



An Exciting 2019 in Beaufort

2018 was a year of significant progress and planning in Beaufort. Hurricane Florence clearly was a set-back to our momentum, but the Town Staff, non-profits, churches, businesses, schools, and citizens responded magnificently. Businesses like Plaza Mexico, Finz, and Beaufort Café are working hard to re-open, tenants at Beaufort Towne Apartments are starting to move back in (although this large-scale recovery effort will extend well into the summer), and you can hear the hammering of roofing nails on residences throughout the Town. We are moving forward.

2019 promises to be a great year in our community. Here are just a few of the highlights:

Bucky and Wendi Oliver's Beaufort Hotel and 34° North Restaurant will open this year. This 133-room boutique hotel, built in a beautiful space at the eastern end of Front Street, will feature numerous amenities, 10,000 sq. ft. of event space for waterside weddings, outdoor parties, and retreats, and will feature a 200-seat restaurant with Southern and coastal cuisine. This destination will be a great addition to our tax base, provide approximately 100 jobs, and utilize excess capacity in our Town Utilities system.



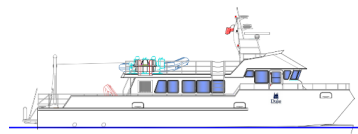
Drawing provided by David Cartier, Concord Hospitality



Photo credit: NCMM volunteer Rob Gourley

The Bonehenge Whaling Center will also open this year. A group of determined volunteers has raised funds and built this impressive facility to highlight conservation efforts to protect the 34 whale and dolphin species that frequent the North Carolina coast. Keith Rittmaster and team have done an amazing job of building this facility to detail our whaling past, while highlighting the challenges in protecting these magnificent animals that are a vital part of our environment.

The Duke Marine Lab will take delivery of a new 73-foot research vessel. This catamaran hull will accommodate up to 30 passengers for research, and will fill an important role after the departure of R/V Cape Hatteras several years ago. The Duke Marine and NOAA labs are an important part of our community and we will celebrate the arrival of this new Duke vessel that will have impressive education and research capabilities.



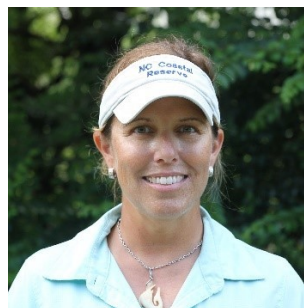
Sketch provided by John Wilson, Duke Marine Lab



Later this year, Pruitt Health will break ground for a new health-care facility in Beaufort. This project will fill a big gap in our community, provide over 120 jobs, increase our tax base, and utilize excess capacity in our Town Utilities. There will be much more to follow on this important initiative but we are grateful that Pruitt has selected Beaufort.

- Mayor Everett S. (Rett) Newton

The Very Best of Beaufort



Paula Gillikin is a Beaufort native, site manager of the Rachel Carson Reserve, manager of the Beaufort Community Cats Project, Beaufort Planning Board member, volunteer with the Guardian Ad Litem program, and President of the Board of Directors with the Bonehenge Whale Center. At a state level, Paula was recently recognized with the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service. Locally, I have seen her selflessly strive every single day to help our Beaufort community, to include successfully applying for hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants used to study and protect our coastal ecosystems. Paula is an amazing leader who truly 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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8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday-Friday

Town Hall will be closed:

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Monday, Jan. 21

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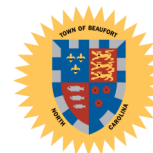
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Newsletter Submissions:

Due Jan. 20, 2019 at 5 p.m.
Send to r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

Board of Commissioners

During their Dec. 10, 2018 regular monthly meeting, the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Approved minutes of the Nov. 13, 2018 regular monthly meeting
- Approved FY19 Budget Amendment #4
- Approved an Amended Audit Contract
- Approved an Ordinance Creating Chapter 96: Parks and Recreation of the Town of Beaufort Code of Ordinances
- Approved an Ordinance Amending Title Vi: Parks and Events Section 60.15 Community Events
- Continued a Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit Case No. 18-15 to the Jan. 14, 2019 meeting.

The regularly scheduled monthly work session for December has been cancelled. There will be a work session on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 4 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Planning Board

The Planning Board met on Dec. 13, 2018 and discussed the following items:

- A request for a rezoning of three parcels totaling 12.09 acres on US 70/Live Oak (Pin #s 731605197582000, 731605191929000, 731605191609000) near the intersection of Piver Road from R-20 to B-1- Recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners by a 4 to 3 vote for both the proposed rezoning and modification to the CAMA Land Use Plan.
 - Preliminary Plat Extension - A request to extend the approval period for the Aqua 10 preliminary plat for an additional year to expire in December 2019. Approved by the Planning Board.
- If you have any questions about Beaufort's Planning Board, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at (252) 728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission did not meet in December due to lack of business.

Town Staff has been working with the State Historic Preservation Office and regional FEMA representatives to develop a debris removal plan for the Old Burying Ground. After approval of the Plan from FEMA clean-up will begin from a professional debris removal service.

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 Reminder

Per Town Ordinance: All containers must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. the day of collection, but not before 7 a.m. the day before collection, with the lids firmly closed. Bags, boxes, or any other loose material will not be collected. Containers must be returned to the yard for residences, or for businesses or institutions, to the rear area of buildings or inside the building, by the customer on the day of collection.

Waste Industries Holiday Schedule

New Years Day: Route collections delayed by one day

For more information, visit

<https://wasteindustries.com/newport/holidayschedule>

Bulk Item Pick-up

Please call Town Hall at (252) 728-2141 to schedule a bulk item pickup by 5 p.m. on Monday the week you would like pickup. Bulk item pickup is on Wednesday. **Pickups must be scheduled** and items must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesday. There is a 75-lb weight limit. Contractor Debris is not accepted.

January Meetings

All meetings are in the Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, unless otherwise posted. The public is welcome at all meetings.

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

6 p.m. Jan. 3—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

4 p.m. Jan. 7—Board of Commissioners Work Session (Town Hall Conference Room, 701 Front Street)

6 p.m. Jan. 10—Planning Board

6 p.m. Jan. 14—Board of Commissioners

4 p.m. Jan. 28—Board of Commissioners Work Session (Town Hall Conference Room, 701 Front Street)

Can't make a meeting?

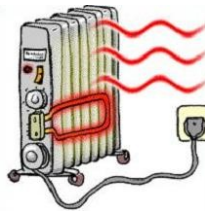
Join us for the monthly Board of Commissioners meetings online. The meetings are available via live stream on the Town of Beaufort's Facebook page. The video is available for viewing live and after the meeting has concluded.

www.facebook.com/BeaufortTown



Code Enforcement Corner—Home Heating Safety

Winter is here and the cold weather is settling in. Many people begin using space heaters, fireplaces (wood and gas), and coal or wood stoves as supplemental ways to warm. Heating a home is one of the leading causes of house fires in the US. Almost half of heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January and February.



Below are a few simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a minimum three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.

If you have any questions regarding permitting, please contact Tobbie Bowden or Jeremy Ganey at 252-728-2142.

Leash Pets While Visiting Local Islands

Be sure to leash your pet when visiting the islands of the Rachel Carson Reserve (including Carrot Island) and Cape Lookout National Seashore. This protects your pet, wild horses, sensitive resources and other visitors' enjoyment. Plus, it's the law. Have a great time out there with your furry friends!

Town of Beaufort Projects

100 Block - Orange Street Improvements

Installation of pervious parking spaces, upgrade water lines & stormwater system. Project delayed from a Dec. 2018 start due to expansion of the project.

Clean Water Grant | Start Date: Spring 2019 | 20% Complete

300 Block Pollock Street Stormwater Improvements

Engineering & construction drawings are underway and should be complete by early December.

Clean Water Grant | Start Date: Fall 2018/Winter 2019 | 10% Complete

ADA Crosswalks on Cedar & Live Oak

Improve sidewalk crossings to be ADA compliant.

NCDOT Grant | Start Date: December 2018 | 30% Complete

Bike Plan

Begin implementation of improvements on Cedar Street with redesign.

NCDOT Grant | 5% Complete

Boardwalk/Bulkhead

Town has applied for a Boating Infrastructure Grant to help with funding replacement of bulkhead & boardwalk.

Start Date: Fall 2019 | 5% Complete

Caraway Road

New Culverts have been installed in front of both schools to improve drainage systems.

Start Date: September 2018 | 50% Complete

Cedar Street Improvements

Design engineers have submitted a draft construction plan to the Town for review.

NCDOT Grant | Start Date: October 2018 | 12% Complete

Cedar Street Park

Working with NCDOT on the transfer of property to the Town to begin final design of park.

Start Date: Dec. 2018 | 30%

Culvert replacement at Live Oak & First Street

Replace undersized culvert on Live Oak near the intersection of First Street.

NCDOT Grant | Start Date: November 2018 | 5% Complete

Culvert replacement NC 101 - West Beaufort Road

Replace undersized culvert on NC Hwy. 101 to improve drainage for area.

NCDOT Grant | 5% Complete

Debris Removal - Taylors Creek

Several items of debris have been removed from Taylor's Creek through the Town's partnership with Rachel Carson Reserve & Tow Boat US.

NOAA Grant | Start Date: October 2018 | 60% Complete

Lennoxville Boat Ramp

NC Wildlife Resources & Coastal Fed look to begin work on new pervious pavement surface for existing boat ramp.

Clean Water Grant | Start Date: November 2018 | 30% Complete

Pine Street Paving (East of Turner)

Utility patching and installation of three speed table crosswalks was completed in October 2018. | 100% Complete

Police Department Renovation

Plans are being made for the interior renovation of the former Police Headquarters on Broad Street

Start Date: November 2018 | 5% Complete

Professional Park Drive - Connection

Work has begun on this connection and should be complete by January 2019.

Start Date: October 2018 | 30% Complete

Randolph Johnson Park

Engineering work under way.

Private Donation | Start Date: September 2017 | 30% Complete

Stormwater Plan

Survey work almost complete then engineers will analyze data and develop infrastructure improvement plan.

| Start Date: November 2017 | 40% Complete

Street Paving Plan

Road assessments have been completed. Stantec will be providing a preliminary report in November. | 15% Complete

Topsail Park

Possible stormwater project with Carteret Soil & Water Conservation. Project includes park beautification.

Soil & Water Grant | 10% Complete

Water Plant Repairs

Windows and brick work are almost complete. Interior renovations and roofing scheduled to be complete by December. | Start Date: August 2018 | 65% Complete

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Historical Association

Beaufort Historical Association's Annual Membership Meeting Features "Beaufort Remembers"

Members and prospective members are invited to join the Beaufort Historical Association for the Annual Membership Meeting and potluck dinner, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at St. Paul's Church, 215 Ann Street in Beaufort.

Following a potluck dinner there will be a very special presentation and discussion on the making of a new film "Beaufort Remembers." Committee Members Judy Adams, Liz Burke, and filmmaker Mark Albertin will explain their vision for this program. Members of the community, who have already been interviewed, will be on hand to share their stories and remembrances

that will be part of this important, historical documentary. The program will be followed by the presentation of the Volunteer of the Year awards.

For more information on the upcoming Membership Meeting or to nominate volunteers for the awards, stop by the Visitors Center at 130



Film maker Mark Albertin interviewing Mamre Wilson

Turner Street, or call (252)728-5225. Nominations can also be made by emailing officemanager@beauforthistoricsite.org.

Carteret County Public Libraries

Happenings for January 2019

Closing: Carteret County Public Library will be closed on will be closed on Jan. 1, 2019 for New Year's Day. We will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 2. We will also be closed on Jan. 21, 2019 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday.

Book Exchange and Sale: The Book Nook is open during regular library hours with many used books for sale.

Activities for Children: Pre-K Story (3-5) time on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Toddler Storytime (2-4) meets on Fridays at 10 a.m. Lego Club meets on the second Wednesdays of the month from 6-7 p.m. Page-Turners (6-12) meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday is Dungeons & Dragons Night (6th - 12th grade) from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Shelf Readers will meet on Jan. 5 and 18 at 10-11:30 a.m. and Alien Convention also meets on the same dates from 2-3:30 p.m. Please call the library to register for the teen programs.

Featured Artwork: The artwork Judith E Schmutz (Sage) represents her passion for the natural elemental world in which we all live. Made from handmade papers, willow branches, tribal cloth, and so much more, these 'Spirit Lights, Soul Bowls and Time Tres' bring about a unique perspective—a merging of the functional form of lights, vessels and time pieces with the rich visual metaphors of timeless spirit expressed in image, color and texture.

Beaufort Woman's Club

Town Flags—Beaufort 3' x 5' and 4' x 6' flags and 12" x 18" garden flags are for sale at Beaufort Ace, 1511 Live Oak St., Beaufort Home Store, 113 Turner Street; Cousins Bed & Breakfast, 305 Turner Street; First Citizens Bank, 1505 Live Oak Street and Time in a Bottle, 300 Front Street, Unit 3. All proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.



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

2019 Small Vessel/Kayak Lottery

The 2019 Small Vessel/Kayak Lottery for storage at a waterfront Town park will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 at the Train Depot.

The lottery will be live streamed on the Town of Beaufort's Facebook page. Spaces will be assigned in order of the lottery. You do not need to be present. Town Staff will assign a space as close to your listed preference as is available that meets the needs of your vessel.

There are 3 dinghy, 4 canoe and 37 kayak spaces at Fisherman's Park. There are 12 kayak spaces at Grayden Paul Park and 12 kayak spaces at Curtis Perry Park.



Payment and valid proof of residency must be received by the

Town of Beaufort within 10 business days of the lottery in order for your space to continue to be reserved. The 2019 fee is \$75.

Town Staff will be at the Train Depot to accept payments in the form of cash and check during the lottery on March 6.

Please fill out and return your completed Small Vessel Application 2019 by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2019. For more information and to download the rules and application, visit www.beaufortnc.org/i-want-to/store-my-kayak.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rachel Johnson, Parks & Events Coordinator/PIO, at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org or (252) 728-2141 ext. 231.

Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market



The Olde Beaufort Farmer's Market wishes to thank our community for the huge outpouring of support for our regular Saturday morning markets, for our vendor family, and for our Olde Fashioned Holiday Market on Saturday evening, December 15th. Because of you the OBFM 2018 season was a tremendous success! We look forward to bringing you our finest homegrown vegetables, meats, seafood, baked goods, and artisan treasures in 2019!