



# TOWN of BEAUFORT

NORTH CAROLINA



Town of Beaufort Newsletter

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January 2020

## 2020...the "Year of Infrastructure and Parks" in Beaufort!!

It's time to start laying down asphalt to repair our roads. We've taken the time to study the condition of all of our streets so we can most efficiently start this major effort. As a policy, we will not put down new asphalt on a street that needs underground utility work. Those roads with underground concerns will be addressed when funding becomes available in 2021 and beyond. This work is going to be complex, difficult, and time-consuming but I am happy that the Board of Commissioners, Town Staff, citizens, and business leaders want to get these long-delayed infrastructure projects underway.

Similarly, you will see the completion of work at Randolph Johnson Park and begin to look at options for Cedar Street Park (on the west end of Cedar Street). These initiatives are great additions to improve quality of life in Beaufort.

Because of the complexity of these projects, we will communicate with you at least monthly with an update and, in general, we will:

- Say what we're going to do
- Do what we say
- And when the inevitable delays occur, we will tell you why

### Research Vessel Shearwater

Congratulations to the Duke Marine Lab on the arrival of the new Research Vessel Shearwater. In approximately three years, the marine lab team of Dr Andy Read, Rebecca Smith, John Wilson, skipper Matt Dawson, and many others were able to go from concept development to delivery of a tremendous marine science capability for Duke and other scientists who need a world-class research vessel for their work. It is

awesome to see an idea transform into a vision supported by a plan that becomes a reality as part of a force for good. Well done!

*- Mayor Everett S. (Rett) Newton*

### Fire at Spouter Inn claims 3 businesses and 4 apartments

On the morning of Dec. 22, a fire broke out in the Spouter Inn and adjacent businesses, Tidal Treasures and Sweet Lilly Ru. Everyone was safely evacuated from the apartments above, but the building is a total loss. Our hearts are broken for the business owners and their staffs. As Beaufort family, we stand firmly with them as they assess damages and re-build for the future.



## The Very Best of Beaufort

Recently, Commissioner Sharon Harker, Mr Whit Taylor, and I were able to participate in a board for the Beaufort Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year. Janara Bryant and Jasmin Ahmed are very impressive young ladies and leaders who are destined for greatness. Janara wants to continue to pursue her passion for gymnastics and marine biology, and Jasmin hopes to become a pediatrician. They are both tailoring their academics accordingly. Janara and Jasmin exemplify the strength of our schools and Boys and Girls Club, and truly represent the very best of Beaufort!

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



### Town Hall

701 Front Street  
P.O. Box 390  
Beaufort, NC 28516  
(252) 728-2141

### Office Hours

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

### Town Hall will be closed:

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020  
Monday, Jan. 20, 2020

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### Newsletter Submissions:

Due Jan. 20, 2020 at 5 p.m.  
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## Board of Commissioners

During their Dec. 9, 2019 regular monthly meeting, the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Approved a resolution recognizing Carteret County School Superintendent Mat Bottoms for his retirement on Dec. 31, 2019.
- Approved the draft minutes of the Oct. 28, 2019 Work Session Meeting
- Approved an amendment to the Audit Contract.
- Approved the 2020 Board of Commissioner Meeting Dates.
- Approved FY 20 Budget Amendment #3.

## Planning Board

The Planning Board met in December on the following item:

- Case # 19-23 Site Plan -806 Cedar Street-Mixed Use development proposing a 4,606 square foot mixed use project. This item was unanimously recommended by the Planning Board for approval.

## Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment met Nov, 25 to hear the following item:

- Case # 19-05 Variance Request for 208 Gordon Street - Setbacks - A request for a variance to allow encroachment into the side yard setback of 4'- 8.5" in order to provide sheltered off-street vehicle parking during inclement weather to install new driveway pavers. This item was unanimously denied by the Board.

## Chat with the Chief

As part of the Beaufort Police Department's ongoing commitment to outstanding customer service, Chief Paul Burdette encourages all residents and local business owners to attend his "Chat with the Chief" on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Train Depot.

"Chat with the Chief" is a program Chief Burdette has developed to provide the community with statistics, trends, and information on the operations within the Police Department. It is also gives citizens a chance to discuss neighborhood issues, identify problems, discuss police/community relations, and to establish community partnerships.

## 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.

## 2020 Solid Waste & Recycle Schedules

The 2020 Solid Waste & Recycling Schedules will not be mailed but are available in full color on the Town's Website at [www.beaufortnc.org](http://www.beaufortnc.org) under the Residents—Residential Trash tabs. You may also stop by Town Hall at 701 Front Street during the month of January to pick up a hard copy.



## Town Receives Duke Energy Grant

Millie Chalk, District manager for Government & Community Relations with Duke Energy presents Chief Burdette and Chief Ray with a \$4,500 grant as a part of the Duke Energy Community Resilience Grant. The grant was awarded for the purchase of emergency communications equipment.

## 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. 7—Historic Preservation Commission
- 6 p.m. Jan. 9—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- 6 p.m. Jan. 13—Board of Commissioners
- 6 p.m. Jan. 23—Planning Board
- 4 p.m. Jan. 27—Board of Commissioners Work Session (Town Hall Conference Room, 701 Front Street)
- 6 p.m. Jan. 27 —Board of Adjustment

## Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission did not meet the month of December.

A request for proposal to update the existing Historic District Guidelines has been mailed out to interested consulting firms. The submittal date for proposals was Friday, Dec. 20 with an anticipated selection and update beginning in January 2020. More to come on this important topic on the Town's Webpage and social media.

It is nearly that time again to have a Historic Training Session for property owners, residents, business owners and others interested in the Certificate of Appropriateness process. A training session is proposed for the March 3, 2020 Historic Commission regular meeting.

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

## Mayor & Board of Commissioners Swearing in Ceremony



Top Left: Mayor Rett Newton Top Right: Mayor Pro-Tem Charles McDonald  
Bottom Left: Commissioner Sharon Harker Bottom Right: Commissioner John Hagle







**Maritime Movie: Lincoln's Secret Weapon**—In March 1862, opposing iron-clads, USS Monitor and CSS Virginia, battle to a draw but change naval combat forever. Monitor would eventually sink off the coast of Cape Hatteras during a storm and become the nation's first marine sanctuary. Join the N.C. Maritime Museum, located at 315 Front St. in Beaufort, on Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. for a screening of Lincoln's Secret Weapon, which also follows an elite team of divers as they attempt to recover priceless artifacts from American naval history. Admission to the showing is free, and advance registration is not required. For more information, call 252-504-7740 or visit [ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com](http://ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com).

**Merry-time for Tots-Preschoolers** and their caregivers are invited to the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort, located at 315 Front St. in Beaufort, on Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. to explore the world of pirates. Following a story about a boy who joined a pirate crew, everyone will get to make their own pirate hats and explore what is inside a pirate treasure chest (it isn't just gold and jewels). The program is appropriate for ages 2 to 5, and the cost is \$5 per participant. Parents are asked to stay for the entire program, which can last up to 60 minutes. Space is limited, and advanced registration is required. For more information or to sign up, call 252-504-7758.

**Coastal Culture and Waterfowl Watching Excursion**—Join the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort to observe the migration of wintering waterfowl at wildlife refuges and national seashores in Eastern North Carolina. Museum staff will lead participants on a two-day tour through the remote and beautiful regions of Pamlico, Hyde, and Dare Counties on Jan. 15 and 16. The overnight program, which also showcases the unique history of the state's coastal communities, requires pre-registration by Jan. 14 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$85 plus hotel and meals. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to register, call 252-504-7758.

**Boat Buying 101**—Americas Boating Club - Crystal Coast/Fort Macon Sail & Power Squadron will host Boat Buying 101 on Jan. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort, 315 Front St. The program is part of the club's "Get to Know Your ..." Boating Series. For information or reservations, e-mail [searenity38@gmail.com](mailto:searenity38@gmail.com) or call 252-659-2742.

**Brown Bag Gam: Ocean Leather Co.**—Join N.C. Maritime Museum Curator David Bennett on Jan. 17 at noon to learn about the origins of the Ocean Leather Company, a New York-based business that specialized in the manufacture of shark leather, as well as its shark fisheries and processing plants in Carteret County during the early 20th century. The program is part of the museum's Brown Bag Gam series, informal lectures offered over the lunch hour. So bring your lunch and join the museum, located at 315 Front St. in downtown Beaufort, for the free program. Registration is not required, and walk-ins are welcome. For information, call 252-504-7740.

**9th Annual Clam Chowder Cook-Off**—Join the Friends of the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort for one of the tastiest fundraisers around. Four guest clam chowder cooks will compete on Jan. 17 starting at 6 p.m. at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center, located on Front Street in downtown Beaufort. Attendees will sample the four chowders and vote for their favorite. The event also includes a cornbread taste-off. Space is limited for this ticketed event. Tickets, which are \$40 for Friends' members and \$45 for non-members, are currently available in the Museum's gift shop, by calling the Friends office at 252-728-1638 or on the Friends' website: [maritimefriends.org](http://maritimefriends.org).

**Brown Bag Gam: Golden Pirates on the Silver Screen**—Join N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort Program Coordinator Christine Brin at noon on Jan. 22 to learn about the truth and the myths behind movie pirates during "Golden Pirates on the Silver Screen." The program is part of the Brown Bag Gam series, informal lectures offered over the lunch hour. So bring your lunch and join the museum, located at 315 Front St., for the free program. Registration is not required, and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 252-504-7740.

**Bonehenge: The Whale Center:** The Bonehenge Whale Center at the Maritime Museum Gallants Channel Property is nearing completion, thanks to a lot of hard work by a team of talented and generous volunteers. Join the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort, located at 315 Front St. in downtown Beaufort, and its Natural Science Curator Keith Rittmaster on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in the museum's auditorium for a presentation on the creation of Bonehenge and what this new facility will have to offer. The program is free, and registration is not required. For information, call 252-504-7740.

**Carolina Maritime Model Society**—The Carolina Maritime Model Society exists to promote the production of high-quality ship models and encourage members and the public to participate in a craft that is as old as shipbuilding itself. The group will meet at 2 p.m. on Jan. 25 in the auditorium of the N.C. Maritime Museum, located at 315 Front St. in downtown Beaufort. The meeting is open to the public.

**Introduction to Wooden Boat Building**—Explore the art of boat building during the two-day, hands-on Introduction to Wooden Boat Building, offered Jan. 25 and 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center, located across Front Street from the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Begin with the design and lofting of boats, and move on to the setup, steam bending and different methods of creating the back bone of small boats. In addition, learn how to make planking systems, both carvel and lap strake, and all the appropriate fastening systems. By the end of the course, students will have the knowledge and skill to choose a design and style of boat to build on their own and the confidence to take on the job. Course fee is \$135 (Friends of the Museum, \$121.50). Minimum age is 16. The course size is limited, and advance registration is required. For more information or to sign up, call 252-504-7758.

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FOR A GREENER STATE



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Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars



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Empty and rinse

#### METAL

All cans



Empty and rinse

#### GLASS

Bottles and jars



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#### PAPER

Paper, cartons and cardboard



Flatten cardboard

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Inspections and Permitting—224  
Planning and Zoning—223  
Parks, Events, Public Information Officer—231  
Finance—235 or 240  
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Town Clerk—233  
Town Manager—230  
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#### After Hours:

Sewer emergency: (252) 241-5164  
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## Carteret County Public Libraries

**Closings:** The library will be closed on Jan. 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. It will reopen on Jan. 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

**Events:** Come join us for an afternoon of knitting every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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

**Activities for Children:** Children's Activities: Pre-K Storytime (ages 3-5) meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Toddler Storytime (ages 2-4) meets on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Lego Club (ages 6-12) meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. Page-Turners (ages 6-12) meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 4-5. Academic Mentoring for Young

Adults will be held on Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. Shelf Readers, which is a service project for teens, meets every other Saturday. Please call the library for dates.

**Featured Artwork:** The art gallery features the work of Tina Lecheler, who is an award-winning artist currently living in Beaufort, North Carolina. Tina grew up in Staunton, Virginia and holds a B.S. from Virginia Tech as well as a Master's degree from Texas Women's University. She works primarily with oil on canvas and is known for her outstanding use of color. Tina has participated in many local and regional art shows. Come take a look! The library is interested in displaying crafts made by local residents. Please call the library for more information.

### Beaufort Garden Club

**Monthly General Meeting—** 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, Ann Street UMC - Eure Building, 500 Ann St. For 60 years, The Beaufort Garden Club has been engaging in many facets of keeping Beaufort picturesque! In 1959, The Beaufort Garden Club was founded by the lovely and current Beaufort resident, Jean Chapell, and her friends Hazel Simpson and Mildred Holland. Through the years, The Beaufort Garden Club and Woman's Club have shared many members and through working together have initiated many Beaufort traditions, such as The Old Homes Tour and Christmas Homes. Additional activities in-

clude making wreaths for the Beaufort Historic Site and flower arrangements for the Old Homes Tour. Town clean up, planting trees and shrubs and maintaining parks are just some of the many other activities that we continue today. Please join us and bring a friend to help us celebrate our 60th anniversary! Refreshments will be served from 9:30-10 a.m. followed by our program. The Beaufort Garden Club is a group of 160+ women who volunteer tirelessly to keep Beaufort beautiful. Please visit our Facebook page for more information, notices of events and photos of previous projects.

### 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.



New year's resolution or want to get that money management under control? Come join us Thursday January 9th from 6:30pm-8:30 pm at the Down East Center for Women's Ministry for a FREE seminar on "Tips to save or stretch your Dollars" Space is limited so please call 252-504-2441 to reserve your spot or share an idea for a class you would like to attend in the future. We also offer free peer counseling for women by appointment. We are located at 407 Live Oak Street Suite #5 in Beaufort. We've been where you are and would love to walk beside you-you are not alone!



## BEAUFORT Historical Association

### BHA January Events

#### Membership Meeting -

6 p.m. Jan. 21

This meeting honors all BHA volunteers and will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 215 Ann St. A potluck dinner will be followed by a program featuring Beaufort Remembers, the completed documentary by Mark Albertin featuring Beaufort residents and their important stories. The evening concludes with the presentation of the volunteer awards. Anyone interested in learning more about Beaufort and the Beaufort Historical Association is welcome to attend this free event. Be sure to bring your best dish and join us! For more information call 252-728-5225, visit [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org), or

stop in at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center, 130 Turner St.

**Historic Buildings Tours-** Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.  
Tour the rustic Leffers Cottage c. 1778, the Victorian Josiah Bell House c. 1825, the Federal-style John C. Manson House c.1825, the Carteret County Jail c. 1829, the Apothecary c. 1857, or the Carteret County Courthouse c.1796. Each building depicts a different period or aspect of life in historic Beaufort. The tour includes any 3 of the historic buildings. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12, and free for ages under 5. Tours also available upon one hour request.

### 2020 Small Vessel/Kayak Lottery

The 2020 Small Vessel/Kayak Lottery for storage at a waterfront Town park will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 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 2020 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 4.

Please fill out and return your completed Small Vessel Application by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2020. For

more information and to download the rules and application, visit <https://www.beaufortnc.org/parks/page/small-vesselkayak-storage>. (Under the Residents tab).

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

# BEAUFORT

Picture Show

### "THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON"

Sat, Jan 11 4 pm and 7 pm

The Falcon is an adventure story set in the world of a modern Mark Twain that begins when Zak, a young man with Down syndrome, runs away from the nursing home to chase his dream of becoming a professional wrestler. Through circumstances beyond their control Tyler, a small-time outlaw on the run, becomes Zak's unlikely coach and ally. Together they wind through deltas, elude capture, drink whisky, find God, catch fish, and convince Eleanor, a kind nursing home employee with a story of her own, to join them on their journey.

### "FLEABAG" (National Theatre Live)

Sun, Jan 19, 3 pm

See the hilarious, award-winning, one-woman show that inspired the BBC's hit TV series Fleabag, broadcast live to cinemas from London's West End.

### "THE FAREWELL"

Sat, Jan 25 4 pm and 7 pm

A headstrong Chinese-American woman returns to China when her beloved grandmother is diagnosed with terminal cancer. Billi struggles with her family's decision to keep grandma in the dark about her own illness as they all stage an impromptu wedding to see grandma one last time.

**Tickets:** [beaufortpictureshow.com](http://beaufortpictureshow.com)

All films are shown at The Mill Space, 1362 Lennoxville Rd.