

More Progress in Beaufort

Fire Truck Dedication. I was honored to participate in the dedication of our new fire ladder truck on May 1. Following the Spouter Inn fire, it became abundantly clear that we needed a ladder truck. In very short order, the requirements were refined, an affordable truck was identified, and funding was allocated to support our community. My greatest thanks to Fire Chief Tony Ray and his extraordinary firefighting professionals.

COVID-19. We are incrementally getting back to normal. If you're vaccinated, please continue to be careful. If you haven't been vaccinated, please seriously consider getting the vaccination.

Hurricane Season. June 1 starts hurricane season and it is forecast to be an "above average Atlantic hurricane season." We are preparing as a community but please take the time to download appropriate checklists to best protect your family. Visit www.beaufortnc.org for Hurricane Preparedness and Flood Information (Under the residents tab).



Infrastructure. We continue to improve our Beaufort infrastructure. While paving and underground work has progressed at an incredible pace, we are also connecting the community with sidewalks. There's a lot of hard work happening. We have an amazing town staff that continues to work across our entire community!

- Mayor Everett S. (Rett) Newton

Open for the Season

The new splashpad at Randolph Johnson Park, 1017 Pine St.) is officially open for the season. Hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. The park is open from sunrise to sunset and features a large playground area and a picnic shelter area in addition to the splashpad. All park facilities are available for use on a first come, first serve basis. Parking is in the Pine Street parking lot with additional parking at the tennis courts. The official grand opening event has been delayed due to COVID-19...Stay tuned for details in the future.



The Very Best of Beaufort

Massive infrastructure improvements are underway across Beaufort. From street paving, to sidewalks, to underground utility work, you're seeing an unprecedented effort to fix areas that have been neglected for decades. This extensive work is only possible because we have two outstanding town engineers, Greg Meshaw and Sam Bell. Once we hired these two professionals, it took several years to analyze our infrastructure challenges, develop an action plan, and find funding. Engineering work is complex and we're fortunate to have this amazing team. The health and prosperity of our town is always at the forefront of our decisions, and Greg and Sam's engineering leadership 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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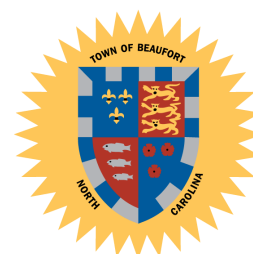


Newsletter Submissions:

Due June 20, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Send to

r.johnson@beaufortnc.org



Board of Commissioners Action List

During the May regular monthly meetings the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Adopted a resolution honoring and remembering the life of Joyce Fulford, former Mayor of Beaufort who passed away.
- Approved an amendment to the Navigable Water Ordinance.
- Approved a resolution in Opposition of Senate Bill 349-House Bill 401 Zoning Reform - and authorized the Clerk to submit the resolution to our legislative delegation and leadership in the North Carolina General Assembly.
- Approved a resolution in Opposition of House Bill 496 Property Owners Rights - Tree Ordinance - and authorized the Clerk to submit the resolution to our legislative delegation and leadership in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Volunteer Advisory Boards & Commissions

Thank you! On behalf of the Mayor, Town Commissioners, Town Manager and the Town Clerk, we received over 30 applications for consideration of the three Advisory Board and/or Commission vacancies. A warm thank



Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission met May 4, 2021 and discussed the following items:

- Case #21-17:** 500 Ann St.: Landscaping: Request to add new landscaping at 500 Ann St. (Eure Building). Approved.
- Case #21-18:** 417 & 500 Ann St.: Landscaping: Request to plant garden areas along Craven St. beside church and at the Eure Building. Approved.
- Case #21-20:** 300 Front St.

Board of Adjustment

The Town of Beaufort Board of Adjustment met April 27, 2021. After hearing testimony and evidence from all parties upheld the Town's decision

- Appointed Sheresa Elliott to serve on the Town's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Received the recommended budget for FY22 from the Town Manager.
- Conducted multiple Budget Work Sessions and a Budget Public Hearing on the proposed budget.
- Considered candidates to several on the new Beaufort Harbor and Waterways Master Plan Advisory Committee.
- Received the monthly Financial Reports and Notes for April 2021.
- Received an update from the Town Engineer on current/active Town Projects.

The action list above should not be considered official minutes. Please visit www.beaufortnc.org/meetings for current meeting agenda and minute information. Questions: Contact Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, at (252)728-2141, ext. 233 or

you is sent to each applicant for their interest in serving in their community! For more information about our volunteer advisory boards and/or how you can serve, please contact Town Clerk, Allen Coleman at 252-728-2141 ext. 233, by email at a.coleman@beaufortnc.org or www.beaufortnc.org.

(Unit A): Projecting Sign: Request to install a 7.36 sq. ft. hanging/projecting sign for the new Spouter's Restaurant at 300 Front St. (Unit A). Approved.

Case # 21-21: 120 Moore St.: Off Street Parking: Request to install a brick parking pad. Approved. 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.

that a commercial use (landscaping business) operating at 119 Willow Street was illegal and must come into compliance with the R-8 Zoning District.

June Meetings

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the public gathering guidelines, the Town of Beaufort is conducting all public meetings virtually. Please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for up-to-date meeting information. Please select the desired meeting to access the Zoom login information. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, at (252) 728-2141, ext. 233 or a.coleman@beaufortnc.org.



- 6 p.m. June 1**—Historic Preservation Commission
- 6 p.m. June 3**—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- 6 p.m. June 14**—Board of Commissioners
- 6 p.m. June 21**—Planning Board
- 4 p.m. June 22**—CAMA/Comp Plan Steering Committee
- 4 p.m. June 28**—Board of Commissioners Work Session
- 6 p.m. June 28**—Board of Adjustment

Planning Board

The Planning Board met May 17, 2021 and discussed the following items:

Case #21-13: Staff initiated text amendment to the Land Development Ordinance & Subdivision Ordinance: This request was presented by Town Staff in an effort to become compliant with changes in the State Planning Statutes more specifically 160D. After a presentation on some of the substantial changes the Planning Board recommended to the Board of Commissioners to have the Town's Attorney review the proposed text amendments prior to scheduling a Public Hearing with the Board of Commissioners.

Case #21-16: PUD amendment for Front Street Village: Request to modify the original PUD by rezoning a 16-acre area from Commercial to Single Family Residential, increasing the number of single family lots from 11 to 34, and to reduce the number of total parking spaces associated with the request for the reduction of resort dwellings by 195 units. Recommended for

Consumer Confidence Report

The Consumer Confidence Report for the Town of Beaufort (PWS ID 04-16-010) & Eastmans Creek SD (PWS ID 70-16-013) is available for the public. These Consumer Confidence Reports

approval and submitted to the Board of Commissioners to conduct a public hearing with the condition that an exhibit map identifying the 16-acre area requesting rezoning be submitted prior to the Public Hearing.

Case #21-14: Site Plan: East Port Apartments II: Request by The Cullipher Group, on behalf of East Carolina Community Development Inc. to construct three multi-family buildings containing 48 units and a total square footage of 31,948 and use approximately 13,920 gallons per day of sewer allocation. Recommended for approval and submission to the Board of Commissioners.

In other planning news: The Inspections Division issued 85 Building Permits and completed 229 inspections for the month of April. So far from July 2020 to April 2021 there have been 631 building permits issued and 1924 inspections completed.

If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

can be obtained by requesting a copy at Town Hall or by visiting the following website (www.beaufortnc.org/publicutilities). If you have any questions, comment, or concerns, feel free to contact Wade Keeler at (252) 728-2130.

Beaufort Town Flags

Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$70) and 12" x 18" garden flags (\$25) are for sale at Ace Hard-



ware, 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.

MARITIME DAY

Saturday, June 12
11:00am - 2:00pm

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

BOAT RIDES
KID ACTIVITIES
YARD GAMES
MUSIC

FOOD TRUCKS, POPCORN, BEER SALES

Gallants Channel Annex
293 West Beaufort Road

Maritime Day 2021, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. June 12, is open and free to the public, featuring boat rides, kid activities, yard games and musical entertainment! There will also be food trucks, popcorn and beer sales. The day will wrap up with a reception at 2 p.m. for those who have purchased commemorative bricks for the waterfront courtyard. NC Maritime Museum's Gallants Channel Annex, 293 West Beaufort Road. Questions call 252.728.1638 or email info@maritimefriends.org.

Flood Insurance

Just one inch of water in your home can cause up to \$25,000 in damage. Enter hurricane season with the peace of mind and protection that flood insurance can bring. To find out what type of flood insurance coverage is right for you, visit FloodSmart.gov/policy.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Following Hurricane Florence, the Town applied for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for two (2) generators, one for Town Hall and one for the Public Works Facility. We're excited to announce that the application has been approved and funding is forthcoming. This will assist greatly in post-event recovery efforts in the future and promote resiliency in Beaufort.

Street Sweeping Schedule

The Town of Beaufort Public Works Department operates a street sweeper on a monthly basis. The street sweeper operates on Thursdays and Fridays during the third week of each month beginning at 6 a.m.

Thursdays:

- Mulberry Street south to Cedar and from Turner Street west to Live Oak
- Island View Drive

- Taylor Creek Drive
- Jefferson Street
- Legion Street
- 2nd Street
- Turner Creek Way
- Professional Park area if needed

Fridays:

- Cedar Street south to Front Street
- Hill Street east to Moore Street
- Live Oak if needed from Cedar Street to Highway 101

This schedule may be found under the Residents tab at www.beaufortnc.org.

Pay to Park Season

The 2021 Pay to Park Season is May 24-Sept. 6, 2021. Parking rates are \$1/hour between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. except in the West/East parking lots which are at an escalating rate starting at \$1/hour. Passes available at Town Hall, pay at any of the 16

meter locations or use the Pay to Park app on your phone. For more information, visit www.beaufortnc.org/parking. Parking is free for anyone displaying a handicap tag at any parking location.



News from the Beaufort Development Association

Start the Summer Block Party: 5-9 p.m. June 18 on Middle Lane. Featuring live music, food trucks, beer tent, Airstream raffle, sponsored by Sycamore Brewing. We are a go for the **July 4th Parade**. The contact person for signing up is Martha Barnes, call (252) 728-3917. The parade time has changed. It will be at 4 p.m. with line up at 3 p.m. at Gordon St. The parade route is across Front St. to Turner St. then right on Turner St. to the courthouse.

Fireworks will be a non gathering event this year. The best viewing will be at the end of Cedar St. looking out to the Maritime property. We have donation jars around town in most of the drinking establishments to help defer the high cost of a fireworks display—please donate if you can. Donations can also be made at www.beaufortnc.com or P.O. Box 56, Beaufort, NC 28516.

Music in the park will begin later in the summer season this year starting in mid-August. The band schedule will be posted at beaufortnc.com.

Beaufort Historical Association to Host 60th Annual Old Homes Tour & More

The historic seaside village of Beaufort will be full of activity for the 60th Annual Old Homes Tour & More beginning Wednesday, June 23 until Sunday, June 27. This annual tour features some of Beaufort's beautiful private homes, glorious gardens, multiple local churches and artists' studios throughout the town, as well as the authentically-restored buildings and grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site. The houses on the tour include: the home of Charlotte Post, W.F. Bell House c. 1860; the home of Laura and Ike Adams, Roberson Poole House c. 1883; the home of Elizabeth and Frank Hood; the home of Heidi and Jim Radford, Richard Whitehurst c. 1881; the home of Dr. Frieda Menzer and Dr. Robert MacArthur; the home of Laurel and Greg Sanders, Mason-Parkin House c. 1897; and the home of Steve and Ruth Puckett. Tour tickets are \$20 and are on sale now at the Beaufort Historic Site and at www.beauforthistoricsite.org.

Donate Used Books to the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library is pleased to accept donations of used books to raise funds for the Beaufort branch library. You can bring books on Tuesday mornings (9-10 a.m.). Go behind the library where the red



Downtown is looking forward to more new business openings—2 shops at the newly renovated Somerset Square: The Beaufort Creamery serving up ice cream and sweets, and Bimini Twist a jewelry shop.

We also are looking forward to the new Queen Anne's Revenge at that same new location but we don't have a date yet.

Uptown has a new barber and boutique - cuts and styling by Wilson's Clippers at 1726 Live Oak. Salty Mermaids- A new fun boutique in Beaufort Square Shopping Center **Utility repairs** continue on Cedar Street as the Town prepares its infrastructure for NCDOT to repave. There are businesses on Cedar St. let's not forget them, they could also use your support.

Bicycle Fixation Stations are in three locations around town to include Grayden Paul, Curtis Perry and Randolph Johnson Parks. These were provided to the Town via a grant from the NCDHHS.

For information on the BDA, email wendydauidson98@gmail.com, find BDA on Facebook or visit beaufortnc.com.

Gorgeous homes and quaint gardens will be featured on this year's tour, along with accompanying events. Other events include an Art Show for Old Homes Tour Featured Artist, Heather Sink, at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, a Literary Luncheon and a Live Stream event with a group of best-selling authors called Friends & Fiction, and a Sunday Brunch in a beautiful garden at a private Beaufort home.

"We are excited to be able to have an Old Homes Tour this year after not being able to have it last year," Executive Director Patricia Suggs said. "We are ready to bring back this beloved tour that really brings together our community and shows everyone just how great Beaufort is!"

"The Old Homes Tour events this year will provide a wonderful opportunity to enjoy charming Beaufort, engage with members of the local community, and immerse yourself in our local history, arts, and architecture," Director of Operations & Collections Naomi Edmondson said. "We hope you will join us this summer in welcoming back Old Homes Tour and More!"

Book Wagon is stored and stocked. If you have a large donation, contact Jane Burbella to arrange a drop-off or pick-up time—(252) 723-3132 or onetoread@gmail.com. If you have just a few books to donate, you can drop them off at the Book Wagon on Saturdays at the Olde Beaufort Farmers Market.



Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market

The Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market is in full swing on the courthouse grounds every Saturday morning. Vendors are offering nutritious locally grown veggies, meats, eggs,

honey and other farm fresh products along with beautiful, quality artisan treasures under the oaks. Come enjoy a safe, comfortable, light-filled morning with the OBFM from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and get your weekend off to a great start.

Every Saturday through November on the Courthouse Grounds. For weekly updates on vendors and special market days visit <https://www.oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org/> or follow the market on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/>



Saturday June 12



Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary www.RunTheEast.com

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 at the-writersXchange@aol.com.

Butterfly Gardens to be Blessed

As a continuation of the 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service at Ann Street United Methodist Church on June 6, congregants and visitors are invited to process to one of their newly planted Butterfly Gardens. The celebration will include singing, special prayers and appreciation to the project's many contributors. "The Creation Care Ministry at Ann Street UMC in Beaufort NC began two years ago in a conversation about how we could acknowledge that care of God's creation must extend from the smallest insect to all human-kind. Ann Street Church has always actively worked to meet human needs locally and globally. This enhancement complements these significant efforts

God's creation, in keeping with our Christian principles." A key component of the project is education about the important role that butterflies and other insects play in healthy environments. "The role played by the largely unseen insects in our environment has been heralded by experts for a while, but as care of God's creation becomes more pressing to us all, we need to spread this message," Matt Dawson, founding member and Marine Biologist. The Butterfly Gardens will beautify the Church's campus and community, providing a place of exploration, meditation and prayer, while nurturing our environment. Beaufort's Historic Preservation Commission unanimously approved this project, applauding its duality of education and beautification.

With Matt Dawson, Dianne Gagnon and Linda Hevner (both Certified UMC Global Ministries EarthKeepers) are founding lay members, serving as Creation Care Ministry champions and consultants. Twenty five others have joined in to assist with planning, garden preparation, planting and educational efforts.

The Ministry's goal is to provide scripturally-based Creation Care education and experiences, engaging all age groups, residents and visitors, regardless of race, creed or physical capabilities. Learn more about United Methodist Church's Caretakers of God's Creation: www.umc.creationcare.org/



while addressing challenges facing our natural world," said Linda Hevner.

Dianne Gagnon adds: "The first Creation Care Project at Ann Street Church begins as in Genesis, with two Butterfly Gardens on our campus. They announce our commitment to caring for

BEAUFORT Picture Show

BEAUFORT DRIVE-IN

8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5
The Beaufort Music Festival presents:

"BAD REPUTATION" An American documentary about the wild life and career of rock musician Joan Jett. This musical journey takes you from her early years as founder of 'The Runaways' through to her first collaborations with Kenny Laguna and finishing with her status as a rock icon.

8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 12

"JUMANJI- The Next Level"

Everything you know about Jumanji is about to change.

The Beaufort Picture Show at Mill Space:

4 & 7 p.m. Saturday, June 26

"HONEY BOY"

A young actor's stormy childhood and early adult years as he struggles to reconcile with his father and deal with his mental health.

More info and tickets

www.beaufortpictureshow.org.

Yo ho ho & a bottle o' Run 5k and Fun Run



The Yo ho ho & a bottle o' Run 5k and 1 mile fun run will be 7-10 a.m., Saturday, July 3 in downtown Beaufort.

Cost is \$35 per event. T-shirt included.

Preregistration is from 3 p.m. until dusk on July 2 at Historic Site or day of the event at 7 a.m. Register at Beaufortpirateinvasion.com or Runtheeast.com or by calling 336-707-8276.

Pirate Invasion

The Beaufort Pirate Invasion will be Aug. 13-15 at the Gallant's Channel Complex.

The Gallants Channel Complex is a large open area that is gated and visitors can purchase a wristband or ticket to enter.

The admission fee is \$10. Children that can "walk under the Plank" will enter free. Professional performers are slated for this year to include, professional magicians, sword-fighters, pirate musicians, bullwhip demos, black powder demos with cannons. Family friendly comedy show, living history displays and reenactments, stilt walkers, mermaids, peg-legged pirates, blacksmithing, axe/ knife throwing and so much more..., and that is a show to see mates. For more information, visit www.beaufortpirateinvasion.com.