

Incremental Progress in Beaufort

Infrastructure. Work continues across the community to repair our infrastructure and improve safety. We have focused mostly on paving areas that do not need underground work. Some of our current projects and many of our future projects require underground work to fix sewer, water, and storm water systems and this is complex, time-consuming, and expensive...but it must be done. While many are concerned about potholes, I am much more concerned about what's collapsed underneath that is creating those potholes. We are committed to repairing our crumbling infrastructure and it's going to take time.

Randolph Johnson Park. I am thrilled to announce the park is open and it is heartening to see the dozens of children enjoying this great addition to our community. In the midst of the pandemic, we chose a soft opening until it is safe for a much bigger celebration. We will also open the splash pad when weather conditions permit and you may see your 6 foot, six inch tall mayor enjoying this fun (and literally cool) feature. We deeply appreciate the generous benefactor that made this updated park possible.

COVID-19 vaccines. I recently was given a tour of the extraordinary COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Newport Middle School. I was blown away by how efficiently this large-scale vaccination process progressed...there was very little wait time for the over 1,100 Pfizer doses delivered on that day. County leaders, medical professionals, medical students, an army of volunteers, and Newport Police were on-scene and it was an amazing sight. This large team was actively helping those in the 75 and up demographic who had mobility challenges or difficulty with paperwork. The entire effort showed great care for county citizens.

I have all confidence that the rate of production and distribution for the various COVID-19 vaccines will increase rapidly in the coming months. I am equally confident that when the vaccine arrives in Carteret County, it will get to citizens quickly and efficiently. It is my hope we'll be able to get to some sense of normalcy by late summer or fall of this year.

We are experiencing the worst of the pandemic right now, and we must be patient as this process evolves. Those who call or apply online will be given appointments when they are in an eligible group and as shipments of vaccine arrive in the county. The vaccination process will take time and we must continue to social distance, wear a mask, and use hygiene measures as the vaccine deliveries continue. Vaccinations and continuing these COVID-19 measures are keys to successfully getting back to a sense of normalcy.

After a challenging 2020, there is great reason for optimism in 2021.

- Mayor Everett S. (Rett) Newton

The Very Best of Beaufort



Photo credit: Cheryl Burke, Carteret County News-Times

Carteret Community College (CCC) provides college, technical, vocational, and adult education programs to support life-long learning for Carteret County and the surrounding area. CCC programs are also closely aligned with nearby academic and research institutes to include Carteret County Public Schools, Duke, UNC-CH, NCSU, and NOAA (to name only a few). CCC President Dr. Tracy Mancini is a Beaufort resident and she is a great example of the positive effect CCC has on our community. CCC faculty, staff, and students live in, work in and/or frequently visit Beaufort.

They are also selflessly active across the community in civic groups, churches, boards, and as individuals. Most recently, CCC faculty and staff spent their first

MLK Day of Service doing roadside cleanup in Beaufort on I-70 from Town Creek Marina to the turn onto Highway 101. CCC and our town are inextricably linked as a force for good. Dr. Tracy Mancini and CCC clearly represent the very best of Beaufort.

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Monday-Friday

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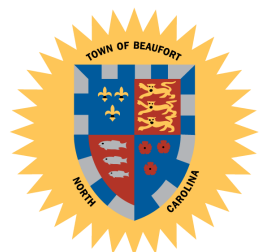
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Newsletter Submissions:

Due Feb. 20, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Send to

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Board of Commissioners

During the Jan. 11, 2021 regular monthly meeting, the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Approved Minutes for the Nov. 23, Dec. 14, 16 and 21, 2020 BOC meetings.
- Approved financing for Public Utilities dump truck.
- Approved a 3 month extension starting Feb. 1, 2021 for Preservation North Carolina to reimburse the Town for asbestos abatement on the structure at 400 Pollock Street.
- Approved a Sewer Allocation Policy.
- Identified top goals to recommend to the NC League of Municipalities for the 2021-2022 Legislative Biennium.

Volunteer Board Opportunities Available

The Town of Beaufort has vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), Board of Adjustment (BOA) and Planning Board: HPC—two positions; BOA—two positions; Planning Board - 1 position. These are three-year terms expiring January 2024. Applications are at www.beaufortnc.org under Town Hall, Volunteer Boards and Commissions, Volunteer Board Application. Applications should be submitted to Town Clerk Allen Coleman at a.coleman@beaufortnc.org by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, 2021. Members who are currently serving and would like to be reappointed must complete a new application. Appointments will be made by the Beaufort Board of Commissioners during their March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission met Jan. 5, 2021 and discussed the following items:

Case # 21-02 117 Orange St - Replacement of Roofing Material - Request to remove Cedar Shake Roof and replace with Conventional Architectural Shingles—Approved.

Case # 21-03 109 Middle Lane - Golf Cart Charging Station - Request to install a power pole at rear of the property for the use of charging golf carts—Approved.

Case # 21-04 400 Front Street - Landscaping, Screening & Attached Sign - Request for an attached sign on the Front Street and wa-

ter side of 400 Front Street totaling 62 square feet (15.5 sq. ft. each sign). A landscaping and screening plan was also submitted—Approved.

Presentation: 100 Block of Turner Street Improvements - Town Engineer, Greg Meshaw, gave a presentation on the pedestrian and infrastructure improvements to take place on the west side on the 100 block of Turner Street. These improvements included a wider walking path with new landscaping and crosswalks. Work is to be completed by April.

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.

Trash/Recycling Service Questions

For information on signing up for service, changing current services and/or billing, please contact Town Hall at (252) 728-2141 ext. 229.

During inclement weather your schedule may be altered. You can track inclement weather alerts online at www.wasteindustries.com/inclementweatheralert.

For more information or to report issues with pickup, please contact GFL at (252) 223-4176.

February Meetings

All meetings will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Please visit the calendar item for the meeting at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for meeting login information. Public Comments: Type "Public Comment" in the Chat section of the Zoom meeting. You will be recognized during the meeting.

6 p.m. Feb. 2—Historic Preservation Commission

6 p.m. Feb. 4—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6 p.m. Feb. 8—Board of Commissioners

Feb. 10—Comprehensive Plan Survey Opens

6 p.m. Feb. 15—Planning Board

4 p.m. Feb. 22—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. Feb. 22—Board of Adjustment

Planning Board

The Planning Board met Jan. 19, 2021 and discussed the following items:

Case # 20-13 - 102 Carteret Ave. Accessory Dwelling - A request for a Special Use Permit for an accessory dwelling unit. After conducting a hearing, the Board recommended the item be approved with a condition that it only be used for family and not as rental property.

Case # 21-01 - 508 & 510 Cedar Street - Rezoning from Transitional to Cedar Street

Mixed Use - A request by Town Staff to rezone two parcels totaling 12,906 sq. ft. along Cedar Street. After conducting a hearing, the Board recommended the item be recommended for approval and submitted to the Board of Commissioners to conduct a public hearing.

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Welcome Allen Coleman

Allen Coleman started employment with the Town on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 as the Town Clerk & Assistant to the Town Manager. Mr. Coleman has eight years of progressively responsible local government



experience. He has served as a Budget and Human Resources Analyst in Orange County and most recently served as Deputy Clerk to the Board of the Orange County Commissioners.

"I am grateful for all the experiences I've been afforded during my professional career that have led to this opportunity with the Town of Beaufort," he said. "I am passionate about working in local government and being a public servant; it will be a great honor to serve the residents of the Town of Beaufort. We have a lot of great work happening in Beaufort and I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

The Town Clerk is a statutorily authorized (N.C. GS 153A) position appointed by the Town/City Manager and/or by the governing board.

"Allen brings a fresh set of eyes, a significant depth of experience, great energy and enthusiasm, and we welcome him to the Administration Team with the Town of Beaufort," said Town Manager John Day.

You may reach Allen Coleman at a.coleman@beaufortnc.org or at (252) 728-2141 ext. 233.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

The Carteret County Health Department is scheduling appointments for residents to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine. Visit <https://www.carteretcountync.gov/vaccine> to fill out an Appointment Request Form. Please be aware they have limited vaccine and are working diligently to get people vaccinated. They ask for your patience. Remember even after you receive the vaccine, you should still follow the 3 W's.

COVID-19 Vaccinations: Those most at risk get it first.



2021 Kayak/Small Vessel Lottery

The Town of Beaufort will have a lottery for small vessel storage permits at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2021. The lottery will be virtual and live streamed on the Town's Facebook page. All applications must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2021 to be entered into the lottery. All applications must be submitted electronically. The application may be found online at <https://www.beaufortnc.org/parks/page/small-vesselkayak-storage> or by selecting the "Residents" Tab, and the "Small Vessel/Kayak Storage" tab from the town's website at www.beaufortnc.org. If you need assistance, please email r.johnson@beaufortnc.org.



Celebrate Beaufort's Black History

Join Commissioner Sharon Harker and the Town of Beaufort weekly during the month of February on the Town's Facebook page as we explore and celebrate local Black History. New videos will be posted each Monday at www.facebook.com/BeaufortTown.



Save Those Shells

Rather than tossing oyster shells in the trash please recycle them instead. 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. The site is located behind the second building right of Hwy 24. After the recycled shells are collected and cured, the 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 <https://www.nccoast.org/project/oyster-shell-recycling-program/>.

The Town Needs Your Input

Help Shape the Future of Beaufort

The Town is seeking input on its CAMA/Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update, a months long program that launched in late 2020 that will shape the next 5, 10, 20 years in Beaufort.

How can you help?

- Take the survey
- Participate in meetings
- Share your vision
- Spread the word

Survey—Feb. 10-March 10, 2021

A survey will be posted at www.beaufortnc.org/future on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 and will be open thru Wednesday, March 10, 2021. The responses to this survey will guide the goals, values, vision and priorities that will be used to develop the Plan. The results will be presented at the next Public Meeting (6 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2021).

Meeting—6 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2021—Zoom

Save the Date!! Representatives from Stewart and the Town of Beaufort will host a second Public Meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2021. The meeting will be on Zoom and live streamed on the Town's Facebook page. The Zoom meeting link will be on the project website, as well as the Town calendar (www.beaufortnc.org). At this meeting, representatives from Stewart will present the information obtained from the public survey, and much more!



Stay in the Know

If you would like to be added to the project update list, please email k.allen@beaufortnc.org. Visit www.beaufortnc.org/future for updates.

The Old Beaufort Post Office Papers Project

Calling all local Beaufort history lovers! Cape Lookout National Seashore is working on a new program for the Beaufort area, and would love to hear your story of time spent in the Old Beaufort Post Office. Whether you were checking your postal box, buying stamps, admiring the New Deal Murals or just catching up on the local news with neighbors, we are hoping you would like to share some of your experiences.

A big part of the mission of the National Park Service is to preserve natural and cultural resources for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration for this and future generations. By sharing your memories

and collaborating with Cape Lookout National Seashore, we can continue to preserve the special and unique history of the Old Beaufort Post Office together.

If you are interested in sharing your experiences that may be used in future Ranger programming at the Beaufort Visitor Information Center, please email your memories to Ranger Kathleen O'Grady at kathleen_o'grady@nps.gov.



BEAUFORT DRIVE-IN

More info and tickets www.beaufortpictureshow.org.

7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021

"Bohemian Rhapsody"

The story of the legendary British rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at 1985's Live Aid.

7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021

"The Kid Who Would Be King"

A band of kids embark on an epic quest to thwart a medieval menace.

Friends of the Carteret County Public Library Book Donation

We are happy to report that before the holiday school break the Friends of the Carteret County Public Library (FOL) donated a book to each child enrolled in the Beaufort schools from kindergarten through third grade. The books were delivered to both Beaufort Elementary School and Tiller School. (Pictured below is FOL board member Kathy Day-Ketel presenting the book at Tiller School.)



The book "Wild About Books" was chosen by two of our board members, Diane Meelheim and Barbara Bryan. It is a story about a librarian that takes a book wagon to the zoo to teach the animals how to read. The donation to the children was made to encourage literacy, as the FOL understands that the critical time for children to learn to read is the period through the third grade.

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.

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.

BEAUFORT WOMAN'S CLUB

1921 **100 YEARS of** 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Each year, the Sunday before Valentine's Day, the Beaufort Historical Association welcomes the public to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship as it opens the authentically restored homes and buildings of the Beaufort Historic Site during its annual Valentine Membership Party.

It's always been one of those amazing days of fun and fellowship, where our houses and buildings are wide open and people gather on the 2½ acres of the Historic Site.

BUT of course this year, we won't be able to have an event of this size at the Historic Site.

So all we can do is say "Share the Love" with your friends, your neighbors, and this special place in the heart of Beaufort's National Registered Historic District.

Instead we will be hosting an Online Valentine Virtual Auction! That is happening now until 9 p.m. Feb. 12. Bidding is now open online at <https://one.bidpal.net/2021valentinepartyauktion/welcome!>

Every year, our Valentine Party is the one event where 80% of our membership revenue is generated, which helps so much in the winter months as we do necessary renovations and repairs on our buildings. Going forward in 2021, we hope you'll renew your membership and encourage your friends and neighbors to join too! We look forward to (hopefully) one day all joining together again!

Mattie King Davis Art Gallery to Welcome Artist Annie Kinney in February

The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery is excited to welcome artist Annie Kinney for her first ever solo show on Feb. 12, 4:30 -6 p.m. Kinney paints primarily with acrylics. Her work showcases life on the Crystal Coast as well as of her homeland,



Ireland. Kinney will be the featured artist for February and March.

For Kinney, creating art has been a lifetime experience. "I spent my childhood painting garden gnomes and selling them to tourists at the Cliffs of Moher, on the west coast of Ireland," she said. Kinney said she hopes all will come to her show and see for themselves the passion she puts into each piece. "My

approach to painting is to capture the essence of my subjects, using light as my compass. My art is crafted using the best acrylic pigments, and every painting is sealed in an archival varnish that will protect it for decades," she said. "I have an emotional connection to all my paintings and I hope you will too when you visit my show at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery!"

For more information about Annie Kinney and or the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, visit beauforthistoricsite.org, follow the gallery on Facebook @mattiekingdavisgallery, call 252-728-5225, or stop in at the gallery open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site at 130 Turner St, Beaufort N.C. 28516.

The Art of Lettering

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Feb. 4 | \$60

In this basic two-hour workshop, "The Art of Lettering," students will learn basic modern lettering techniques using a variety brush markers from Krisan Murphy. A lettering guide designed by her as well as two pens are included in the \$60 price.

Although it is designed for beginners, this workshop would also be enjoyed as a refresher course for those with some lettering experience. Limited to 8. Call 252-728-5225 or visit the Old Beaufort Shop at 130 Turner St. to purchase your ticket today!