

Beautiful Beaufort

In our busy daily lives, we sometimes forget to take a step back and enjoy the glorious ecosystem that we live in. There is a lot to be proud of. Our community has approximately 30 wild horses in the Rachel Carson National Estuarine Research Reserve, a direct attachment to 120 more wild horses at Cape Lookout National Seashore, the Duke Marine Lab, the nation's second oldest NOAA Lab, Bonehenge Whale Center, The NC Maritime Museum, Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center, Beaufort Historic Site, and so much more.

This impressive ecosystem supports a thriving business community, an airport, adjacent to a major port, a golf course, strong schools, commercial and recreational fishing, churches, civic groups, and non-profits.

We are so fortunate to live in this wonderful community, but **we must continue to protect our town.**

Comprehensive Plan. Please go to www.beaufortnc.org/future and take the Comprehensive Plan survey to articulate your values and vision for the future of Beaufort. You have a voice, and your input is very important to guide this process.

Infrastructure. Hard work continues across the community to repair our infrastructure and improve safety. One of the effects of fixing our infrastructure is to greatly reduce the toxins going into our waterways.

Trash. There is an astounding and unsustainable amount of trash going into our waterways. This is not a trash problem...it is a people problem. Enforcement is important, but we are not going to cite our way out of this problem. Clean-ups are important, but clean-ups only address a portion of the trash. This requires a culture change where people no longer feel comfortable tossing their cigarette butts, plastic bags, styrofoam cups or water bottles into our streets or waterways. Clean streets and waterways are good for public health and good for commerce. I need your help changing this culture.

COVID-19 vaccines. We must be patient as this process evolves. Those who call or apply online will be given appointments when they are in an eligible group and as shipments of vaccine arrive in the county. The vaccination process will take time and we must continue to social distance, wear a mask, and use hygiene measures as the vaccine deliveries continue. Vaccinations and continuing these COVID-19 measures are keys to successfully getting back to a sense of normalcy.

After a challenging 2020, there is great reason for optimism in 2021. Don't let your guard down!

- Mayor Everette S. (Rett) Newton

The Very Best of Beaufort



I am very proud of our town government and town staff, but a major part of what makes Beaufort an amazing community is the large number of selfless volunteers providing important support across the county. Recently, I was at a COVID-19 vaccination site at the civic center and saw Beaufort Ole Town Rotarians Stan Lamb and Bill Kaeser helping this massive effort. The vaccination process has been an "all hands on deck" initiative to protect our county citizens, and it has taken a large number of volunteers to support this critical function. As I wrote last month, the county has done a great job organizing these vaccinations, and I deeply appreciate those that have volunteered.

Stan, Bill, and all of our volunteers clearly represent the very best of Beaufort.

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Office Hours

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday-Friday

Please note offices are closed to the public due to Covid-19.

Please call or email staff.

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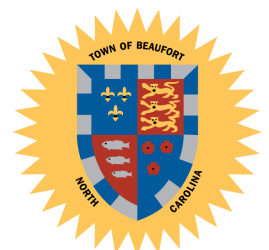
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Newsletter Submissions:

Due March 20, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Send to

r.johnson@beaufortnc.org



Board of Commissioners

During the Feb. 8, 2021 regular monthly meeting and the Feb. 22 work session meeting, the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Approved Minutes from the Jan. 11, 2021 BOC Regular Meeting.
- Approved the 2021 Parking Regulations.
- Approved an Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy for Town of Beaufort Employees.
- Approved one Sewer Allocation Request and Considered Two Additional Requests.
- Approved one Special Use Permit Request, conducted two public hearings, and considered two rezoning requests.
- Received the Monthly Financial Reports and Notes for December 2020 and January 2021.
- Received an update from the Town Engineer on 13 active Town Projects.
- Received the FY2020 Audited Financial Statements.
- Received a presentation from the Beaufort Housing Authority.

The action list above should not be considered official minutes. Please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/meetings for current meeting agenda and minute information. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, at 252-728-2141, ext. 233 or a.coleman@beaufortnc.org.



Are You Covered?

Spring showers can bring floods in hours, but flood policies can take up to 30 days to take effect. Visit floodsmart.gov to learn how to protect your home from flooding this spring. Property specific flood risk information is available online at: <https://fris.nc.gov>. Rather talk to a person? Contact Kate Allen, Town Planner, at 252-528-8767 or k.allen@beaufortnc.org to find out if your property is in a flood zone.



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.

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

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

Save Those Shells

Rather than tossing oyster shells in the trash please recycle them instead. The North Carolina Coastal Federation Recycling for Reefs Program offers recycling sites including one at their office at 3609 Hwy 24 between Cape Carteret and Morehead City. The site is located behind the second building right of Hwy 24. After the recycled shells are collected and cured, the federation works with partners to return them to the water where they provide new habitat for fish and shellfish. For a complete list of coast wide recycling sites, visit <https://www.nccoast.org/project/oyster-shell-recycling-program/>.

March Meetings

All meetings will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Please visit the calendar item for the meeting at



www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for meeting login information. Public Comments: Type "Public Comment" in the Chat section of the Zoom meeting. You will be recognized during the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Allen

Coleman, at 252-728-2141, ext. 233 or a.coleman@beaufortnc.org.

4 p.m. March 1—Board of Commissioners Special Meeting

6 p.m. March 2—Historic Preservation Commission

6 p.m. March 4—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6 p.m. March 8—Board of Commissioners

2 p.m. March 11—Board of Commissioners Retreat

2 p.m. March 12—Board of Commissioners Retreat

6 p.m. March 15—Planning Board

4 p.m. March 22—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. Feb. 22—Board of Adjustment

Planning Board

The Planning Board met Feb. 15, 2021 and discussed the following items:

Case # 21-02 - 1001 Cedar Street - Rezoning from R-8 (Residential) to CS-MU (Cedar Street Mixed Use) - A request by Bradley Cummings to rezone a .24 acre parcel (1001 Cedar and Hedrick Street) from R-8 to CS-MU. After conducting a hearing the Board recommended that the item be recommended for approval and submitted to the Board of Commissioners to conduct a public hearing.

Case # 21-03 - 502 Cedar Street - Rezoning from Transitional to Cedar Street Mixed Use - A request by Town Staff to rezone one parcel totaling 15,143 sq. ft. along Cedar Street. After conducting a hearing the Board recommended that the item be recommended for approval and submitted to the Board of Commissioners to conduct a public hearing.

Case # 21-04 - 823 West Beaufort Road - Rezoning from R-8 (Residential) to B-1 (General Commercial) - A request by Janine Facciola to rezone one parcel totaling .474 acres along from R-8 to B-1. After

conducting a hearing the Board recommended that the item be recommended for approval and submitted to the Board of Commissioners to conduct a public hearing.

In other news:

The Inspections Division issued 41 building permits and completed 173 inspections for the month of January.

The demolition of the former Gaskill's Hardware is almost complete and there has been a lot of speculation as to what is going to happen with the property at the key intersection of Lennoxville Road and Live Oak. As of now the owners have not submitted any plans or given any indication what is to happen with the property. Once plans are submitted they will follow the same process as other plans to the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners.

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



The Town Needs Your Input Help Shape the Future of Beaufort

The Town is seeking input on its CAMA/Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update, a months long program that launched in late 2020 that will shape the next 5, 10, 20 years in Beaufort.

How can you help?

- Take the survey
- Participate in meetings
- Share your vision
- Spread the word

Survey—Now—March 10, 2021

The survey is available at www.beaufortnc.org/future and open thru Wednesday, March 10, 2021. The responses to this survey will guide the goals, values, vision and priorities that will be used to develop the plan. The results will be presented at the next Public Meeting (6 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2021).



Meeting—6 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2021—Zoom

Save the Date!! Representatives from Stewart and the Town of Beaufort will host a Public Meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2021. The meeting will be on Zoom and live streamed on the Town's Facebook page. The Zoom meeting link will be on the project website, as well as the Town calendar (www.beaufortnc.org). At this meeting, representatives from Stewart will present the information obtained from the public survey, and much more!

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Elements



To begin the comprehensive planning process, it is important to understand the values and goals of community members. The responses to this survey will guide the draft goals which will be presented at the Public Meeting at 6 p.m. March 23, 2021. Visit www.beaufortnc.org/future to take the survey before March 10.

Stay in the Know

If you would like to be added to the project update list, please email k.allen@beaufortnc.org.



SPRING BREAK CAMP

APRIL 5-9, 2021

8AM - 5PM

OPEN TO KIDS

AGE 6-10

\$20 PER DAY

HELD AT FORT
BENJAMIN PARK
NEWPORT

For more information call:
Darlene Austin,
252-222-5858

Fort Benjamin Recreation Center
Online registration available at
ccpr.recdesk.com



34th Annual Carteret County SENIOR GAMES and Silver Arts

April 12 - May 12, 2021

Early bird registration deadline

March 12, 2021

Final Registration Deadline

March 19, 2021

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
DARLENE AUSTIN ~ FORT BENJAMIN PARK
252-222-5858 OR VISIT ccpr.recdesk.com
ONLINE REGISTRATION available at torch.ncseniorgames.org

BEAUFORT

Picture Show

BEAUFORT DRIVE-IN

More info and tickets www.beaufortpictureshow.org.

7 p.m. Saturday, March 13, 2021
"Ad Astra"

Astronaut Roy McBride undertakes a mission across an unforgiving solar system to uncover the truth about his missing father and his doomed expedition that now, 30 years later, threatens the universe.

8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 2021
"Guardians of the Galaxy"

The Guardians struggle to keep together as a team while dealing with their personal family issues, notably Star-Lord's encounter with his father the ambitious celestial being Ego.

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 here: thewritersXchange@aol.com.

Autism Society
of North Carolina

Stepping out to
improve lives

Virtual Spring Run/Walk for Autism

Beaufort | Greenville | Wilmington

April 17-24, 2021

5K Competitive

1-Mile Fun Run/Walk

Join us from anywhere that works for you! During the week of April 17-24, you are invited to complete a 5K race or 1-mile run/walk and fundraise to help support your local programs and services.



www.runwalkforautism.com

BEAUFORT Historical Association

Beaufort Historic Site Publick Day Sale, Now Accepting Vendor Appli- cations

Calling all vendors! The Beaufort Historic Site will be hosting their Publick Day Sale on Saturday, April 24 from 9 - 4 p.m. outside on the grounds of the Site at 130 Turner St, Beaufort N.C. 28516. They are now accepting Vendor applications! Applications are available for download at www.beauforthistoricsite.org or by emailing pr@beauforthistoricsite.org. Vendor fees are \$50 for non-members and \$35 for members. If one wishes to become a member before signing up as they may do so at www.beauforthistoricsite.org. For questions or to gain more information about the Publick Day Sale, call 252-728-5225 or email pr@beauforthistoricsite.org.

Floor Cloth Workshop

March 4 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm | \$60 | @ The Beaufort Historic Site, 130 Turner ST.



Area canvas rugs, today known as floor cloths, had

their start in 18th century England. Initially used by the wealthy, the designs and patterns mimicked parquet flooring, tile, and marble. Unique designs are made in a variety of styles and colors, using many techniques. Join us in learning the art and fun of these floor cloths. Beginners welcome! Class price is \$60 and includes all materials. Limited to 8. Sign up today by calling 252-728-5225 or visiting the Beaufort Historic Site at 130 Turner St.

Glass Blowing Demo w/ Lu Libby



March 27 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm | FREE | @ The Beaufort Historic Site, 130 Turner ST. Come visit our glass blower and watch how he create wonderful pieces of art! This form of glass blowing has been around for centuries and is almost a lost art! He makes small items like pendants, glass beads, marbles, and miniature figurines. He will have items to sell and can even customize them!

Call to Eastern Carolina Artists for Sculpture

Beaufort, NC has a maritime heritage like few places in America. To celebrate and reinforce the culture of this historic fishing village, the Beaufort Garden Club (BGC) has created a Public Art Committee to select, purchase, and install a sculpture for Topsail Park to highlight our menhaden fishing history. Its form will serve to unite the unique structures around it with the water at its door. Proposals are due and should be submitted to the Beaufort Garden Club Public Art Committee by April 15, 2021. For more information, contact Cindy Cash at cindy.cash117@gmail.com.

Beaufort Town Flags: Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$70) and 12" x 18" garden flags (\$25) are for sale at Ace Hardware, 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.

