.
- Approved a rezoning at 243 Leonda Drive from R-20 to RS-5.

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

20) to Residential Single-Family 5 (RS-5). Recommended approval. If you have any questions please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

Old Burying Ground to take place in early spring 2023. If you are interested in attending, please let staff know so we can share with the State that there is local interest. Staff is also working with the State Historic Preservation Office on conducting a Historic Window repair workshop in the spring of 2023. Property owners and businesses in the historic district should contact the planning office prior to starting work on the outside of your structure. It may require a minor works or full certificate of appropriateness. Lately, many projects were begun without either. Be aware that future violations will have financial penalties.

overflow, especially after high flow events such as heavy rains. Dumping fats and oils derived from animal and vegetable sources, including meats, nuts, cereals, and beans, down any drain, in either a home or business, can cause a stoppage that forces raw, untreated waste to spill into our yards, streets, and streams. The Town has adopted a sanitary sewer ordinance in an attempt to reduce the frequency of grease-related overflows.

VOLUNTEER BOARD VACANCIES

The Town is now accepting applications for the following Volunteer Boards and Commissions:
►Board of Adjustment- (2) ETJ Members
►Historic Preservation Commission- (2) In-Town Members
►Planning Board- (3) In-Town Members; (1) ETJ Member
This information can be found at: <https://www.beaufortnc.org/bc>. The deadline to submit an application is Jan. 10, 2023.

Planning & Inspections

Notice to all citizens and contractors: beginning in early 2023 inspections will be transitioning to a new building permitting software package that

2023 Golf Cart Registration Decals Available Dec. 1

Per the Town of Beaufort's golf cart ordinance, safety inspections and registration are required annually and are valid per the calendar year in which they are registered (Jan. 1st-Dec. 31st). There is a \$75 registration fee at time of registration or renewal. All golf carts

Town Awarded Grant: Cedar Street Project Set for Spring 2023

The Town of Beaufort is proud to announce the State of North Carolina and the Division of Water Resources (DWR) has selected the Town to be the recipient of \$195,500 grant. The grant funding is for financial assistance with the Cedar Street Pervious Parking Project. This project involves the construction of 16,600 square feet of pervious pavement in the parking lanes of Cedar Street between Orange and Marsh Streets. The pavement will capture approximately 6.4 acres of adjacent properties and streets stormwater runoff reducing the runoff reaching the impaired Town Creek watershed. "Your ongoing efforts to improve the condition of water resources in your jurisdiction are to be commended," said Richard Rogers, Jr., Director, Division of Water Resources in a letter to the Town. The North Carolina Coastal Federation has also pledged \$75,000 towards the estimated \$391,000 cost of the project. The Town's expected share is \$120,500. The planned Cedar Street Pervious

will allow permits to be submitted online, online scheduling and online inspection results. We believe that this will be a great service and will make the permitting process more efficient and easier.

must pass a safety inspection and be registered with the Town of Beaufort to be lawfully operated within the city limits. Golf cart safety inspections and registration are to be completed at the Beaufort Town Hall located at 701 Front Street. For more information, please call the Town of Beaufort Town Hall at (252) 728-2141 ext. 229.

Parking Project will complement another project to be constructed along Cedar Street by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). The NCDOT project will create 14 bioswales at the corners of four street intersections with the underdrains of these features connected to the recently replaced stormwater main along Cedar Street.

The pervious pavement will be constructed along the parking lanes of the street between the bioswales. "This positioning of the pavement should reduce the runoff directed to the bioswales, helping them to be more efficient at filtering pollutants particularly during smaller storm events," said Town Engineer Greg Meshaw. "The two projects are viewed as a step towards the Town's goal of watershed restoration."

In the Town's Watershed Restoration Plan, approved by the State in 2017, stormwater runoff is described as the primary pollutant source for Town Creek.

"Reducing stormwater runoff to Town Creek will be an important step in restoring water quality," Meshaw said.

Beaufort Receives Accolades

Named to Travel & Leisure's
25 Best Christmas Towns in the USA
Beaufort ranked #8 behind cities like Aspen & Vail.



9th Annual RACE TO THE NORTH POLE

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

Benefiting: **252-504-2400**



RAFFLE

One Last Spin

Win this original painting by local artist
Kyle Dixon

Drawing to be held after the Race to the
North Pole

Saturday, December 10th

1 Ticket \$5

5 Tickets \$20

See a Holland Shepard Group team member or give
us a call for more details or to purchase tickets.
252-504-2400

All profits to benefit



Each office independently owned and operated.

HISTORIC BEAUFORT'S CHRISTMAS Candlelight TOUR

The Beaufort Historical Association's annual Christmas Candlelight Tour will be 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. The tour showcases Beaufort's southern hospitality and provides a rare glimpse into several private historic homes, inns, bed & breakfasts, and churches that are decorated for the holiday season. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children ages 6-12. Tickets can be purchased by calling 252-728-5225 or by visiting the Old Beaufort Shop 130 Turner Street. Tickets (while supplies last), tour maps, and information on the homes will also be available the day of in the shop.

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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 American Flag can hang on either side of the porch unless there is a second flag (or multiple flags). If there are two or more flags hanging on the porch, the American flag should hang on the left side of the porch when viewed from the street. If the American flag shares a flagpole with another flag, the Star-Spangled Banner should always be on top.

**Friday,
Dec. 9, 2022
8:30 a.m.**

Dunkin' Donuts
1748 Live Oak Street
Beaufort, NC

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND 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!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Sgt. David Halsey at 252-728-4561

Beaufort Police Department

3-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022

Randolph Johnson Park
(1017 Pine Street, Beaufort)

Art in the Park



There will be Christmas themed crafts and activities.
Make a craft to take home all while having a snack under the gazebo.

More information at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org.

OLDE BEAUFORT FARMER'S MARKET

OLDE - FASHIONED

HOLIDAY MARKET

Season's
Greetings

2022

SATURDAY, DEC. 17
4 - 8 PM

on the courthouse square in Beaufort

Browse through our safe, festively decorated, open-air market to shop for special gifts, to load your bags with delicious food, and to be filled with the joy and magic of the holiday season!

BEAUFORT

Picture Show

Saturday, December 10,
2022; 3 pm
"ELVIS"

Celebrate our season finale with the Board of the Beaufort Picture Show. Costumes optional, but expect raffles and surprises and maybe some egg nog! The life of American music icon Elvis Presley, from his childhood to becoming a rock and movie star in the 1950s

while maintaining a complex relationship with his manager, Colonel Tom Parker. Director: Baz Luhrmann Starring: Tom Hanks, Austin Butler PG-13 | 2hr, 39min | Drama | 2022
Admission: \$10 (Donations Accepted!)
Purchase tickets and reserve your spot at beaufortpicture-show.org.

Library Hosts Annual Bag Sale

Friends of the Library present the annual "Bag Sale" 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dec. 9-10 in the Beaufort Branch of the Carteret County Library, 1702 Live Oak Street. Fill a bag for \$5 from a

huge selection of fiction and nonfiction books. A preview will be Thursday Dec. 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m. for Friends only, with memberships available for purchase at the door for \$10. Bags will be provided or bring your own.

Dec. 9 - 10

BOOK
SALE

\$5.00
a bag

CARTERET COUNTY LIBRARY BEAUFORT

Plastic Free By the Sea Eco-Friendly Gift Giving

The holiday season has been a time of generosity and abundance, but it's also often wasteful and environmentally unfriendly. It needn't be! Check out these ideas for greener gifting this holiday season.

- Give gifts of experiences or your time in lieu of physical gifts. Tickets to a movie, concert, or hockey game, a dining or massage certificate, or a packet of car washes are possibilities. Gifts of your time may include teaching someone carpentry or guitar, giving cooking lessons, building a piece of furniture, planting a garden, or showing someone how to use technology. Gift what you're good at.
- It's time to look at secondhand gifts in a new light. Through our insatiable shopping habits, we are eating up the earth's resources 1.7 times faster than it can regenerate, while also causing pollution and global warming. By thoughtfully choosing used gifts, whether from an online vintage store, a consignment or thrift store, or even our own homes, we preserve natural resources and keep unwanted items out of landfills. Let's push back at the corporate marketing pressure to buy new products every holiday season. Rather than being taboo, it is commendable to gift something used. Still feeling uneasy about it? Include a note with the gift explaining it was chosen with care and being given at no cost to the environment.

- Give gifts that help others in reducing their single-use plastics, such as a reusable to-go cutlery set, cotton produce bags, Swedish dish cloths, or a metal beverage cup.
- Make your gifts. Build a birdhouse, a windchime, or a planter. Make candles, plant markers, or body scrub. Sew reusable bags, knit mittens, or create a photo collage. For those who cook, preserved jams, pickled cucumbers, flavored salt, and homemade breads will be appreciated.
- When purchasing physical gifts, look for items that are made with natural materials (i.e., wool or cotton clothing), or of recycled material.
- Purchase from businesses with sustainable business practices and opt for less packaging.
- Shop local and bring your reusable bags to every store.
- Minimize your consumerism by having a Secret Santa gift exchange in lieu of giving to everyone.
- Be creative when 'wrapping' gifts. Use newspaper or decorated paper bags. Tins, baskets, boxes, and reusable bags are reusable alternatives. Use cloth ribbons instead of plastic bows. When opening wrapped gifts, unwrap carefully and reuse the wrappings next year.

