

Thank You For Your Generosity

Economy. Despite the pandemic, many sectors of the economy in Beaufort and Carteret County are thriving. The 2020 statistics for occupancy taxes, retail sales, and real estate excise taxes are outpacing 2019 data. In addition, 2020 unemployment rates for Carteret County are well below state and national averages. We are fortunate that we are not faced with a local recession in the midst of the pandemic, but let's also remember and support small businesses that have been greatly impacted by the pandemic.



While overall economic news is very positive, it masks those families that are still struggling; in some cases, there are those who have still not recovered from Hurricane Florence. I greatly appreciate your continued generosity to help those in need. An example is the Holland Shepard Group's efforts to provide bikes for the Toys for Tots program. Last year, they organized the donation of 185 bikes which was an awesome achievement. This year, they were striving for 300 bikes and received 365 which was, well, beyond awesome. Next year, they're shooting for 500. My greatest thanks to the Holland Shepard Group and to all of you for your extraordinary

and continued generosity.

COVID-19 Update. Carteret County recently reached an all-time high number of active positive cases and hospitalizations. We are treading into very dangerous territory and we must double down on what we know can defeat COVID-19: wear a mask, keep social distance, and wash your hands frequently. The roll-out of vaccines is a very positive development but it is going to a large portion of 2021 to get everyone vaccinated. Please do your part to protect our community.

- Mayor Everette S. (Rett) Newton

The Very Best of Beaufort



Happy 100th Birthday to the Beaufort Woman's Club! Twelve community-minded women gathered in a Queen Street home in January 1921 to form a community club for the betterment of Beaufort. Here are some of the club's major milestones:

- 1922-Started the town's first library
- 1932-Operated free cafeteria for grade school children during Great Depression
- 1957-Originated the Old Homes Tour and ran it until 1979

- 1972-Created the Beaufort flag and presented it to the town
- 1996-Raised funds to restore the 1907 Beaufort Train Depot
- 2010-Purchased and moved the c1726 Ward-Hancock House to Gallants Channel
- 2014-Provided financial assistance to restore the c1821 Purvis Chapel
- 2014-Started an annual Arts Competition for Carteret County students
- 2019-First Craftsman Style Architecture Tour that raised \$23,000 for local charities

Today, with more than 100 members strong, the Beaufort Woman's Club has big plans for its centennial year, including a big community birthday bash later this year. Their centennial year will be about honoring history and preparing members to continue the club's strong legacy of service. The Beaufort Woman's Club clearly represents the very best of Beaufort.

Note: Each month, we will highlight individuals or organizations that represent The Very Best of Beaufort.

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Office Hours

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday-Friday

Closed Jan. 1 & 18, 2021

Please note offices are closed to the public due to Covid-19. Please call or email staff.

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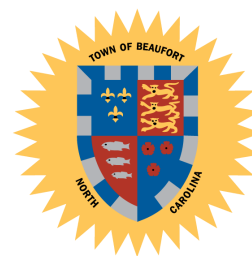
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Newsletter Submissions:

Due Jan.20, 2021 at 5 p.m.
Send to
r.johnson@beaufortnc.org



Board of Commissioners

During the Dec. 14, 2020 regular monthly meeting, the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Approved Minutes for the Oct. 26 Work Session (open and closed sessions), Nov. 4 Special Meeting, and Nov. 9, 2020 Regular Meeting.
- Approve FY 21 Budget Amendment #4.
- Approved Capital Project Street Rehabilitation and Pedestrian Improvement Budget Amendment #1.
- Approved FY 21 Budget Amendment.
- Conducted a Public Hearing on Case No. 20-11 - Request to Rezone 1205 Lennoxville Road.
- Discussed Turner Street Traffic Calming
- Denied an event application from Ann Street United Methodist Church for Christmas Eve Services at Grayden Paul Park.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission met Dec. 1 and discussed the following six items:

Case # 20-24 413 Front Street - Sandwich Board - A request for a 2' X 4' wood Sandwich Board painted white. This item was approved based on information and testimony that was given during the hearing.

Case # 20-25 119 Orange Street - Accessory Building - A request for new 1,200 square foot accessory in the rear yard of 199 Orange Street. This item was approved based on information and testimony that was given during the hearing and a condition to place a date brick was included in the approval.

Case # 20-26 301 Front Street - Landscaping & Parking - A request for new landscaping and parking area removing the asphalt pavement and using paving stones for the rear parking area for 301 Front Street. This item was approved based on information and testimony that was given during the hearing.

Case # 20-27 217 Front Street - Rear/Garage Addition - A request for new 2-story rear addition to include a garage. This item was approved based on information and testimony that was given during the hearing and a condition to place a date brick was included in the approval.

Case # 20-28 218 Front Street - Dock, Fence & Landscaping - A request Install a proposed

dock, Beaufort Style Fence with Landscaping at 218 Front Street. This item was tabled and the Commission requested more information regarding the materials to be used as well as a reduction in height for the proposed Beaufort Style fence along Font Street.

Case # 20-29 400 Front Street - Attached Sign - A request for an attached sign on the Front Street and water side of 400 Front Street totaling 31 square feet (15.5 sq. ft. each sign). This item was approved based on information and testimony that was given during the hearing.

New Historic Standards - The new format is designed to be easier to read as well as the inclusion of more graphics and photos as examples. A new component of the Standards is a chapter on resiliency and elevation of structures that will be beneficial in lower portion of the district. We believe that the draft is a vast improvement over the former standards and hope you agree.

In other news:
The Inspections Division issued 43 Building Permits and completed 157 inspections for the month of November.
Also, congratulations goes out to Jeremy Ganey for passing his Electrical II exam. This is a major accomplishment as he works towards his Level III credentials.

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.

January 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 may be emailed to r.johnson@beaufortnc.org prior to a meeting or you may type "Public Comment" in the Chat section of the Zoom meeting.

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

6 p.m. Jan. 7—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6 p.m. Jan. 11—Board of Commissioners

6 p.m. Jan. 19—Planning Board

4 p.m. Jan. 25—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. Jan. 25—Board of Adjustment

How to Reach Town Hall (252) 728-2141

Extensions:

Water and Sewer Accounts or Bulk Item Pick Up—229 or 228
Parking-232
Inspections and Permitting-224
Planning and Zoning-223
Parks, Events, Public Information Officer-231
Finance-235 or 240
Cemetery-221
Town Clerk-233
Town Manager-230
All other inquiries-221



After Hours:

Sewer emergency: (252) 241-5164
Water emergency: (252) 241-3525

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.

Carteret County Schools to start New Year with Remote Learning

Carteret County Board of Education members voted Dec. 16, 2020 for all students in the school system to attend school Jan. 6 -19, 2021, via remote learning. The second semester for all students begins Jan. 6, 2021. All grade levels, pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, will return to school on Plan C - Remote Learning. On Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 elementary school students currently attending school for face-to-face instruction will resume Plan A while middle and high school students will return to Plan B.

The decision was based on the county's spike in COVID-19 cases after the Thanksgiving holiday and the predicted spike in cases after the winter break.

Teachers and staff members will report to their regular school/work site on Jan. 4, 2021.

Meals will be available for students during this time out of school. The dates, times and locations of meal pickup and possibly delivery will be announced no later than Jan. 5, 2021.



Chat with the Chief

3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021

Chat with the Chief is an opportunity for citizens to engage with the Beaufort Police Chief Paul Burdette, Jr. to learn more about what is happening in the community, discuss neighborhood issues, identify problems, discuss police/community relations and to deepen community partnerships.

During the meeting, Chief Burdette will provide an in-depth look at data from the last quarter along with a comparison to the previous year. He will share statistics and trends as well as information on the daily operations within the Beaufort Police Department.

Citizens and business owners are encouraged to submit questions in advance to r.johnson@beaufortnc.org or to ask them live during the meeting.

Due to COVID-19, the meeting will be virtual and broadcast Live on the Town of Beaufort Police Department's and the Town of Beaufort's Facebook pages.



Beaufort Police Department
215 Pollock Street, Beaufort
(252) 728-4561

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.

If you leave home, know your Ws!



WEAR
a cloth face
covering.



WAIT
6 feet apart. Avoid
close contact.



WASH
your hands often or
use hand sanitizer.

@NCDHHS

#StayStrongNC



2020 was challenging in so many ways. If you're struggling, we want to encourage you to reach out. Don't go through it on your own. We are DownEast Beaufort Center for Women's Ministries, we are here to listen to and encourage you. Newly located at Bridgeway Church at 100 Lockhart Dr in Beaufort, we're available Mondays, 10 am-4 pm and by appointment. We are seeking more volunteers who have a heart to help women. For more information or to make an appointment for free peer counseling, please call 252-504-2441 or email us at downeastbeaufortcwm@outlook.com. Your inquiries are kept strictly confidential. We have been where you are and would love to walk beside you. You are not alone!

BEAUFORT *Picture Show*

BEAUFORT DRIVE-IN

The Beaufort Picture Show is pleased to announce the new Drive-In movie venture at the Gallants Channel (near Bonehenge). Yup, just like the old drive-ins. Bring a carload of friends, snacks as you wish and enjoy an outdoor night at the movies while remaining COVID-19-safe in your vehicle.

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021

"Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"

Centered on a has-been TV superstar and his stunt double, this homage to golden-age cinema follows an array of colorful characters—including some real-life heroes and villains—through 1969 Hollywood.

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021

"Spiderman"

In this computer-animated installment of Marvel's super-hero classic, shy Brooklyn teenager Miles Morales gains Spider-Man powers and travels through alternate universes where he encounters other crime-fighting webslingers. The new Spider-Man must help to save his Spidey counterparts and protect the city from a series of villains. More info and tickets www.beaufortpictureshow.org.



BEAUFORT WOMAN'S CLUB



COMMUNITY SERVICE

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/>.



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.

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.

A New Year Letter from the Beaufort Historic Site

Happy New Year from all of us at the Beaufort Historic Site! We wish we had a glass fortune ball to know what 2021 holds for us all, but we do know it will be full of the same generosity, kindness, and a benevolent community as last year. We would usually be sharing our yearly calendar and promoting the January Membership Meeting and Membership Drive as well as our famous Membership Valentine Party.

While we work on new, fun, and safe ways to bring our events to you. We invite you all to come visit our grounds! Our grounds are always open for all to spend time with loved ones, workout with friends, play with your pets, and more. We offer our Historic Building Tours from Monday through Saturday several times a day. The

Mattie King Davis Art Gallery as well as the Old Beaufort Shop are open for you to peruse local art and unique gifts for yourself or a loved one. A portion of proceeds benefit the many education and preservation programs that take place here each and every year.

As we set foot into the new year, be sure to stay up-to-date by checking our website, beauforthistoricsite.org, by following us @thebeauforthistoricsite on Instagram and Facebook, or even calling us at 252-728-5225! Online you will be able to find the most recent information regarding our current events and future ones.

We also invite you to learn more about the Beaufort Historic Site and the Beaufort Historical Association! We are always happy to welcome new volunteers to the Site as well as new members. More information for volunteering and or becoming a member of our nonprofit can be found at beauforthistoricsite.org. You may also call 252-728-5225 or visit the Site at 130 Turner St.



We wish everyone a safe and happy New Year and look forward to seeing you around the Site!