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Office Hours

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



Hello Beaufort!

February is Black History Month. It is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.

The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." African-American history in Beaufort is rich and we are still learning more about the lives and the impact local African-Americans made in Beaufort. Their contributions in government, law, fishing, and the turpentine industry, farming, and education can be felt to this day. Black history month should not be treated separately from the collective American history but rather as a shared history that needs to have equal recognition.



Mayor Sharon E. Harker

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

-- Booker T. Washington

PROCLAMATION

Declaring February 2022 as Black History Month in Beaufort

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and *WHEREAS*, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and *WHEREAS*, Black History Month is a chance for Americans to learn more about our nation's shared history that unfortunately, are far too often neglected; and *WHEREAS*, the Town of Beaufort is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in the community, throughout our state and nation; and *WHEREAS*, every year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History sets a theme for Black History Month, and the theme for 2022 is, "Black Health and Wellness"; and *WHEREAS*, the theme focuses on initiatives to help decrease disparities in healthcare, including having more diverse practitioners and representation in all segments of medical and health programs; and *WHEREAS*, Black History Month allows our community to unite and celebrate the many achievements of black Americans and other peoples of African descent; and *WHEREAS*, the Beaufort Middle Passage Project Committee and the Eastern Carolina Foundation for Equity and Equality recently dedicated a Memorial at Topsail Park remembering our ancestors who first arrived in Beaufort as part of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade; and *WHEREAS*, the Memorial highlights the history of the African American community in Beaufort; and *WHEREAS*, over the centuries, these men and women, and their descendants made possible the agricultural and maritime commercial development of the region; and *WHEREAS*, the descendants of these enslaved people have continued to contribute to the Town's success, culture and community in countless ways; and

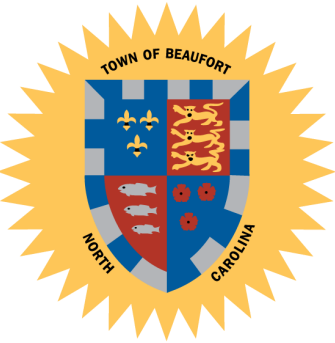
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of African Americans - past and present - in our community, I, Sharon Harker, Mayor of the Town of Beaufort, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2022 to be:

National Black History Month

I encourage all citizens to join me in learning more about the rich history of African Americans during this special observance. I also encourage all our citizens to visit Topsail Park to learn more about the history of this documented Middle Passage arrival site in Beaufort. Duly adopted this 15th day of January 2022.



Mayor Sharon Harker presents a Proclamation to the Middle Passage Project Committee and the Eastern Carolina Foundation for Equity and Equality in recognition of Black History Month.



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Newsletter

Submissions:

Due 5 p.m. Feb. 15, 2022

Send to

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Town of Beaufort Mayor and Board of Commissioners



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Sharon Harker



Mayor Pro Tem

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Board of Commissioners

The Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners met Dec. 20, 2021 and Jan. 10, 2022. The following is an action item list and is not to be used as official minutes. For more information contact Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

- Received the Town Manager's Report and Project Updates.
- Approved the Lions Club

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission met Jan. 4, 2022 via Zoom and discussed the following items:

Case # 22-01 300 Front Street: Signage-Request from Liz Kopf to install one hanging sign at 12.13 sq. ft., an attached sign on east side of building at 16 sq. ft., and an above entrance sign at 2.5 sq. ft. for total signage of 30.63 sq. ft. for 300 Front Street. Approved.

Case # 22-02 111 Moore Street: Windows & Exterior Lighting-Request from Danny Allen to install Anderson Series 100

Bridge Run 2022.

- Approved Case #21-25-Staff Initiated Rezoning Eastern Avenue from TCA to B-1.
- Approved 806 Cedar Street Mixed Use- Site Plan.
- Extended the Emergency Leave Policy for Town Employees.
- Approved to rezone 2158 Live Oak Street, totaling 0.579 acres from R-20 to B-1.

windows rather the previously approved Anderson Series 400 windows and new exterior lighting. Approved with a condition that the grid pattern for the windows be 4 over 1.

Case # 22-03 312 Ann Street: Windows-Request from Sandra Grotheer to install Anderson Series 100 windows (with 4 over 1 grids) rather than the previously approved Anderson Series 400 windows. Approved. 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

Planning Board

The Beaufort Planning Board met Dec. 20, 2021 via Zoom and discussed the following items:

Case # 22-01 806 Cedar Street: Mixed Use Site Plan renewal-Request from Vic Fasolino to construct a 4,606 sq. ft. mixed use building at 806 Cedar Street. This project was previously approved in December

2019 for a period of 18 months for work to begin. After some discussion the Planning Board recommended approval of the site plan.

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

Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Update

Currently, the Harbor & Waterways Committee is evaluating the Condition Assessment from the Town's consultant, regarding the bulkhead/wall, boardwalk and amenities of the Town docks.

After this evaluation, a recommendation will be made to the consultant as to preferred op-

tion to include in the overall Master Plan.

It is anticipated that the Master Plan will be complete in April or May of this year. A "Draft" of the plan, when ready, will be posted to the Town's website for viewing and comments. For questions, contact Planning Director Kyle Garner at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

Utility Bill Late Fees and Cutoffs to Resume in March

Behind on your Utility Bill? Stop by Town Hall today to set-up a plan. Residents with delinquent utility accounts must come by Town Hall to set up a payment arrangement before March 1, 2022. Please contact Shawn Licari or Cherelle Vann at 252-728-2141 ext .228 or 229 with any questions.

A signed payment arrangement must be on file prior to March 1, 2022. The Town of Beaufort will resume charging

late fees on current bills after March 20, 2022. Cutoffs for past due accounts without payment arrangements will begin March 17, 2022.

Assistance can be applied for through the Rebuild NC- Hope Program or the Low Income Housing Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Check out the websites for additional information, <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/hope-program> or call 1-888-927-5467 or <https://www.carteretcountync.gov/1025/Water-Assistance-Programs> or call (252) 728-3181.

February Meetings

All Town meetings will be held via Zoom until the return to in-person meetings. Please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for meeting links. Regular Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are livestreamed on the Town's Facebook page.

- 6 p.m. Feb. 1—Historic Preservation Commission
- 6 p.m. Feb. 3—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- 6 p.m. Feb. 14—Board of Commissioners
- 9 a.m. Feb. 17 - Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Board
- 6 p.m. Feb. 21—Planning Board
- 4 p.m. Feb. 28—Board of Commissioners Work Session
- 6 p.m. Feb. 28—Board of Adjustment



Are You Covered?

Spring showers can bring floods in hours, but flood policies can take up to 30 days to take effect. Visit floodsmart.gov to learn how to protect your home from flooding this spring.

Property specific flood risk information is available online at: <https://fris.nc.gov>. Rather talk to a person? Contact Sam Burdick,

Town Planner, at 252-528-8767 or s.burdick@beaufortnc.org.

2022 Small Vessel/Kayak Storage Lottery

Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 Small Vessel/Kayak Storage Lottery. Applications are online and must be submitted by 5 p.m. Feb. 28, 2022. The lottery will take place on Wednesday, March 2 at 1 p.m. The lottery will be livestreamed on the Town's Facebook page. For details visit <https://www.beaufortnc.org/parks/page/small-vesselkayak-storage> or select Small Vessel/Kayak Storage under the Residents tab.



Beaufort Garden Club

For over 60 years the ongoing beautification work of the Beaufort Garden Club has been part of what makes Beaufort such a special place. Most Wednesdays - year round - the Pret-

ty Ladies committee can be found working somewhere in town weeding, pruning or planting. If they aren't working, they are meeting to talk about weeding, planting, and pruning. The work takes place on the boardwalk, but also at the library, Town Hall, the fire station, town parks, the Court House, and the Boys and Girls Club. The Garden Club has a tremendous sense of pride in partnering with the Town of Beaufort and helping to keep it beautiful.

In recent years the Garden Club has been working on a public art initiative, and as a result, "Menhaden Melody," by Kirk Parker Davis, has been commissioned for Topsail Park. Members of the community are invited to attend the dedication of the sculpture, which is set for Friday,

March 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., with a reception following at the NC Maritime Museum at 6 p.m. The following day the Museum is hosting a symposium on the Menhaden traditions, "The Smell of Money: Legacy of the Menhaden Fishery." The keynote speaker is author and historian David Cecelski. It is free and open to the public.

On Sunday, March 6, the Core Sound Museum in Harkers Island will also host a Menhaden Day public event dedicated to local fishing families and the mosquito fleet out of Davis. It is sure to be a wonderful weekend of programs.

The Garden Club is proud that our public art initiative has spurred these opportunities for education and community connections. We are also very honored to be sharing the park space with the Middle Passage Project's marker. Topsail Park is already a place of remembrance, and our hope is that public art will further compliment this very important space on Beaufort's historic waterfront.

Please join us the first weekend of March.

Fire District Receives New Rating After Inspection

The Town of Beaufort Fire Department has received new ratings after an inspection by the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal. These new ratings potentially mean reductions in insurance rates for the citizens and businesses that are served by the Beaufort Fire Department both in the municipal district and in the rural district serviced via contract with Carteret County. "It is with tremendous pride I am able to announce that the Beaufort Fire Department has received their new Insurance Service Organization (ISO) insurance rating," said Beaufort Fire Chief Tony Ray.

The Beaufort Fire Department improved their municipal rating from a Class 5 to a Class 4. The Beaufort Fire Department Rural rating improved from Class 5 / 9S to Class 4 / 9E.

"In short, this now means properties within the Beaufort Fire District that are within 6 miles of one of Beaufort Fire Department's two fire stations will have an ISO Class 4 rating," said Chief Ray. "The improvement in the rating could substantially reduce

residential insurance rates for many residential properties in the Beaufort Fire District that were previously rated Class 9S and could lead to reduced insurance rates for commercial properties in the municipal and rural district."

"I would like to thank the staff of the Beaufort Fire Department for all the hard work and efforts to help improve the rating," said Chief Ray.

"This is excellent news! I have no doubt that it took a lot of hard work on behalf of the Fire Department as well as Public Utilities," said Town Manager Todd Clark. "The Board of Commissioners is also to be congratulated because it required sufficient financial commitments to allow the staff to make needed improvements to achieve a lower rating."

The new ratings go into effect May 1, 2022. The Town of Beaufort Fire Department spent several months preparing for the inspection. Among other things, the routine inspections look for proper staffing levels, emergency training, sufficient equipment, proper maintenance of equipment, communications capabilities and availability of a water source.

View the full release online at www.beaufortnc.org/news.

The Old Beaufort Post Office Papers Project

MEMORIES OF THE DAUGHTER OF A BEAUFORT POST OFFICE EMPLOYEE -- 1940'S-1960'S (Part 2 from Virginia Hassell Poindexter)

Being a Postal worker for 39 years resulted in Mr. Charles Hassell's family having many stories to tell. At times, his children got involved in making sure the mail always got through. One of his daughter's favorite memories came when she began to understand the job responsibilities of being a Rural Mail Carrier, and she got to ride along on the route.

"My Daddy explained that he was the mailman for several areas outside of Beaufort called 'rural' areas because there were no post offices there for delivery. He drove his car to each house with a road-side mailbox, delivered their mail and picked up any needing to be returned to the Beaufort Post Office for further delivery. I was fascinated, so when he asked me one summer day if I wanted to go with him on his delivery route, I was wild with excitement. Daddy went to work about 6 a.m. to sort and pack the mail, so he told me he would pick me up about 8 a.m., and we would head out. What a day that was! He let me help hand him the sorted mail and put the outgoing mail in the proper place. I felt so important and special, naturally! Daddy knew everyone on his route so if anyone was outside, we had to stop and speak. Many called him

C.R. or "Mr. Charles." Someone was always giving him fresh garden vegetables or seafood, so we ate well. I only went with him several times over the next few years, but I cherished every day that I could spend that much fun time with my Daddy.

I learned so much from those times what post offices and their employees do. I watched and listened to Daddy and learned about 'jobs' and the value of work. I learned about commitment when he would get calls from his folks on Christmas Eve asking if their Sears package had finally arrived, and if so, could he bring it then (10 p.m.). I learned to love the parts of our county that I had not really known, and the people I met from Otway, Merrimon, South River and back to Beaufort along 101. So yes, I have wonderful recollections of the Old Beaufort Post Office across Front Street, from the Post Office Dock -- the BEST starting point for swimming 'The Cut' or getting over to the Shoals! Nothing can beat an inside advantage of having these experiences with my Dad that are still so vivid and precious."

Thank you for continuing to submit your postal memories to Ranger Kathleen O'Grady at kathleen_o'grady@nps.gov.



Crystal Coast Tourism Development Authority

On Thursday, Feb. 10, tourism-related businesses in Carteret County - plus the surrounding counties - will have an opportunity to work with Visit North Carolina staff to learn about its research, development, and marketing services, and discuss best practices for reaching travelers, the media and increasing tourism visitation and spending. Visit North Carolina's Tourism Resource Assistance Center (TRAC) is a community-based training program designed to help small tourism-related businesses. TRAC will be 10 a.m. -

2 p.m. at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City. There is no charge to attend, no reservation is required. This is a come-when-you-can/stay-as-long-as-you-like event for all tourism-related businesses to meet one-on-one with program managers to discuss better ways to promote their property or event. This invaluable program is designed to help tourism-related businesses engage more fully with programs offered by Visit North Carolina and its partners.



Community News

Beaufort Development Association News

Mardi Gras

Save the date, 1-6 p.m. Feb. 26, Middle Lane, food, fun, music! The most favorite event for all of us locals, truly the time to see old friends and frolic. Get your silly costumes ready and grab your old beads. The Beaufort Development Association (BDA) sponsors this event- participation is greatly appreciated. To enter the Mardi Gras parade or participate as a krewe contact lizkopf@gmail.com. Lots of work going on at the old/new Blue Moon Bistro on Queen Street, looking forward to their opening. Our very own Santa Steve Duncan did a fabulous job and did double duty as we added Sunday hours this year- Thank you!

Of course, no mention of Santa would be complete without thanking Santa's elves-those delightfully different special folks that add so much to the festivity. Thank you to Beaufort Old Towne Rotary for their generous wreath donation to BDA for our Holiday wreath decorating contest & sale.

Thank you to Clawson's for their delicious hot chocolate served up on New Year's Eve, the perfect complement to our S'mores. Another special event in Beaufort, many thanks to all who volunteered their time and talent. Great Kids! Got News? Send BDA submissions to wendydauidson98@gmail.com for consideration. www.beaufortnc.com



Beaufort Development Association
Beautiful. Historic. Waterfront.
COME VISIT OUR TOWN

Dedication for New Civil War Trails Sign on Union Town 3 p.m., Feb. 9, 2022

We, Beaufort Historic Site, are excited to announce that we will have a dedication ceremony on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. for the new Civil War Trails sign at 608 Mulberry Street in Beaufort. We would love to invite you to come be a part of this historic event! Team members from the Crystal Coast Tourism Authority, Visit NC, and as well as potentially the Civil War Trails group will be in attendance. We will also have a few guest speakers who will speak on the relevance of the new sign that focuses on Union Town. Union Town was a refugee camp built in 1862 by African Americans who had fled from enslavement to Union- occupied Beaufort.

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 Beaufort Picture Show at Mill Space

We are pleased to offer these screenings back inside our ancestral home, Movies @ Mill Space. More information is available at beaufortpictureshow.org.

4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022—**DAUGHTERS OF THE DUST**
Daughters of the Dust is a 1991 independent film and is the first feature film directed by an African-American woman distributed theatrically in the United States. Set in 1902, it tells the story of three generations of Gullah (also known as Geechee) women in the Peazant family on Saint Helena Island as they prepare to migrate off the island, out of the Southern United States, and into the North. Rated TV-PG | 1h 53min | 1991

4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022—**ONE NIGHT IN MIAMI**
One Night in Miami is a fictionalized account of a February 1964 meeting of Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, Jim Brown to celebrate Ali's surprise win over Sonny Liston, where they discussed their roles in the Civil Rights Movement and the cultural upheaval of the 60s. R | 1hr, 54 min | 2020

Plastic Free By the Sea

Eco-Friendly Shopping Tips

There are many ways we can all help the environment and minimize our carbon footprints while shopping.

1. Buy boxes instead of plastic bottles. Products like laundry and dishwasher detergent come in cardboard which is more easily recycled than plastic.
2. Avoid buying frozen foods, as their packaging is mostly plastic. (Plus, you'll be eating fewer processed foods.)
3. Buy in bulk or purchase fresh products in lieu of single servings options, eliminating or reducing packaging.
4. Buy foods in season. Buying foods that are out of season and grown in other parts of the world requires them to be shipped long distances. So, instead of buying apples in the spring, buy something else like strawberries and purchase apples in the fall when they're in season.
5. Use a reusable produce bag (washing it often). Or at least reuse the plastic ones.
6. Don't buy plastic bottled water. Drink tap water.
7. Don't accept plastic bags. Bring your own cloth bags to any store in

which you shop.

8. Shop consignment and thrift stores. Purchase necessary plastic items used instead of new. Don't forget to take your unwanted used items there or give to others. This is recycling!
9. Shop local. It reduces transportation, which reduces carbon emissions. Plus, it fuels our local economy.
10. Don't buy more sustainable versions of things you already have (Tupperware, water bottles, etc.). New products require resources to make. REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
11. Whenever possible, buy products that are in recycled packaging.
12. Instead of buying produce packaged in plastic, just buy loose produce and wash it at home.
13. Avoid impulse buys. This reduces the materials and energy needed to produce and transport the goods we never even needed and keeps them from ending up in a landfill.
14. Shop less frequently. It saves fuel and reduces the amount of carbon emissions.
15. Don't shop when you're hungry. You tend to buy more food that doesn't get eaten and ends up in the landfill.



Beaufort Historic Site Beaufort Historic Site to Welcome Back Valentine Membership Party this February

Come to the Beaufort Historic Site to enjoy an open house of the year on Sunday, Feb. 6 from 2 - 4 p.m. This year, the Valentine Membership Party, a free event, will celebrate the community spirit that has been so evident throughout the pandemic. All are welcome to enjoy the hospitality of the Beaufort Historical Association, tour the authentically-restored historic buildings, and learn more about the special coastal heritage of the area.

"We are so excited to welcome back this party that celebrates our current members, while welcoming many new ones," Public Relations Director Hannah Taylor said. "We love our members and hope you will join and help us with our mission!" This year, the Association hopes to unveil part, if not all, of the Old Jail c. 1829 on their grounds, which has been under restoration since December of 2020. Thanks to local organizations and generous community support, the second oldest Jail in North Carolina will remain preserved for future generations. A special documentary shot by KEVA Creative and featuring Beaufort individuals' remembrances of the jail will debut at the party.

After indulging in delicious food and drinks, make sure to stop at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery where artist, Kate Highsmith, will be featured. Kate, daughter of well-known

artist Kyle Highsmith, has been surrounded by art all of her life. Her pieces reflect her vibrant and bright personality. Her style is heavily influenced by her father's work and the greats of Impressionism. Do not forget to RSVP and bring friends, coworkers and neighbors who have an interest in Beaufort, history, or the many activities and events that are held throughout the year to raise funds for the non-profit. Be sure to RSVP by calling 252-728-5225. For more information about the Valentine Party or to join us as a member, visit beauforthistoricsite.org, stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street, or call 252-728-5225.

The Beaufort Historic Site to Welcome New Volunteers

Abundant volunteer opportunities are available at the Beaufort Historic Site. There are plenty of ways to become involved with the non-profit, and it is a great way to become a part of the local community! If you are interested in sharing your time and talents, then you are invited to attend the annual Volunteer Training Program on Thursday, March 10 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Beaufort Historic Site, 130 Turner Street.

Due to limited space, those interested in participating are asked to register by Feb. 28 by calling the Beaufort Historic Site at 252-728-5225, stopping by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street in Beaufort, or by visiting www.beauforthistoricsite.org.