

BEAUFORT NORTH CAROLINA



Town of Beaufort Newsletter

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Due 5 p.m. June 15, 2022 Send to Rachel Johnson, PIO at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

Proclamation Declaring June 19 Juneteenth in Beaufort

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, officially known as Juneteenth National Independence Day, sometimes referred to as Freedom Day, Emancipation Day, or Jubilee Day, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and the end of slavery in the United States and is observed annually on June 19, is a federal holiday in the United States, and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, issued on January 1, 1863, had freed the enslaved people in Texas and all the other Southern secessionist states of the Confederacy except for parts of states not in rebellion, and

WHEREAS, it would take two years after its signing and the end of the Civil War to be fully enforced; and WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, TX, to spread the word that slavery had been abolished, and WHEREAS, the following year, the first official Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas and have continued across the United States throughout the years; and

Juneteenth Freedom Walk Parade

Join Operation Uplift II, Inc of Beaufort as they celebrate Juneteenth with a commemoration walk.

A walking parade is being scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 18. Gather in front of the Boys & Girls Club on Mulberry Street.

All who are planning to join in the Parade just show up

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery; and WHEREAS, on this anniversary each year, organizations and individuals throughout North Carolina and our nation celebrate African American contributions, achievements, heritage, history, freedom, and culture with events and ceremonies that reflect the power of community, family, art, and tradition in the face of oppression; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an important opportunity to honor the principles of the Declaration of Independence and celebrate the achievements and contributions African Americans have made, and continue to make, in Beaufort, North Carolina, and across our Nation. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sharon Harker, Mayor of the Town of Beaufort, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2022, as JUNETEENTH DAY in Beaufort, North Carolina and I urge all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African American History and in the heritage of our nation and town.



Sharon E. Harker

Mayor, Town of Beaufort, NC

at 10 a.m. on June 18!

The walking parade will highlight different areas of Beaufort's history along the way.

Operation Uplift II, Inc. is a nonprofit charitable organization. The main objective of the program is to rebuild the old community center that was at 310 Marsh Street. Email operauplif2@yahoo.com for more information or call Gil Powell at (252) 269-4445.

June Meetings

Meetings will be conducted in the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort unless otherwise noted. Please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for meeting agendas. Regular Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are livestreamed on the Town's Facebook page.

6 p.m. June 2—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

4 p.m. June 6—Budget Work Session

6 p.m. June 7—Historic Preservation Commission

6 p.m. June 13—Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

9 a.m. June 16- Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Board (Meets at the Beaufort Hotel)

6 p.m. June 20—Planning Board

4 p.m. June 27—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. June 27—Board of Adjustment

Sunshine List: Sign up for meeting notifications by emailing Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

HIGH GRASS

The goal for the Planning and Inspections Department is to protect the Town of Beaufort's aesthetics, health, safety, and welfare by providing professional planning, building inspec-



tion, and code compliance services.
Beaufort homeown-

ers and residents are responsible for maintaining the grass and weeds at their property. This includes the front, back and sides of a yard as well as the alley easement and parkway adjacent to the property. In addition, any grass around structures, fences, meters, etc. must be trimmed. Any grass, weeds or other unsightly vegetation in excess

of six inches are in violation of the Town's Code of Ordinances Section 91.65. The Town encourages all yard waste such as dry grass, cut tree limbs and brush should be properly disposed of.

High grass has the potential to harbor rodents, snakes, and other vermin. It can also be a breeding ground for mosquitos and chiggers. The Town also understands that certain circumstances arise that prevents one from maintain their property which is why we strongly encourage citizens to help citizens. Develop relationships with your neighbors so you know if they need assistance with cutting their grass or preventative home maintenance. Please call the Planning & Inspections Department at (252) 728-2142 if you would like more information on Code Enforcement or visit www.beaufortnc.org.

Board of Commissioners

The Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners met April 25 and May 9. The following is an action item list:

- · Approved the FY 22 Audit Contract.
- · Approved NCDEQ-DWI Spring 2022 Applications & Resolutions.
- · Adopted Grant Project Budget Ordinance – Federal American Rescue Plan Act 2021.
- ·Presented FY 22-23 Budget
- · Approved Preliminary/Final Plat- 146 Gibbs Court.
- · Approved Final Plat- Beaufort

Planning Board

The Beaufort Planning Board met April 18 and discussed the following items:

Case # 19-19 Site Plan: Compass Hotel: Request to extend the original approval for the Compass Hotel for an additional 18-months. Recommended the extension to the Board of Commissioners with a condition that the Type A buffer between the properties on the south side of the project be installed immediately.

Case # 22-09 Preliminary-Final Plat: 146 Gibbs Court: Request to subdivide a 4.2 acre tract into 2 lots located in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction and will be served by an approved private septic and water system. The project will also be responsible for the payment of \$1,259.20 in recreation fees. Approved the preliminary plat and recommended the final plat approval to the Board of

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission met May 3 and discussed the following items:

Case # 22-12: 113 Front Street:

Request to add new landscaping and fencing to the property to include the riparian lot across the street. Approved with a condition that the fence on the northwest side of the property, going north be extended from the 6 foot high gate at a height of 6 feet to the concrete foundation wall.

Case # 22-13: 113 Broad Street: Request to install a plaque. Tabled as the applicant was not present for the hearing.

Case # 22-14: 105 Front Street: Request to install new bollard fencing for the property and

East village Phase I.

- · Approved an 18-month extension for Site Plan- Compass Hotel and the Sewer Allocation Request.
- ·Approved FY 2022 Budget Amendment 9.
- ·Conducted a Public Hearing for voluntary annexation of 3 parcels at the request of Beaufort Agrihood Development, LLC.
- · Approved annexation with conditions.

For more information contact Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

Commissioners.

Case # 22-10 Final Plat: Beaufort East Village - Phase I: Request to subdivide a 40.62 acre tract into 108 lots (79 Single-Family Residential Lots & 29 Townhome Lots). Recommended approval of the Final Plat to the Board of Commissioners. Case # 22-11 PUD Old Beaufort Elementary School: Request for Planned Unit Development (PUD) of 15.87 acres with a Master Plan and a recommendation on the list of Special Uses provided by the applicant for the development of the property. Opened the public hearing and recessed it until the May meeting to allow more time for the public to comment and to review the proposal.

If you have any questions please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at

k. garner @beau fortnc.org.

brick pavers for the parking area. Approved.

Case # 22-15: 411 Front Street: Request to install new doors, windows, fencing and land-scaping creating a courtyard effect for the former First Citizens Bank building. Approved the door and window portion of the request. The fencing and landscaping request was tabled with the recommendation that the applicant meet with and gain approval from Town officials prior re-submitting their design.

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.

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 to the public. These Consumer Confidence Reports

Smoke Detector Event

The Beaufort Fire Department will be conducting a smoke



detector canvassing event on June 4, 2022. Beaufort has received a grant from the Ofmay be obtained by requesting a copy at Town Hall or by visiting the following website (www.beaufortnc.org/publicutilities). If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact Wade Keeler at (252) 728-2130.

fice of State Fire Marshals for smoke detectors. If you have any questions, please contact Beaufort Fire Marshal Richard Lovick at

r.lovick@beaufortnc.org or at (252) 728-2141 ext. 210.

Notice of Trash Rate Increase

Residential and Commercial trash fees increased by 7.4% according to the Town's contract with GFL. The fee is adjusted annually by the Consum-

er Price Index for Urban Consumers. The rate has changed from \$19.44 to \$20.88 per month and is reflected on the current bill. A 7.8% increase for the Waterfront Business District will be effective July 1, 2022.

Commissioner Cooper to Host Office Hours

Commissioner Melvin Cooper will host office hours at the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort. Commissioner Cooper will be available 10 a.m. June 14. Drop by or make an appointment by emailing Commissioner Cooper at m.cooper@beaufortnc.org.

Next King Tide: June 12-16, 2022

What are king tides?

King tides are the highest high and lowest low tide events of the year. They are regular and predictable events that occur when the Sun, Earth, and Moon are in alignment and the Moon is at its closest point to the Earth. These conditions cause extreme highs and lows during the daily tidal cycle. Share your photos and learn more at https://nckingtides.web.unc.edu/.

Upcoming King Tides

June 12-16 July 11-15



Beaufort's Hurricane Resource Center

Did you know the Town web-



site has valuable resources for residents on how to prepare for a hurricane from building a

disaster kit to information about storm surge, wind damage flood insurance and much more? Visit

www.beaufortnc.org and click on the "Residents" tab and select Hurricane Preparedness/Flood Information. This section is also home to tips on what to do in the middle of a hurricane and after a storm. https://www.beaufortnc.org/ fire/page/hurricanepreparednessfloodinformation. For more information contact Public Information Officer Rachel Johnson at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org. Look for a new notification alert system to be announced in mid-June for weather and



other emergency notifications! You will be able to receive emergency alerts from the Town via text, call or email. Details coming soon.

Pay to Park Season

The 2022 Pay to Park Season began Monday, May 23, 2022 and runs through 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5, 2022. 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.

Parking passes are available for sale at Town Hall. For more information, visit www.beaufortnc.org/parking. Parking is free for anyone displaying a handicap tag at any parking location.

Pay at any of the 16 pay stations, by debit/credit card, US coin or with the PayByPhone app—download it today and pay from anywhere throughout the season. Visit www.beaufortnc.org/parking for more information. Contact the parking office at parking@beaufortnc.org.





Beaufort Historical Association to Host 61st Annual Old Homes Tour & More

The historic seaside village of



Beaufort will be full of activity for the 61st Annual Old Homes Tour & More Wednesday, June 22-Sunday, June

26. The Old Homes Tour offers both locals and visitors the per-

fect opportunity to explore the variety of homes, gardens, churches, and art throughout Beaufort. Other events include an Art Show for Old Homes Tour Featured Artist, Hunter Stephenson at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, a Literary Luncheon, a tasteful Southern Brunch, and more. Tickets for the Old Homes Tour and accompanying events are on sale at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center, 130 Turner Street, or by calling (252) 728-5225. Tickets are also available online at www.beauforthistoricsite.org.

Beaufort Business Association News

Summer is underway in case you came to town and didn't notice the throngs of people! Certainly seems that our little corner of the economy is as Ben Franklin might have observed "...healthy, wealthy and wise."

Many businesses are still suffering from labor shortages. Hopefully when schools let out for summer recess the pool of workers will increase and businesses can provide the kind of service they want to. Until then let's remember that patience is a virtue.

Hope you all remember that the Splashpad at Randolph Johnson Park is open for the season 8 a.m. 8 p.m. daily. The playground and picnic shelter round out a perfect play area.

Fourth of July Festivities by the BBA

Fireworks: The 4th of July Fireworks will be on Monday July 4. There is a paid observation area (\$10 per car) at the Maritime Museum's Gallants Channel locationthis is to benefit programs. There are lots of other free areas to observe the fireworks display. This event is sponsored by the Beaufort Businesses Association. The BBA much appreciates contributions for the Fireworks, visit beaufortnc.com.

Parade: The 4th of July parade will be on Monday the 4th at 11 a.m. If you would like to participate in the parade call (252) 241-4485.

Got Business News? Send BBA submissions to wendydavidson98@gmail.com for consideration.



Olde Beaufort Farmers Market

Find kohlrabi and more at the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market! The market is on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. under the old live oak trees on the Carteret Co. courthouse grounds in Beaufort. Each week, approx. 50 local farmers and artisans offer fruits & vegetables, baked goods, woodworks, paper goods, dog treats and more including the Little Red Book Wagon; donate or buy used books to benefit Carteret Co. libraries. We have many special events planned throughout the year that we hope you can join us for: Saturday June 4: Coastal Awareness Day-Beaufort is located in a beautiful, but fragile, marine region. Non-profit groups will be onhand to provide easy to act on practices to help protect our waters, wetlands and surrounding areas. Bring your kids for a morning filled with learning! Saturday, June 18 Juneteenth celebration

We're excited to host the market's 2nd annual Juneteenth celebration. Juneteenth, a Federal holiday, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. We'll feature up to 20 local black-owned/operated small businesses and vendors offering food, crafts and handmade or homemade items. Our guest of honor will be Town of Beaufort Commissioner Melvin Cooper.

OBFM is a non-profit organization (501c3). We depend on volunteers

Neuse Pamlico Sound Women's Coalition

Neuse Pamlico Sound Women's Coalition, Inc. is looking for assistance in identifying patients in Carteret County that may are affected by Sickle Cell disease and have a financial need. Our organization is composed of professional women who live in Carteret, Craven, Jones and Pamlico counties. We are a community service organization taking pride in

and donations from individuals and local businesses to operate and thrive. There are many ways you can get involved including but not limited to:

Join · we want you - individuals and local businesses - to be part of the Friends of the Olde BeaufortFar mers Market. In addition to supporting eastern NC farmers and artisans, there are many benefits to members including tickets to OB-FM's Sea to Table dinner, promotion of your business or a nonprofit on our website & social media and much more.

Volunteer · join our fun and vi-



brant community of volunteers. We need volunteers at the market on Saturdays and also behind' the scenes"

to assist with event planning, social media, marketing, accounting, partnerships with local businesses and more.

Contact oldebeaufortfarmersmarket@gmail.com and visit www.oldebeaufortfarmersmarket. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @oldebeaufortfarmersmarket for updates on the market and special events.

supporting local families.

We have provided support by paying light bills, repairing cars, sending kids to camp and providing Christmas to children who are affected by Sickle Cell.

We are looking for a connection that will notify us when a patient in Carteret County has a need. For more information, please have them contact me (252) 422-2366 or our President Millicent McLean at (252) 229-8675.

Boat Shoes & Bow Ties



Join the Friends of the Maritime Museum at Gallants Channel at 6 p.m.. on June 17 for an exciting, one-of-a-kind themed fundraiser, Boat Shoes & Bow Ties, celebrating 30 years of the popular Junior Sailing Program!

Members and guests will enjoy

heavy hors d'oeuvres and libations, catering by 34° North, live music and dancing under the party tent, a silent/live auction filled with treasures, both local and beyond, and other surprises. So put on your boat shoes, deck boots, or other nautical footwear and top that off with a casual, yet formal look above (did we say bow ties?!) and join us for this special fundraiser in support of the Maritime Museum and Friends of the Museum!

maritimefriends.org/boat-shoesbow-ties-party/ for more information, tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

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The Beaufort Picture Show at Mill Space

More information about screening time and reserving your spot is available at beaufortpictureshow.org.

"Eyes of Tammy Faye" 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4

An intimate look at the extraordinary rise, fall and redemption of televangelist Tammy Faye Bakker. Jessica Chastain won Best Actress at the 94th Academy Awards. PG-13 | 2hr, 6min | Drama | 2021 FREE

"Summer of Soul" 7 p.m., Saturday, June 18

Over the course of six weeks during the summer of 1969, thousands of people attend the Harlem Cultural Festival to celebrate Black history, culture, music, and fashion. Winner of the Best Documentary Feature at the 94th Academy Awards and Best Music Film at the 64th Annual Grammy Awards. PG-13 | 2hr, 21min | Documentary | 2021 FREE



43 Annual Road Race Saturday June 11th 2022



Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary www.RunTheEast.com

Plastic Free By the Sea

Plastic Free (and Other Eco-Friendly) Kitchen Tips

When purchasing new plates, bowls, cups, or kitchen utensils, opt for ceramic, glass, or stainless steel. Skip the plastic or melamine (essentially a form of plastic). Both leach toxins when heated in the



microwave. And as they are not natural materials, chemical waste and toxic fumes

are created during their manufacture. They also take hundreds of years to decompose.

- · Buying in bulk eliminates the need for independently packaged items, saving quantities of bottles, jars, cans, and paperboard. But when buying food in bulk, only buy what you need, to reduce food waste.
- ·Cooking in bulk is also smart. By cooking two or three nights of a meal at one time, you cut your energy output in half (plus you save time).
- Store lettuce, kale, carrots, celery, peppers, and other low humidity-loving vegetables in a wet cotton

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,

bag, not plastic, in the fridge. Just wet the bag, wring it out, and put the produce in. A humid environment is created that lets the vegetables breathe. They remain crisp twice as long than if stored in plastic.

- · Wrap fresh herbs in damp towels instead of plastic.
- •Extend the life of your produce items by washing them as you use them rather than when you get home from buying them.
- ·Rather than throwing out wilted lettuce or other vegetables, submerge them in a large bowl of ice water. Put the bowl in the fridge to keep the water cold and let the vegetables soak for 15-30 minutes.
- · If you want to really kick it up a notch environmentally, skip the plastic dish-wash bottle and switch to a bar dish soap. Wet a sponge or dish brush and rub the dish bar on it to create suds. Wash items like normal and rinse. The bars work in any temperature of water. To run a soapy sink full, rub the bar under running water into a stopped sink. If you wet a sponge or cotton rag in this water, you can use it to clean all kitchen surfaces and appliances, as well.

For more information, find Plastic Free By the Sea on Facebook.

305 Turner; First Citizens Bank, 1501 Live Oak; and online at www.BeaufortWomansClub.org. Proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.