



TOWN of
BEAUFORT
NORTH CAROLINA



Merry Christmas

Town of Beaufort Newsletter

www.beaufortnc.org

December 2023

Town Hall

701 Front Street
P.O. Box 390
Beaufort, NC 28516
(252) 728-2141

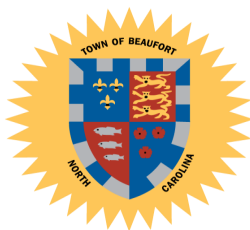
Office Hours

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

Town Hall closed:

Dec. 25, 26 & 27
Jan. 1, 2024

Town Hall is accessed via
Pollock Street.



Mayor

Sharon Harker

s.harker@beaufortnc.org

Commissioners

John Hagle

j.hagle@beaufortnc.org

Marianna Hollinshed

m.hollinshed@beaufortnc.org

Bob Terwilliger

b.terwilliger@beaufortnc.org

Melvin Cooper

m.cooper@beaufortnc.org

Bucky Oliver

b.oliver@beaufortnc.org

Town Manager

Todd Clark

t.clark@beaufortnc.org

Newsletter Submissions:

Due 5 p.m. Dec. 15, 2023

Send to

Rachel Johnson, PIO at
r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

*The Town reserves the right to
edit all submissions.*

Dear Beaufort Residents,

As we approach the end of the year, I find great pleasure in reflecting on the milestones and progress our beautiful town has achieved. December brings with it a sense of community and togetherness.

Throughout the year, our community has demonstrated resilience in the face of challenges. From navigating the ongoing global situation to fostering local initiatives, Beaufort has stood strong.

Our local businesses have shown incredible adaptability, and I encourage everyone to continue supporting them during this festive season.

Looking ahead, our town has exciting projects in the pipeline. We are committed to enhancing infrastructure ensuring that Beaufort remains a safe, welcoming, and vibrant place for all. Your input and engagement have been invaluable, and I encourage you to participate in community meetings to shape the future of our town.

This holiday season, let us come together to

celebrate the spirit of giving and kindness. Consider participating in local events, supporting charities, and checking in on neighbors. Small acts of compassion can make a significant difference in someone's life.

I want to express my gratitude to the dedicated individuals who contribute to Beaufort's success - from our town officials and staff to the volunteers who work tirelessly for the benefit of all. Your commitment is the driving force behind our achievements.

As we bid farewell to 2023, let us embrace the promise of a new year filled with hope, growth, and prosperity for Beaufort. May this festive season bring joy to your homes, and may the coming year be one of continued unity and progress for our remarkable community.

I wish you all a joyful holiday season and a

Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

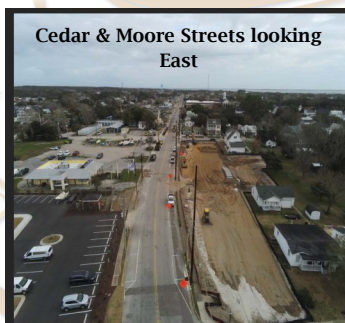
Sharon E. Harker

Mayor, Town of Beaufort, NC



The Cedar Street paving project is complete.

Before and After photos below



December Town Meetings & Events

Meetings are conducted at the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, unless otherwise noted. Please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for meeting agendas. Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are livestreamed on the Town's Facebook page.

6 p.m. Dec. 5—Historic Preservation Commission

3 p.m. Dec. 6—Art in the Park (1017 Pine Street)

6:30 p.m. Dec. 7—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

8:30 a.m. Dec. 7—Coffee with a Cop

6 p.m. Dec. 11—Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting/Organizational Meeting

6 p.m. Dec. 18—Planning Board

4 p.m. Dec. 18—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. Dec. 28—Board of Adjustment

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

Mayor's Corner

Visit the Mayor's Corner on the Town website for updates on Town projects, information on the Mayor's Conservation Program, monthly Manager's Reports, Project Updates and more. www.beaufortnc.org

Welcome Commissioners-Elect

Newly elected Commissioners Paula Gillikin, John LoPiccolo and Sarah Spiegler will be sworn in during the Board of Commissioners Dec. 11 Organizational meeting. This meeting will directly follow the BOC's regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. Both meetings will be conducted at the Beaufort Fire Station #1 at 506 Live Oak Street. For more information email e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners met Oct. 23 and Nov. 13 for their regularly scheduled monthly meetings. They took the following actions and heard the following presentations:

- No action was taken by the BOC during the October work session. The following items were discussed: Mayor's Conservation Program, a Town Facilities Naming Policy, September financial notes, and the Town Manager's Report. A presentation was made on local dredging efforts and future financial planning through the Town's Financial Advisors (First Tryon).
- Martin & Starnes presented the FY 2023 Audit.
- Approved the meeting minutes of Oct. 9, 2023 and Oct. 23, 2023 were approved, as well as a Capital Project Budget Ordinance for the Professional Park Drive Area Stormwater Project.
- Authorized an offer to purchase submitted by the owners of the Inlet Inn (601 Front Street). The agreement noted an offer to purchase the property from the Town for the sum of

Chat with the Chief

Police Chief Paul Burdette's quarterly Chat with the Chief will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan.

Historic Preservation Commission

Members of the Commission will participate in a Certified Local Government and School of Government training session on Dec. 7 in New Bern. During the Jan. 2, 2024 regular HPC meeting, staff of the State Historic preservation Office will

Community Rating System (FEMA Flood Update)

Recently the Planning and Inspections Staff submitted building and public outreach information to FEMA and was re-certified. This re-certification provides a 15% discount on all flood policies for primary residences in Special Flood Hazard areas and a

\$1,520,000. The offer also included an adjoining strip of land that runs parallel to Queen Street and is between the Town sidewalk and the western boundary of the property.

- Arey Grady, Town Attorney, provided an overview of the Town's 160-D Ordinance updates, as required by the North Carolina General Assembly.
- Conducted a public hearing on the proposed 160-D revisions and approved as presented.
- The Town Manager provided a monthly report which can be found at: <https://www.beaufortnc.org/boardofcommissioners/page/managers-report>.

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

Mark your calendars for the Dec. 11, 2023, Regular/Organizational Meeting, which will be at the Beaufort Fire Department (506 Live Oak Street) at 6 p.m. The current Board will open the meeting and take care of any old business, and the newly elected members will take their oath of office to follow. There will also be a selection of a new Mayor Pro Tempore.

24, 2024 at the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street and live streamed on the Town's Facebook page.

be in attendance to review the proposed Historic Standard changes and provide guidance moving forward towards adoption.

If you have any questions about Beaufort's Historic District, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at (252) 728-2141 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

5% discount for secondary residences.

A congratulations to Jeremy Ganey the Towns Floodplain Manager for this accomplishment.

If you need any further information or have any questions pertaining to Planning Items, please contact Kyle Garner at (252) 728-2142 or send him an email at kgarner@beaufortnc.org.

VOLUNTEER BOARD VACANCIES

The Town is currently accepting volunteer board applications. Online applications are at www.beaufortnc.org/bc.

Applicants are required to live within the corporate limits of the Town of Beaufort. Members who are currently serving and would like to be reappointed must complete a new application. Application deadline is January 15, 2024.


- ♦ Board of Adjustment: (1) Member & (1) Alternate Member, 3-year terms ending 2027
- ♦ Historic Preservation Commission: (2) Members, 3-year terms ending 2027
- ♦ Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: (1) Member; Term Ends Sept. 30, 2026
- ♦ Planning Board: (1) Member, 3-year term; (1) Member, Term Ends Feb. 13, 2026

If you would like to learn more about these volunteer boards and commissions, please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/bc. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

2024 Golf Cart Registration Decals Available

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

golf carts 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.



**Monday, Dec. 11
8:30 a.m.**

**Historic
Grounds Coffee
Shop**

806 Cedar St.

**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!**

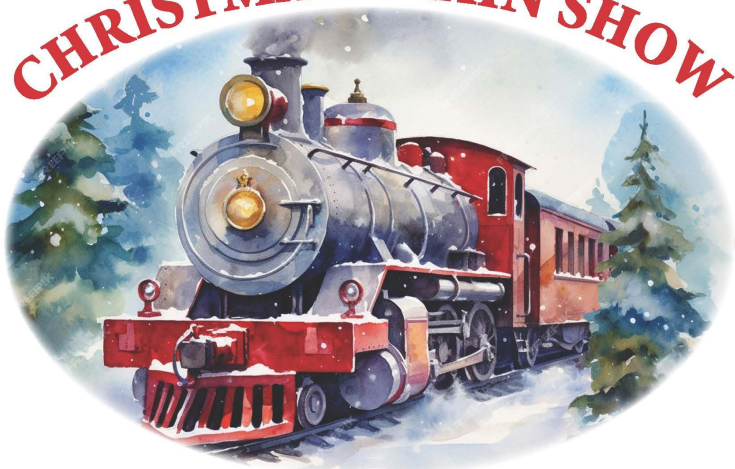
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Lt. David Halsey at 252-728-4561

Beaufort Police Department



29th ANNUAL JOHN COSTLOW

CHRISTMAS TRAIN SHOW



Friday December 15 - 4-7pm
Saturday December 16 - 10am-5pm
Sunday December 17 - 11am-4pm

Admission is free. Donations will be given to the Beaufort Lions Club.



315 Front Street, Beaufort, NC

315 Front Street, Beaufort, NC

In Memory of Doug Doubleday

Holidays Food Drive

Look for this flyer in various Carteret businesses- Piggly Wiggly, Coastal Community Market, Dollar Generals and more- and drop off a can/package of food for our food pantries to help them meet holiday demands.



Holidays Food Drive

Join us helping community in need!

Nov. 13-Dec. 20

Items needed:

Stuffing Mix, Canned Vegetables, Instant Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Turkey, Apple Pie

BEAUFORT for the HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER

FRI | DEC 1

6 pm

Sing Along at the Christmas Tree
Beaufort Waterfront

FRI | DEC 1

thru **SUN | DEC 3**

Core Sound Waterfowl Weekend
Fri 6-10 (ticket event), Sat 9-6, Sun 9-4
Harkers Island

SAT | DEC 2

8 - 10 am
11 am

Pancakes with Santa
Fire Station, Live Oak Street
Beaufort Christmas Parade

Beaufort Waterfront
Susan Sanders, 241-4485

11 am - 3 pm

Santa in his Workshop
Downtown Beaufort, John Newton Park

6:15 pm

Christmas Boat Flotilla

Beaufort Waterfront

SUN | DEC 3

1 - 3 pm

Santa in his Workshop

Downtown Beaufort, John Newton Park

FRI | DEC 8

5 - 8 pm

NC Coastal Federation Oyster Roast

Backstreet Pub, 728-7108

Oysters, Live Music, & Libations

SAT | DEC 9

11 am - 3 pm

1 - 4 pm

1 - 4 pm

Santa in his Workshop

Downtown Beaufort, John Newton Park

Mattie King Davis Holiday

Art Show & Sale

Beaufort Historical Site, Jimmy Craig

Womble, Lisa Tuckek, Mandy Johnson

Beaufort Holiday Art Walk

beauforthistoricsite.org

5 - 8 pm

Candlelight Tour B&B's Homes & Inns

Tickets \$25. beauforthistoricsite.org

728-5225



Visit Santa

at John Newton Park
BEAUFORT WATERFRONT

SATURDAYS 11-3

SUNDAYS 1-3

Annual John Costlow Train Show

In memory of Doug Doubleday

3 Days, FREE



FRI | DEC 15 4 - 7 pm

SAT | DEC 16 10 am - 5 pm

SUN | DEC 17 11 am - 4 pm

NC Maritime Museum

315 Front Street

SUN | DEC 10

1 - 3 pm

Santa in his Workshop

Downtown Beaufort, John Newton Park

SAT | DEC 16

11 am - 3 pm

2 - 5 pm

Santa in his Workshop

Downtown Beaufort, John Newton Park

Claus Crawl

Home Base Backstreet Pub. Tickets \$25.

nccoastchamber.com, 726-6350

Olde Fashioned Holiday Market

County Courthouse, Turner Street

oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org

SUN | DEC 17

1 - 3 pm

Santa in his Workshop

Downtown Beaufort, John Newton Park

FRI | DEC 31

5-7 pm

Buccaneer's New Year's Eve

Beaufort Waterfront, John Newton Park

Free S'mores, hot cocoa, & pirate activities

Capt. Shack Pirate Drop

Beaufort Waterfront, John Newton Park

Beaufort Business Association www.VisitBeaufortNC.com

Mardi Gras

Beaufort's Waterfront Mardi Gras Festival is a three-day celebration with feasts, parades, costumes, masks, and revelry. Highlights will include the Masquerade Ball, Street Carnival and Parade, and the Sinner's Remorse Brunch.

FEBRUARY 9TH

Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball

FEBRUARY 10TH

Street Carnival & Parade

FEBRUARY 11TH

Sinner's Remorse Brunch

VisitBeaufortNC.com



HOSTED BY THE BEAUFORT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

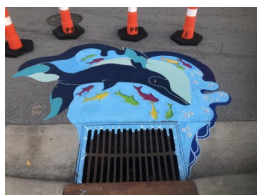
Beaufort Town Flags

Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$70) and 12" x 18" garden flags (\$30) for sale at Ace Hardware, 1511 Live Oak and Cousins Bed & Breakfast, 305 Turner. Also available online at BeaufortWomansClub.org. Proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.



Art in the Park & Storm Drain Art

Duke Marine Lab Community Science Initiative (CSI) was a part of the Town of Beaufort's "Art in the Park" event that happened Nov. 8 at Louis Randolph Johnson Jr. Park. Duke CSI and Dr.



Rachel Noble of UNC Institute of Marine Sciences brought undergraduate students to engage with the public and educate them on our Adopt-a-Drain program. There were also various art activities where kids could do fish prints, color with chalk, or play storm hole (a storm drain themed version of corn hole) all while the East Carteret High School Art Society painted a drain mural to raise awareness on storm drain pollution. There was a great turnout, and it was wonderful to see people of all

ages engaging with art and having fun together. Duke and UNC are excited to participate in more Beaufort events in the future. Mayor Sharon Harker said, when asked about the drain mural, "I absolutely love it, I think it's great when we get our young



ages engaging with art and having fun together. Duke and UNC are excited to participate in more Beaufort events in the future.

Mayor Sharon Harker said, when asked about the drain mural, "I absolutely love it, I think it's great when we get our young

people involved and our community. And doing it through art is a great way to express themselves, so I really appreciate them bringing their talents out here. Adopting a drain is a wonderful program, it really is, and I can't wait to adopt more drains. I just think it's absolutely beautiful and fits in with Beaufort. We're learning a whole lot about



marine debris and the impact it has on our envi-

ronment. We're a coastal town so we have to make sure that we treat our waterways with care."

Art in the Park—3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Louis Randolph Johnson Jr. Park, 1017 Pine Street

Art in the Park will return on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. December's Art in the Park is sponsored by The Periwinkle. Art in the Park will feature activities by the National Park Service, Maritime Museum of Beaufort and the Duke Marine Lab CSI. Artists will create all kinds of holiday themed crafts and have the opportunity to witness the ECHS Art Club and DUML CSI paint another storm drain mural. All ages are welcome. Crafts, games and snacks—Free. More information at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

Carteret County Public Libraries

December at the Library

Ages 5 & Under: Story Time Fridays at 10 am—You'll enjoy songs, stories, laughter, crafts, and you won't want to miss the teddy bear dance!

Ages 4 & Under: Little Explorers on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 11 am.—Little Explorers is a playtime for young children using sensory toys to learn concepts like sharing, making friends and picking up behind ourselves.

Ages 6 - 12: Lego Club, Dec. 7, at 4 pm We provide the building materials and prompts; you bring your imaginations!

Ages 12-18: Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Dec. 11, at 5 pm. If you are interested in role-playing and are an area teen, you are cordially invited to our Teens Dungeons and Dragons

Ages 12 & Up: Yarn Club Wednesdays at 2 pm. We have a meeting of the minds with our local yarn crafter community. All those who wish to share and create are invited. No skill required!

Ages 18 & Up: Mahjong Club Tuesdays at 2:30 pm. Have you ever wanted to learn the Chinese tile game, Mahjong? Now's your chance! Discover what makes this game so addictive! All experience levels are welcome!

All Ages: Movie Day, Dec. 16 at 3 pm. Please call to find out the this month's movie title.

Special Programs:

Ages 18 & Up: Oyster Shell Art Workshop, Dec. 14 at 5 pm Please note: There will be no programs Dec. 18 - 30.

Carteret County Public Library System Beaufort Branch
1702 Live Oak St. Suite 100
252-648-7725

BEAUFORT Picture Show

With the 2023 Beaufort Film Festival safely in the books, Beaufort Picture Show (BPS) puts a bow on this year's season with screenings of the critically-acclaimed sleeper "Sound of Metal" and the pink blockbuster "Barbie."

Both screenings will take place at the BPS Mill Space venue (next to Mill Whistle Brewing and Safrin's Building Supply) off Lennoxville Road in midtown Beaufort. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation for each show—but since it's the holidays, please feel free to kick in a little extra, as BPS is a nonprofit organization and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

SOUND OF METAL—3 p.m. Dec. 3 2019 (R) 2 hours—As a punk rock duo, Ruben Stone (Riz Ahmed) and his girlfriend Lulu (Olivia Cooke) are happily touring the country in a vintage Airstream trailer when Ruben, the drummer, receives a staggering diagnosis: he is slowly but inexorably growing deaf. No more "heavy metal thunder" for him and to make matters worse, he is also a recovering drug addict. How Ruben and Lulu cope propels Darius Mardez's 2019 drama, which also focuses on challenges facing the deaf in mainstream society. (Internet Movie Data Base), **BARBIE—3 p.m. Dec. 10—2023** (PG-13) 1 hour, 54 minutes Greta Gerwin's pink "Godzilla" launched in the summer of '23, conquered America and, eventually, the entire planet, earning an estimated 1.442 billion USD to

date.

Like a pumped-up 1980s MTV music video (Go-Gos, anyone?), "Barbie" is a kaleidoscopic roller coaster ride until "things get serious" towards the end and we are left with one undeniable fact: Barbie got parts!

All BPS events are subject to change. Please check online for latest information and tickets by visiting

www.beaufortpictureshow.org
BEAUFORT FILM FESTIVAL AWARD-WINNERS FOR 2023

"Twenty-four films were screened across seven nights, and the new link for 2023's BFF lists the films screened, featuring lots of women, POC-, and NC-produced filmmakers. It was very well received by our 'small but fierce' audiences -- really, where else can you catch such indie/arty documentaries and comedies and dramas and student works? It was a really great mix, carefully curated." — William Kane, Beaufort Picture Show president

2023 BeauShow Cup winners:
THE LINE JUMPER — Would you "jump the line?" Co-directed by Hugh Oyake Murchison and Rob Underhill.

SLOANE: A JAZZ SINGER — Filmed days before her final live recording in New York City, jazz legend Carol Sloane reflects on her stories but largely unknown career involving everyone from Ella Fitzgerald to the Rolling Stones.

BIG LOVE — Poem film produced by Michael Martin, directed by Luke Morgan and Michael Martin; poem by Michael Martin.

MAGIC is in the air at the

OBFM Olde-Fashioned

HOLIDAY MARKET



SATURDAY, DEC. 16

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!