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Town of Beaufort Newsletter

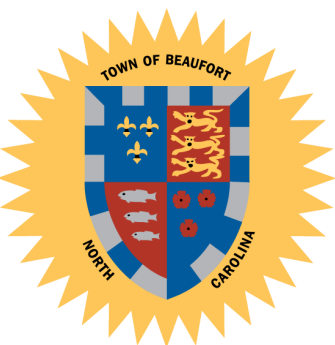
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Happy New Year, Beaufort

As I write this month's newsletter, I am amazed at just how much has happened in our community over the years, from hurricanes to a pandemic, and how we faced them together as a community. In 2021, we witnessed projects completed steadily all over town. We have paved roads, completed sidewalks, cleaned up our waterways, improved our parks, and worked on the above and below-ground infrastructure.



Mayor Sharon Harker is sworn in by Rev. Barbara Cooper and Perry Harker during a December organizational meeting at the Beaufort Fire Station.

In 2022, we still have more work to do, but we are heading in a good direction. We are starting the new year with a significant change to our town council for the first time in many years. We will welcome newly elected Mayor Sharon Harker and three new Commissioners; Melvin Cooper, Charles "Bucky" Oliver, and Bob Terwilliger. We will also begin the year with a new town manager, Todd Clark.

These changes will present an exciting time for Beaufort. By working together, we will tackle any issues we face in the future.

We all want Beaufort to be a safe, healthy, and welcoming atmosphere where people choose to live while we continue to value what makes our town special and unique. Let's start this new year together. The future of Beaufort is bright!

Mayor Sharon E. Harker

Thank you for your years of service



On Dec. 6 2021, we said farewell to Commissioner Ann Carter (20 years), Mayor Pro-tem Charles McDonald (20 years), and Mayor Rett Newton (4 years).



Together, they served the citizens of Beaufort for 44 years.

They were each honored with a proclamation outlining their years of service and recognized with a special day. Their service will have a long-lasting impact for years to come.



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.



January 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. Jan. 4—Historic Preservation Commission

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

6 p.m. Jan. 10—Board of Commissioners

6 p.m. Jan. 18—Planning Board
9 a.m. Jan. 20—Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Board

3 p.m. Jan. 20—Chat with the Chief—Live on Facebook

4 p.m. Jan. 24—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. Jan. 24—Board of Adjustment

Town of Beaufort Mayor and Board of Commissioners



Mayor
Sharon Harker



Mayor Pro Tem
John Hagle



Commissioner
Marianna Hollinshead



Commissioner
Bucky Oliver



Commissioner
Melvin Cooper



Commissioner
Bob Terwilliger

Board of Commissioners

The Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners met Dec. 6, 13 & 20, 2021. 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.
- Conducted an organiza-

tional meeting to swear-in Mayor Sharon Harker and new Commissioners Bucky Oliver, Melvin Cooper and Bob Terwilliger.

- Elected John Hagle as Mayor Pro Tem.
- Approved Case #21-25 Staff Initiated Rezoning Eastern Avenue from TCA to B-1.
- Set the agenda for the January Regular Meeting.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission met Dec. 7, 2021 via Zoom and discussed the following items:

Case # 21-39 312 Ann St – Garage Expansion Request from Sandra F. Grotheer to expand her previously approved 360 sq. ft. garage to 480 sq. ft. in the rear yard of 312 Ann Street. Approved.

Case # 21-40 308 Ann St. – New Construction Request from Sarah Afflerbach of GO Architecture on behalf of Scott

Davidson to construct a 4,582 sq. ft. new single-family dwelling with a detached 447 sq. ft. garage. Approved with two conditions placed on the COA to require the applicant to bring back samples of the railing for the decking and pavers for the driveway.

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

Resilient Beaufort Public Meeting

5:30 p.m. Jan. 27, 2022, Location TBD

We are asking for YOUR HELP while we try to increase resiliency of our critical assets and facilities, community members, and unmatched natural areas. The Town of Beaufort is developing a Resilience Strategy with funding from the NC Division of Coastal Management's Resilient Coastal Communities Program. This Strategy, called Resilient Beaufort, aims to enhance our ability to adapt to coastal and climate hazards like flooding as they continue to worsen. One major component of the Resilience Strategy includes a risk and vulnerability assessment, which explores the impacts of sea level rise, flooding, storm surge, and erosion to the Town's critical assets, vulnerable populations, and natural infrastructure. Participants will learn about the risk and vulnerability assessment, provide valuable feedback, and incorporate local knowledge.

Please contact Sam Burdick at s.burdick@beaufortnc.org or visit our program website for more info here: www.beaufortnc.org/planninginspections/page/resilient-beaufort.

Volunteer Board Vacancies

The Town of Beaufort has vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), Board of Adjustment (BOA), Planning Board, and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The vacancies are as follows: Planning Board- one position; BOA- three positions; HPC- four positions; Parks & Recreation- one position. Applications may be found at www.beaufortnc.org

under Town Hall, Volunteer Boards and Commissions, Volunteer Board Application. If you have questions please contact Elizabeth Lewis, Town Clerk at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org or 252-728-2141.

Applications must be submitted by Jan. 19, 2022. Appointments will be made by the Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners during their Feb. 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Board of Adjustment

The Town of Beaufort Board of Adjustment met Nov. 22 via Zoom and discussed the following:

Case #21-04 Variance Request for 204 Turner Street –

Request by Jay Horton of Filter Design Studio for the reduction of a side setback from 8' feet to 0 feet and a rear yard

variance of 15 feet. After conducting a Quasi-Judicial hearing the Board of Adjustment unanimously (5-0) approved the variance as requested with the condition that the drainage from the proposed rear structure be directed towards Turner Street and away from the County Administration Offices.

Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Update

After great public participation on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 the consultant is now incorporating those comments into the draft harbor plan which is scheduled to be ready in January. As soon as it is available for viewing we will post it to the Town's website.

CAMA Land Use Plan Update

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since we began working on the CAMA/ Comprehensive Plan. We appre-

ciate all the time and effort members of the community contributed to make this project so successful. The public participation alone had over 1,000 responses on the first survey. If all goes well the final draft plan will be submitted to the Planning Board in either January or February for their recommendation before moving on to the Board of Commissioners.

For questions, contact Planning Director Kyle Garner at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

Behind on your Utility Bill? Call Today to Set-up a Plan

Residents with delinquent utility accounts are urged to call Town Hall to set up a payment arrangement before Feb. 1, 2022. Please contact Shawn Licari or Cherelle Vann at 252-728-2141 ext .228 or 229.

Assistance can be applied for through the Rebuild NC- Hope Program. Check out the website for additional information, <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/hope-program> or call 1-888-927-5467.

Todd Clark Named as Beaufort Town Manager

The Beaufort Board of Commissioners has selected Everett Todd Clark to serve as the next Town Manager. The Board voted to appoint Mr. Clark in a meeting in November, and he will assume his



new responsibilities following the retirement of current Town Manager John Day at the end of December. "We are thrilled to welcome Todd Clark and his family to Beaufort," said former Mayor Rett Newton. "He has extensive experience as a town manager, strong leadership skills, and a track record of success. With Todd at the helm of our extraordinary Town staff, the future of Beaufort is very bright!"

"I am thankful to the Board of Commissioners for selecting me as the next Town Manager," said Clark. "I look forward to working with the Board, citizens and town staff to maintain the heritage and cultural values of the community. I'm excited to start working with all of our stakeholders to accomplish the Board's comprehensive vision for the future." The Beaufort Town Manager is appointed by and works under the direction of the Mayor and five-member Board of Commissioners. He is responsible for a total budget of \$16 million, plus capital funds, and 82 full-time employees. Clark has served as City Manager in Newton, NC since 2007. He worked for two North Carolina counties early in his career, before moving to municipal government as a planner for the Town of Boone. He served as Town Manager in Catawba for four years, and then as Town Manager in Maiden for three years before moving into his current city manager position. Currently Clark serves on the Board of Directors of Electricities of North Carolina. He also serves as Chairman of Municipal Power Agency One, the bulk power supplier for 19 cities and towns in piedmont and western North Caro-

lina that own and operate their electrical distribution systems. He has been actively involved in civic affairs in all of the communities where he has lived and worked. Clark earned a bachelor's degree in community and regional planning and a Master of Public Administration degree from Appalachian State University in Boone. He is an active member of the NC City/County Management Association and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

Clark is a native of Marion in western North Carolina, where his father served as a council member and mayor for 40 years. He and wife Jane currently live in Newton with their two sons, and will move to Beaufort next year.

Mercer Group Associates, a national public sector executive search and consulting firm with an office in Raleigh, assisted the Board with its search. The Board received 36 applications from several states, including 10 from North Carolina, and considered a number of well qualified candidates with extensive local government management experience. The current Board and the two newly elected commissioners interviewed five finalists. Former Mayor Newton said that the Board greatly appreciated the valuable input of citizens and Town department heads about the qualifications, experience, and characteristics that the Board should look for in the next manager. "We listened to the community and used those criteria as a guide in making our decisions," he said.

"We are grateful for John Day's extraordinary leadership as Town Manager, and we congratulate him on his forthcoming retirement," said Newton. "Our new Town Manager will find that, despite the recent storms and a pandemic, our community is thriving but we clearly have some significant opportunities and challenges to address."

Beaufort, a thriving town with a permanent population of 4,600, is situated on Beaufort Inlet. It is the county seat of Carteret County, and has been listed as "America's Coolest Small Town" and the "#1 Small Town in the South."

The Old Beaufort Post Office Papers Project

MEMORIES OF THE DAUGHTER OF A BEAUFORT POST OFFICE EMPLOYEE -- 1940'S- 1960'S (Part one from Virginia Hassell Poin-



dexter)

When I was asked recently if I had any special memories about the old

Beaufort Post Office located on Front St, I laughed and said, "Well, as a matter of fact, I believe I do!!" I went on to explain that my Dad, Charles Hassell, had worked there for about 39 years so I was sure that I had heard many interesting and funny stories from all his years as a Rural Mail Carrier.

Daddy was born and lived his entire life in Beaufort. He attended one year of college before the Depression affected his family's finances, so being the oldest of 5 he came home, hoping to find any type of job to help out. Surprisingly, since jobs were very scarce, he was hired at the Post Office in

1933 which he must have enjoyed since he stayed 39 years!

My earliest memories of the P.O. probably began when I was about eight. Until then I was certainly aware of where Daddy worked because he would occasionally take me inside if he needed to briefly take or pick up something after hours. I asked him once what all those cute little 'boxes' on the wall were! He explained that they were for mail for many people in town. So of course, I asked where ours was, and he said we didn't have one because he was our 'mailman' and brought ours directly from the PO! Well, how special was that? I remember never worrying about our mail again!

What were some of the adventures a Postal Workers daughter had when it came to the mail being delivered? Look for the rest of the story in next month's newsletter....

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

Chat with the Chief

3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022



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. 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.

The meeting will be virtual and broadcast Live on the Town of Beaufort Police Department's and the Town of Beaufort's Facebook pages.

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. The 2022 trash/recycling calendar is available online at www.beaufortnc.org under the Residential Trash Services tab.

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

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

Community News

Beaufort Development Association News

Happy New Year! Lots of new things happening on Front Street in Beaufort. The former First Citizens Bank has been acquired by Jarrett Bay Boatworks, waiting to see what that will be, so far their parking area is off limits.

The old house at 503 Front Street has been lovingly restored by the Owens, Nelson and Patti. It has taken awhile but this preservation speaks to the dedication of these people to respect and secure the architectural heritage of Beaufort. This is the home of the Beaufort Spirits Company and the Angel's Share Inn.

Also at 503 Front Street is the long awaited opening of Marmalade Cafe & Bakery, owner Amber has a luscious assortment of very tempting treats. Light breakfast may be enjoyed as well in two dining areas and take out. They are closed at this time on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Open all other days 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Front Street Taco new at 300 Front Street across from the Mari-

time Museum and owned by husband and wife team Dusty Lewis and Liz Kopf, will be opening this January. Head Chef Susana Guizarro will be offering specialties inspired by her roots in both northern and central Mexico with an emphasis on authentic preparation and fresh ingredients, local meat and produce, vegetarian options and fresh local seafood. Tequila-based cocktails and Mexican beers round out what Chef Susana calls Mexican soul food like in the taquerias of Mexico. Enjoy the festive interior. Heads up- The Arts in Beaufort mural competition is extended until March, contact barbaravinc@me.com for more information about the mural competition.

Got News? Send BDA submissions to wendydauidson98@gmail.com for consideration. www.beaufortnc.com



Beaufort Development Association
Beautiful. Historic. Waterfront.
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Down East Center for Women's Ministries

Start the new year off right with the Down East Center for Women's Ministries. Come join us in a study, on a journey of healing or volunteer or train to help others heal by becoming a trained peer counselor. Join us for: Making Peace With your Past -Mondays at 11 am beginning Jan 10 and "Take Courage," a 7-week study by Jennifer Rothschild, Thursdays at 11 am beginning Jan 20.

Please call 828-768-2691 or email us at downeastbeaufortcwm@outlook.com with any questions or to reserve your spot! We also offer free peer counseling for women by appointment. We are temporarily located at Bridgeway Church at 100 Lockhart Drive in Beaufort. We've been where you are and would love to walk beside you- you are not alone!



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Center for Women's Ministries

Plastic Free By the Sea Sustainable New Year's Resolutions

Keeping New Year's Resolutions is difficult. In fact, less than 8% of the 75% of Americans who set them actually do succeed. The key to those who are successful? Small steps. Here are a few simple habits to make a big impact on the environment.

Make fewer impulse purchases. Reigning in your urge to buy saves you money, minimizes the number of things to take care of and eventually discard, prevents regret from arising, and reduces the materials and energy needed to produce and transport more goods, which in turn reduces greenhouse gases. Plan meals. Up to 40% of the food supply in America is wasted each year, with the average family spending about \$1,400 on food that will be wasted. Utilize your freezer. If you're not sure whether you'll eat your leftovers, just freeze them. You'll have the option to eat them

later. Freezing extends the life of produce and preserves the nutritional content to near-fresh levels. Even if you have just a little food left from a meal, store it in the freezer, adding future days' scraps. Later, add your stash to soups, grains, or sauces. Freeze cooked meats, soups, sauces, pizza, and baked goods. Eliminating food waste reduces the energy and re-

sources needed to grow, manufacture, transport and sell food, and in hauling the waste to the landfill. It reduces methane emissions from landfills, a major greenhouse gas. And of course, it saves you money and trips to the grocery store.

Bring your own carryout container when you dine out. Package what you can't finish into the container and remember to bring it home. You've just eliminated the need for another take-out container. Simple yet sustainable. You can do it!



BEAUFORT Historical Association

Beaufort Historic Site to Welcome Back Valentine Membership Party this February

Come to the Beaufort Historic Site to enjoy the free largest 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.

Be sure to bring your appetite and enjoy all of the culinary offerings in their historic buildings. 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 Jan. 26 by calling 252-728-5225. There are wide ranges of membership levels starting as low as \$25 for students and senior citizens. Your membership not only gives you the tax benefits associated with donating to a 501-3c non-profit, but also the satisfaction that you are helping to preserve the unique history of Beaufort. For more information about the Valentine Party or to join us as a member, visit beauforthistoric-site.org, stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street, or call 252-728-5225.

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.

RECYCLE FOR REEFS

Why Recycle Shells?

- Oyster reefs are needed in our sounds.
- Shells are used to build or restore oyster reefs and living shorelines.
- Baby oysters attach to reefs and grow more oysters.

New and Restored Oyster Reefs:

- Provide important habitat for fish, crabs, shrimp, and other seafood.
- Reduce sound side erosion.
- Clean our estuaries as more oysters filter the water.

Visit nccoast.org/shellrecycling or scan the code below for the most up to date list of drop off sites for your shells.

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Coastal Federation
Working Together for a Healthy Coast