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Town of Beaufort Newsletter

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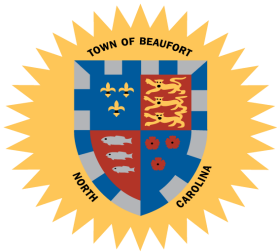
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### Newsletter

#### Submissions:

Due 5 p.m. Feb. 15, 2024

Send to

Rachel Johnson, PIO at  
[r.johnson@beaufortnc.org](mailto:r.johnson@beaufortnc.org)

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

In February's newsletter, Beaufort, I proudly acknowledge and celebrate the rich tapestry of Black history that has woven its way into the fabric of our community.



As we commemorate Black History Month, it is essential to reflect on the contributions of Black individuals who have played pivotal roles in shaping our town's identity. This month, we pay tribute to several historic Black figures who have made enduring contributions to Beaufort's history and recognize modern

trailblazers whose impact continues to shape our community.

Silas A. Blount, an 1880 town commissioner who served as Beaufort's town clerk in 1882 and esteemed barber, is remembered for his dedication to both his profession and his role in shaping Beaufort's early governance. His legacy as a town commissioner reminds us of the significant contributions of Black leaders in our community's history.

Sophia Boyd holds a special place in Beaufort's history as the first free Black woman property owner in 1820. Her remarkable achievement serves as a testament to the resilience and determination of Black individuals in our town, leaving an indelible mark on our community.

Mary Louise Tillery Boyd, an influential educator and community leader, contributed immeasurably to Beaufort's educational landscape. Her passion for education and her role as a leader continues to inspire us, underscoring the enduring importance of education in our community.

Abe Thurman, Beaufort town commissioner in 1991, is respected as an educator and musician. Thurman's legacy reminds us of the power of men-

torship and artistic expression in enriching our town's cultural tapestry.

In addition to these historical figures, we must also acknowledge the trailblazers of our modern times:

Victoria Washington, born and raised in Beaufort, is a dynamic young leader in our community. By focusing on both historical preservation and future growth, Washington plays a vital role in maintaining the area's rich cultural heritage and nurturing the next generation's potential. Her approach highlights the significance of community involvement in personal and collective development, serving as a powerful example of how individual commitment can lead to meaningful change and empowerment in a community.

Justin Wallace, a passionate advocate for youth empowerment, education, and community engagement, exemplifies the spirit of leadership and mentorship. His work fosters a sense of purpose among our young residents, guiding them toward brighter futures.

Moreover, I encourage residents to actively engage with local initiatives promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. By embracing our collective history and recognizing the trailblazers among us, we strengthen the bonds that make Beaufort a welcoming and harmonious community for all.

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us recognize past challenges and commit to building a future where diversity is celebrated and equality prevails.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to the entire community for their continued commitment to unity and understanding. Through acknowledging and learning from our shared history, Beaufort moves forward as a stronger and more connected town.



**Sharon E. Harker**

Mayor, Town of Beaufort, NC

### February Town Meetings & Events

Meetings are conducted at the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, unless otherwise noted. Visit the Town's website at [www.beaufortnc.org/calendar](http://www.beaufortnc.org/calendar) for meeting agendas. Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are livestreamed on the Town's Facebook page as technology allows.

6:30 p.m. Feb. 1—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
6 p.m. Feb. 6—Historic Preservation Commission  
6 p.m. Feb. 12—Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting  
6 p.m. Feb. 19—Planning Board  
4 p.m. Feb. 26—Board of Commissioners Work Session  
6 p.m. Feb. 26—Board of Adjustment

**Sunshine List:** Sign up for meeting notifications by emailing Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at [e.lewis@beaufortnc.org](mailto:e.lewis@beaufortnc.org).

### Carteret Community College Celebrates Black History Month

Carteret Community College will conduct its 27th Annual Black History Celebration at 6 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Crystal Coast Civic Center.

This annual event celebrates the academic achievements of exceptional young African American students at the 8th- and 12th-grade levels in the public schools and at Carteret Community College. Students who have earned a grade point average of 3.0 or higher will be recognized. The program will feature

keynote speaker Hazel Collins. Mrs. Collins is a dance educator, creative force, and community organizer.

The annual event will recognize the 2024 Black History Theme: African Americans and the Arts, set forth by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the founders of Black History Month. For more information about ASALH or the 2024 Black History Theme, please visit [www.asalh.org](http://www.asalh.org).





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## Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) met Jan. 8 for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The BOC took the following actions:

- Approved Dec. 11, 2023 meeting minutes.
- Approved Local Government Revenue Bond Application Resolutions for the USDA-Funded utilities contracts.
- Approved Case #23-11 Final Plat

## Planning Board

The Beaufort Planning Board met Jan. 16 and discussed the following item:

- Case # 24-01-Site Plan for M&H Storage, 1783 Live Oak (behind the ABC Store)- Request for a 129,360 square foot storage facility on a 7.47 acre tract. A special use permit was issued in 2022. Tabled with a request for information on the previously approved Special Use Permit.

## Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission is working with staff on a Celebration of Historic Preservation in Beaufort.

April 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of being part of the National Register of Historic Places. A full itinerary of events is being

## 2024 Golf Cart Registration Decals

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



- Beau Coast Phase 3.

- Approved Case #23-12 Final Plat - Beau Coast Amenity Center and Five Residential Lots.
- Tabled a request from the Beaufort Business Association (BBA) to Waive Mardi Gras Event Fees.
- Received the Monthly Manager's Report from Town Manager Todd Clark.

For more information about the Board of Commissioners, contact Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at [e.lewis@beaufortnc.org](mailto:e.lewis@beaufortnc.org).

- Case # 24-02-Final Plat for Davis Bay-Request for a Final Plat to divide a 20.08-acre tract into 4 Single-Family Residential lots. The preliminary plat was approved in January 2023. Approved.

If you have any questions please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2141 or at [k.garner@beaufortnc.org](mailto:k.garner@beaufortnc.org).

planned to include State Historic Representatives, former historic commission members and an overview of the district with significant accomplishments over the years. Stay tuned for details.

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](mailto:k.garner@beaufortnc.org).

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.

## Project Updates

### Meeting Street Flooding Mitigation Project

Starting in February, WK Dixon & Company, community infrastructure consultants, will be on-site in Beaufort conducting fieldwork. WK Dixon, the Town of Beaufort's consultant, has begun work on a project to assist in mitigating flooding on Meeting Street. Fieldwork will take place in the following areas during the month of February: Courtyard East, Troon Way Apartments, South Hall at Olde Beaufort Village, Palmetto Plantation, Pirates Landing, Palmetto Place and Beaufort Manor developments and in the area of Pearl Drive.

The Town of Beaufort applied for and was awarded a Local Assis-

tance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII) grant in the amount of \$394,815 in 2023 for the purposes of identifying a strategy to eliminate or greatly mitigate the flooding at Meeting Street while also reducing the amount of human intervention that must be employed to in order to eliminate/greatly mitigate the flooding.

The goal of the study will be to determine the cause(s), potential options, and associated costs to remedy the flooding conditions that occur primarily along Meeting Street.

For more information on this project, visit <https://www.beaufortnc.org/publicservices/page/meeting-street-project>.

### Upcoming Street Projects Slated to Start in 2024

The following streets from the FY23 Streets project will undergo construction in the coming months:

1. Moore Street 200 Block
2. Moore Street 300 Block
3. Pollock Street 400

Block

4. Pollock Street 500 Block

5. Marsh Street 200 Block

6. Fairview Drive (from Live Oak St to Jones Ave)

7. Joyce Boulevard

8. Campen Road (from Carraway Dr to just before the Eastport Apts)

9. George St connector

10. Pine View connector

## Want to know more about Town Projects?

Visit [www.beaufortnc.org](http://www.beaufortnc.org) for Project Updates and the monthly Town Manager's Report. Both may be found inside the "Mayor's Corner."

Find Town Meetings & Events online at [www.beaufortnc.org/calendar](http://www.beaufortnc.org/calendar). Details by clicking on the calendar listing.

## 2024 Small Vessel/ Kayak Lottery

The Town of Beaufort will have a lottery for small vessel storage permits at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The lottery will be live streamed on the Town's Facebook page. All applications must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, March 4, 2024 to be entered into the lottery. All applications must be submitted electronically. If you need assistance, please email [r.johnson@beaufortnc.org](mailto:r.johnson@beaufortnc.org) or call (252) 728-2141 ext. 231. The rental rate for the 2024 lottery is \$100.

## The Old Beaufort Post Office Papers *The Postman's Best Friend*

Shared by Jeannie Kraus  
While living and working in Beaufort in the early 1980s a neighbor's Golden Retriever named King would trot over to the post office on Front Street to wait for James "Jimmy" Modlin, the postman. King followed Jimmy on his rounds so I'd see him during his stop at the Maritime Museum or around town. On Sundays King would go to the Post Office and when no one showed up he would just go on home looking slightly dejected. After a time, another dog joined King, a chow with its signature black tongue. He started following Jimmy and King every day as well. When there was a

## Historic District

Do you live in the Beaufort Historic District? Are you planning a project for your home or property? If so, you can familiarize yourself with the special Historic Design Guidelines that apply to your property by going to the town website: [beaufortnc.org](http://beaufortnc.org), then click

## Beaufort Town Flags

Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$75) and 12" x 18" garden flags (\$30) for sale at Ace Hardware,



Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 lottery.

Please read the rules and regulations carefully for both eligibility and vessel requirements.

Spaces will be assigned in the order selected during the lottery.

REMINDER: ALL VESSELS REGISTERED TO SPACES IN 2023

MUST BE REMOVED BY 1 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024.

Read the eligibility guidelines and apply under the "Residents" tab at [www.beaufortnc.org](http://www.beaufortnc.org).



substitute postman people would jokingly say, just follow the dogs as they know the route!

I don't think Jimmy ever had trouble from aggressive dogs! This routine went on for a number of years probably into the early 1990s until either King passed or Jimmy retired. I

it seemed like a pretty good arrangement for postmen who walked their route, rain or shine.



Share your memories by contacting Ranger Kathleen O'Grady at [kathleen\\_o'grady@nps.gov](mailto:kathleen_o'grady@nps.gov) and [katbird33@hotmail.com](mailto:katbird33@hotmail.com).

on "Residents" and scroll down to "Design Guidelines for the Beaufort Historic District and Landmarks," once there click on the pdf file to the right and you will be able to read the Guidelines online. For more information, call Laurel Anderson at Town Hall 252-728-2141, ext. 224.

1511 Live Oak and Cousins Bed & Breakfast, 305 Turner. Also available online at [BeaufortWomansClub.org](http://BeaufortWomansClub.org). Proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.



# Light up the Night Daddy Daughter Glow Dance

## MARCH 9

Father's and daughters of all ages welcome!

6-8 PM Crystal Coast Civic Center,  
refreshments provided  
DJ and lighting provided by  
Emerald Owl Productions



Register online  
[ccpr.recdesk.com](http://ccpr.recdesk.com)

\$35 Daddy/daughter couple,  
\$5 for additional daughter  
For more information call 252-222-5858

## SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

Saturday,  
March 9, 2024

Beaufort by the Sea  
Community Church  
from 9:00am - 12:00pm

Visit and learn from the many senior-related services in our area. Food trucks, county services, vendors will be onsite.

The new Mobile Health Van will be available to check out as well.



# MardiGras

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**

Visit [BeaufortNC.com](http://BeaufortNC.com)



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## Carteret County Public Libraries

### Beaufort Branch February at the Library

**Ages 5 & Under: Story Time:** Every Friday at 10 a.m. You'll enjoy songs, stories, laughter, crafts, and you won't want to miss the teddy bear dance!

**Ages 4 & Under: Little Explorers:** 10 a.m. Feb. 13 & 27

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 & Barbie Club:** 4 p.m. Feb. 1, 15 & 29

Both clubs will take place at the same time. We provide the materials and prompts; you bring your imaginations!

**Ages 12-18: Teen Dungeons & Dragons:** 5 p.m. Feb. 5 & 19

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:** Every Wednesday at 2 p.m.

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:** Every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. Have you ever wanted to learn the Chinese tile game, Mah-

jong? Now's your chance! Discover what makes this game so addictive! All experience levels are welcome!

#### Special Programs:

**All Ages: Zentangles Cards:** 10 a.m. Feb. 3 Use stencils and repeating lines to create cards for your loved ones or sweet-hearts.

**Ages 18 & Up: Watercolor Dragonflies:** 5 p.m. Feb. 8 Join us for this art workshop where we paint dragonflies. All skill levels welcome.

**All Ages: Break-In Boxes:** 2 p.m. Feb. 10 Use clues to break in to win. Reserve a 30-minute timeslot or ask for a walk-in reservation, if available.

**Ages 18 & Up: Short Story Soiree:** 5 p.m. Feb. 22—Discuss "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" - Registration required. Snacks and beverages provided.

**Ages 18 & Up: Classic Book Club:** "The Catcher in the Rye" 1 p.m. Feb. 24

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

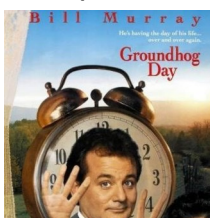
# BEAUFORT

Picture  
Show

### Five Years-and Counting!

Beaufort Picture Show celebrates its 5th anniversary by screening select classic movies — which are also celebrating their release-date anniversaries — all year long. We've got something special lined up for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Women's History Month, Mother's Day, Juneteenth, National Goof-Off Day, you name it.

Have yourself a Fuzzy Wuzzy Valentine's Day with the ultimate Leap Year "deja vu" flashback: "Groundhog Day." It's Feb. 2 (again!) and beleaguered weatherman Phil Connors (Bill Murray) finds himself in Puxa-



tawney, Pa. (again!) for the annual prediction from groundhog Puxatawney Phil as to whether spring comes

early or we're in for six more weeks of winter, based on whether he sees his shadow upon emerging from his burrow. (Hint: No matter what Phil sez, we always get six more weeks of winter, so get used to it. And ever notice that Murray's character and the ground-

hog have the same name?) Directed by Harold Ramis from a script by Ramis and Danny Rubin, "Groundhog Day" was released on Feb. 12, 1993, and stars Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell and Chris Elliott. Rated PG, with a running time of 1 hour, 41 minutes.

**Fun Fact:** According to Internet Movie DataBase (IMDB), Murray was bitten twice by the groundhog during filming and had to receive anti-rabies injections. Maybe that explains his dour disposition during filming! "Groundhog Day" showtime is **6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.**

Admission is \$5. Concessions — maybe even popcorn! — available, as are cool brews from Mill Whistle Brewery, adjacent to the BPS Mill Space venue next to Safrit's Building Supply off Lennoxville Road in midtown Beaufort.

**Coming in March:** John Wayne and Maureen O' Hara in director John Ford's "The Quiet Man" (1952).

Keep checking the BPS website: <https://www.beaufortpictureshow.org/> for the latest updates, as titles, dates and showtimes are subject to change.

and learn more about the historic site and this area's special history.

All of the historic buildings on the grounds will be open for exploring with different food and drink in each one. The most unique aspect of this party

is that it's great for adults, children, and even pets!

Matt Hirsheimer will be the featured artist in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery with his happy, colorful paintings that showcase special scenes of Beaufort.

For more details about the Valentine Party and member-

ships, visit [beauforthistoric-site.org](http://beauforthistoric-site.org), stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner or call at 252-728-5225.

### Beaufort Historical

#### Association's

#### Annual Valentine Party

The Beaufort Historical Association's Valentine Party has been a tradition since the mid 1990's. Continuing the tradition, on Sunday, Feb. 4 from 2-4



BEAUFORT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S

Valentine Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH  
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Please RSVP by February 2nd  
252.728.5225 | 130 Turner Street  
Casual Dress

FEATURING ARTWORK BY MATT HIRSHEIMER  
*Nautical Flags (left) inspired by Matt's "I Love BOAT"*

p.m., the members and volunteers of the Beaufort Historical Association are thrilled to welcome potential members and new volunteers to come enjoy