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Town of Beaufort Newsletter

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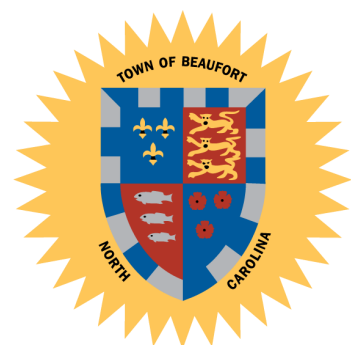
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Newsletter

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Due 5 p.m. March 15, 2022

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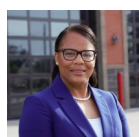
At a Glance: Our First 90-Days

The first 90-days in office have flown by but your elected officials have hit the ground running. In March, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners will attend a board retreat to discuss budget priorities, economic development, housing, infrastructure, and future growth.

During the transition period your officials went to work:

- We met with department heads to better understand the town's priorities and needs and to review the budget.
- We reviewed current infrastructure and other town projects.
- We took a tour of town facilities to assess future needs.
- The Mayor and newly elected and appointed officials completed their ethics training ahead of schedule, and we have been engaging and available for community input.

As the transition period continues, the board will continue to tackle important issues, be transparent, and collaborate with our citizens and community partners to build a brighter future for Beaufort.



Sharon E. Harker

Mayor, Town of Beaufort, NC

Golf Cart Registration & Ordinance Updates

The Town of Beaufort has made some minor changes to the golf cart ordinance. These changes update the Registration and Permit Requirements (Sec. 73.04) and the Standards of Operation (Sec. 73.05) sections.

- Effective immediately, the Town of Beaufort will begin to enforce the annual golf cart registration and inspection requirement as required by the ordinance.
- Your golf cart registration will only be valid during the calendar year in which it is issued, Jan 1st until Dec 31st.
- Once an owner registers their golf cart and pays the \$75 annual registration fee, they will be issued a new, updated registration plate and/or a yearly decal to affix to the top right corner of their issued registration plate.
- Both are required to be displayed on the rear of the golf cart while in operation.

Understanding this is a new change, the Town of Beaufort will extend a grace period for golf cart owners who have not yet registered their golf carts for 2022. This grace period will last until May 1, 2022 in order to allow owners sufficient time to register.

The changes that were amended on the Standards of Operation address the driving age and area of operation.

- Operators must now be at least 16 years old and possess a valid license.
- Golf carts may now be operated on West Beaufort Road, the 100-300 block of Live Oak Street and the 100-400 block of Turner Street.
- The Town has also added the required passenger restraint requirements. When transporting a child less than 8 years of age, a child passenger restraint system must be used.



Please contact Town Hall at (252) 728-2141 ext. 229 or call Lt. David Halsey at (252) 728-4561 ext. 338. More information may be found online at www.beaufortnc.org/community/page/golf-carts. Drop by Town Hall Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for registration and inspections.

March Meetings

March Meetings are planned to be in person pending COVID-19. Meetings will be conducted in the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort. Please note: Meeting procedures are being discussed at each Board of Commissioners meeting and locations/format are subject to change.

Please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for meeting locations and links.

Regular Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are livestreamed on the Town's Facebook page.

6 p.m. March 1—Historic Preservation Commission

5:30 p.m. March 3—Resilient Beaufort Public Meeting 2: Creating Solutions

8 a.m. March 10 & 11—Board of Commissioners Retreat (location TBD)

6 p.m. March 14—Board of Commissioners

9 a.m. March 17—Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Board

5 p.m. March 21—Planning Board (Note time change)

4 p.m. March 28—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. March 28—Board of Adjustment

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

Town of Beaufort Mayor and Board of Commissioners



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Board of Commissioners

The Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners met virtually via Zoom on Jan. 10 and Jan. 24, 2022. The following is an action item list and is not to be used as official minutes. For more information contact Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

- Received the Town Manager's Report and Project Updates.
- Approved 806 Cedar Street Mixed Use- Site Plan.
- Appointed Commissioner Bucky Oliver to serve as BOC Ex Officio on the Beaufort Harbor and Waterways Master Plan Advisory Committee.

sory Committee.

- Approved a request to rezone 2158 Live Oak Street totaling 0.579 acres from R-20 to B-1.
- Appointed Commissioner Bob Terwilliger to serve on the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments Board
- Approved acceptance of a Public Art Donation from the Beaufort Garden Club
- Approved Mardi Gras Event
- Approved the Historic Beaufort Road Race.
- Discussed delinquent Utility Accounts and voted to resume late fees and cutoffs.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission met Feb. 1, 2022 via Zoom and discussed the following items:

Case # 22-04 115 Front St - Historic Plaque-Request from Candlewood Investments, LLC

For a Historic Plaque for 115 Front Street to be called the "Fulford House" circa 1900. Approved.

Case # 22-05 314 Ann Street Signage-Request from the First Baptist Church to install new "Parking Signage" for pay spaces in the parking lot at 314 Ann Street.

The request included changing the design copy to the existing 8 signs, the addition of 2 new signs at 5.33 sq. ft., a new welcome sign at 7.11 sq. ft. and 2 more welcome signs at 3.5 sq. ft. each. The item was approved with a condition that the grid pattern for the windows be 4 over 1.

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

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment met in January and heard the following case:

Case # 22-01 302 Cedar Street-Variance Request-Request from Porter & Timpla Casey for a reduction of northwest side setback from 5' feet to 1 foot (for a 4-foot encroachment) at a distance of 38.3 feet of length for a total area of 153 sq. ft. and a reduction to the southwest rear setback from 25 feet

to 8.18 feet (for a 16.82 foot encroachment) at a width of 26.7 feet for a total area of 449 sq. ft. After conducting the evidentiary hearing and receiving positive comments from adjacent owners the Board of Adjustment granted the variance request.

For questions, contact Planning Director Kyle Garner at k.garner@beaufortnc.org



Beaufort Mayor Sharon Harker and Commissioners Melvin Cooper and Bucky Oliver welcome Clayton Mayor Pro Tem Jason Thompson during the Town of Clayton's annual board retreat which was in Beaufort this year.

Planning Board

The Beaufort Planning Board met Jan. 18, 2022 via Zoom and discussed the following items:

Case # 22-01 308 Ann Street-Special Use Permit-Request from Scott Davidson for the use of an accessory dwelling unit at 308 Ann Street. The proposed structure is approximately 675 sq.ft. and received approval from the Historic Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Recommended Approval.

Case # 22-02 1113 Live Oak-

Rezoning-Request from Terry Allen to rezone a .258 acre tract from R-8 (Medium Density Residential) to RS-5 (Residential Single Family -5) and a change in the current CAMA Land Use Map from Medium Density Residential to High Density Residential. Recommended Approval.

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

Utility Bill Late Fees and Cutoffs to Resume in March

Behind on your Utility Bill? Stop by Town Hall today to set-up a plan. Residents with delinquent utility accounts must come by Town Hall to set up a payment arrangement before March 1, 2022. Please contact Shawn Licari or Cherelle Vann at 252-728-2141 ext .228 or 229 with any questions. A signed payment arrangement must be on file. The Town of

Beaufort will resume charging late fees on current bills after March 20, 2022. Cutoffs for past due accounts without payment arrangements will begin March 17, 2022. Assistance can be applied for through www.carteretcountync.gov/1025/Water-Assistance-Programs or call (252) 728-3181 or via Carteret Community Action by calling Stephanie Cox at 252-223-1630.

Beaufort Garden Club Public Art Sculpture to be Dedicated March 4, 2022

Carteret County has a maritime heritage like few places in America, and in Beaufort, the history of menhaden fishing spanned well over 100 years. From 1865-2005, when the last fish processing plant

closed for good, in Beaufort and surrounding environs, menhaden fishing, and all that it entailed, was king. The associated odors of fish and the fish factories were thought of by locals as "the smell of money."

To celebrate and reinforce the culture and history of menhaden fishing and what it meant to the local community, the Beaufort Garden Club, which has worked to beautify Beaufort since 1959, created a Public Art Committee to select, purchase, and install a sculpture for Topsail Park. Located on Front Street at the end of Orange Street, the park, also home to the Middle Passage Port Marker, is an honored place of remembrance and beauty on the Beaufort waterfront.

After a regional search for artists, Morehead City artist Kirk Parker Davis, who was the sculptor for the signature sculpture at Carteret General Hospital, was chosen by the Garden Club for his design entitled "Menhaden Melody." His vision for the piece is the swirl of a menhaden ball as fish cluster in their familiar tightly packed schools, which often number in the thousands, or even the hundreds of thousands of fish.

BEAUFORT *Historical Association*

The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery is excited to welcome artist Angela Harker this coming April. A free show will be held at the gallery on Friday, April 1 from 4:30-6 p.m. Harker will be the featured



artist for the months of April and May. For more information about the artist and or the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, call 252-728-5225, visit

Volunteer Opportunities

Abundant volunteer opportunities are available at the Beaufort Historic Site. There are plenty of ways to become involved with the non-

The sculpture, which is rendered in metal, is ten feet tall, supported on a four-foot concrete base. The height of the sculpture will make it visible to boats entering Taylor's Creek as they come into Beaufort by water, or to pedestrians as they walk down to the foot of Orange Street. The base of the sculpture will highlight six panels offering archival photos of menhaden fishermen and fishing vessels, as well as descriptions written by local authors. The major donor for the sculpture is the family of long time Beaufort waterman Allen Henley Woodard.

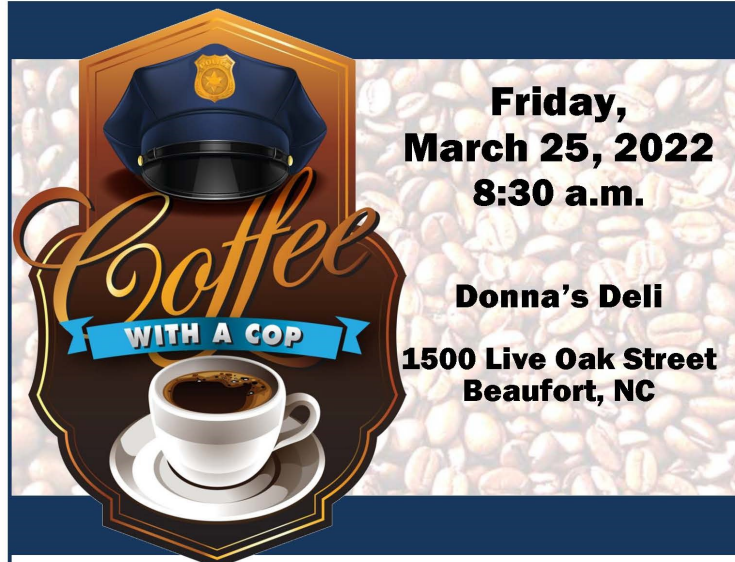
The dedication ceremony for "Menhaden Melody" will take place on Friday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m. in Topsail Park, followed by a public reception in the NC Maritime Museum auditorium. Both events are free and open to the public. In addition, on Saturday, March 5, the Maritime Museum is hosting a symposium on menhaden traditions called "The Smell of Money: The Legacy of the Menhaden Fishery." Admission is free but seats are limited to 75 participants, so RSVPs are encouraged and can be reserved on the website of the Maritime Museum. To complete a weekend of all things menhaden, on Sunday, March 6, the Core Sound Museum will host an afternoon program at their museum on Harkers Island. "The Mosquito Fleet of Davis Shore: Menhaden Fishing Down East" will begin at 2:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

For more information about any of these events, contact the Beaufort Maritime Museum, the Core Sound Museum, or go to the Beaufort Garden Club at: beaufortgardclubnc.org.

profit, and it is a great way to become a part of the local community! If you are interested in sharing your time and talents, then you are



invited to attend the annual Volunteer Training Program on Thursday, March 10 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Beaufort Historic Site, 130 Turner Street. Due to limited space, those interested in participating are asked to register in advance by calling the Beaufort Historic Site at 252-728-5225, stopping by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street in Beaufort, or by visiting www.beauforthistoricsite.org.



**Friday,
March 25, 2022
8:30 a.m.**

Donna's Deli

**1500 Live Oak Street
Beaufort, NC**

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Sgt. David Halsey at 252-728-4561

**Beaufort Police
Department**



Protect Your Property - Build Responsibly

If your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area (AE, A, or VE zones), it is subject to the floodplain development standards outlined in the Town of Beaufort Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, including a 1-foot freeboard.

What is freeboard? Freeboard is elevating a building's lowest floor above predicted flood elevations by an additional height to increase safety.

What are the benefits of freeboard? There are many reasons why including freeboard is beneficial beyond improving safety. Adding elevation to a new construction is a cost-effective decision, as it typi-

cally adds little cost, but results in greatly reduced flood insurance premiums and flood damages. The structure will also be better prepared for ongoing sea level rise, intensifying storms, and tidal flooding. Remember, the Town requires 1 foot of freeboard, but you can always add more to protect your property!

Please come by Town Hall or visit our website at www.beaufortnc.org for a permit if you're building or renovating in a flood zone. Contact Town Planner and Floodplain Administrator, Sam Burdick, for more information at s.burdick@beaufortnc.org or 252-528-8767.

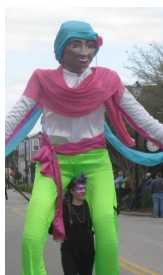
Beaufort Town Flags

Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$70) and 12" x 18" garden flags (\$30) for sale at Ace Hardware, 1511 Live Oak; Cousins Bed & Breakfast, 305 Turner; First Citizens Bank, 1501 Live Oak; and online at www.BeaufortWomansClub.org. Proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.



BECOME A PUPPETTEER!

Since arriving in Beaufort, Vic and Lora Fasolino have participated in parades and events with their giant street Parade Puppets. They are now



"house cleaning" their garage because of the need for more storage space. They have two street puppets, Sarah and Willy, who they will give, for free, to new adoptive parents. It is their hope that the new home will keep the "kids" on the streets and active in future Beaufort parades and events. If interested in adopting a puppet, please contact Vic at vlfasolino@hotmail.com.

Beaufort Development Association News

The Beaufort Development Association- the business association for all businesses in Beaufort extends a big THANK YOU to the community for your support throughout the Covid experience and the winter months. It's been a long slog!

As we approach Spring March.... time to think pretty.

Spring clean up and freshen up, seeding and planting. Let's also take the time to thank the Pretty Committee of the Beaufort Garden Club, for all their hard work and efforts to beautify our town.

Carteret Food & Health Council Food Drive

The Spring Holidays Food Drive, April 1-14, is being held by the Food Waste and Recovery Program (FWR) of Carteret's Food and Health Council to support county food pantries. Several businesses will keep a Donation Box to which shoppers may donate food.

Shoppers are encouraged to bring or buy canned or boxed food, sugar, oil, rice, kids' snacks, paper and cleaning goods to donate, or just clear out their own pantries of good, unused food.

Last year, the FWR Program distributed over 16,000 pounds of food to our pantries during 2021. The following businesses are participating in the Spring Food Drive:

Beaufort:
Piggy Wiggly, Beaufort Drug Store,

Thank you ladies.

Pat Wesson is once again planning another great event-

"Burn Your Socks on the Equinox" - Sunday, March 20, 2022.

Location will be announced on the BDA's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/developbeaufortnc>.

Got News? Send BDA submissions to wendydauidson98@gmail.com for consideration.

www.beaufortnc.com



Beaufort Development Association
Beautiful. Historic. Waterfront.
COME VISIT OUR TOWN

Coastal Community Market, Salty Catch Seafood, Dollar General and Brasserie Café.

Morehead City:

CMAST Bldg at CCC, Williams Hardware, Dollar General, Sweet Beans Coffee Shop in CCC.

Newport:

IGA (Hwy 24) and Stable Grounds Coffee Shop (Chatham St).

Persons wanting to donate but unable to shop may contact us, and we will do the shopping for you. For more information, to offer food, make a financial donation, or to volunteer time, please call or text (919) 219-9840.



Carteret
Food and Health
Council

Plastic Free By the Sea

Ocean Friendly Establishments (OFE) is a community-led certification program that recognizes local businesses for their efforts to protect ocean health.

Certified OFEs have demonstrated at least one major way of reducing single-use plastics. Restaurants must not serve straws except upon request. Non-restaurants must demonstrate one major way it reduces plastic such as eliminating plastic bags, Styrofoam, or plastic packaging material.

Many OFEs have committed to several more eco-conscience practices, including composting, providing vegetarian/vegan menu items, recycling, water conservation, participating in litter cleanups, and more! Businesses have the opportunity to earn the highest 5-star rating, based upon the number of actions taken. These Crystal Coast OFEs sponsored by Coastal Carolina River Watch and Plastic Free by the Sea deserve our business:

Beaufort Hotel and 34* North, Black Sheep, Bonehenge Whale Center, The

Book Shop-Morehead City, Brasserie 823, Caribsea-Emerald Isle, Chandra Botanicals-Atlantic Beach, Circa 81-Morehead City, Coastal Community Market, Crystal Coast Coffee Roasters-Morehead City, Fishtowne Brew House, Flipperz Family Bar and Grill-Emerald Isle, Inlet Inn, Inn on Turner, Ioanni's Grill-Morehead City, Island Produce-Atlantic Beach, Lotus y la Luna-Atlantic Beach, Mill Whistle Brewing, Momentum Yoga Fitness-Morehead City, Ocean Air Hemp Farm-Gloucester, Ocean Natural Farm-Ocean, Pecan Tree Inn, Parrott's on 11th-Morehead City, Promise Land Market-Morehead City, Rudy Duck Tavern-Morehead City, Sea Oats Candle Company, Sweet Beans Coffee & Cafe-Morehead City, Shuckin' Shack-Morehead City, Sub Tropics-Atlantic Beach, Surf Shack Eatery Mobile food truck, Thai Sticky Rice-Morehead City, Turner Street Market, The Trading Post-Emerald Isle, and Wino Records-Atlantic Beach.



Olde Beaufort Farmers Market

Spring opening Saturday, April 16

2021 was a spectacular year for the Olde Beaufort Farmers Market; your support laid the foundation for success and future growth. The number of vendors who participated and their total sales made our 2021 market the most prosperous in OBFM's 8 year history. Thanks to community support, there were 47 vendors, on average, at our 2021 markets who collectively sold a little over \$1 million by the season's end. These sales went directly into the pockets of our grateful, hardworking small business folks, including farmers, foodies and artisans, from all over Carteret County. OBFM is a non-profit organization (501c3). We depend on volunteers and donations from individuals and businesses to operate and thrive. There are many ways that you can get involved including but not limited to:

Join our team • We want you-individuals and local businesses-to be part of the Friends of the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market. In addition to supporting local farmers, foodies, and artisans, there are many benefits for members including tickets to OBFM's 2022 Farm to Table and Sea to Table dinners, promotion on our web-

site and social media, promotional opportunities at the market and more.

Volunteer • Join our fun and vibrant community of volunteers. We need volunteers at the market on Saturdays and also "behind the scenes" to assist with event planning, market activities, social media, marketing, partnerships with local businesses and much more. Let's talk about how your interests, skills and contacts might benefit the market and vice versa.

Network • We'd love to discuss networking opportunities with you. For example, do you know of businesses or foundations that offer grants to non-profits that OBFM can potentially apply for?

Contact oldebeaufortfarmers-market@gmail.com or visit www.oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org to learn more about joining, volunteering, networking and events. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @oldebeaufortfarmersmarket for market news and updates. We can't wait to see you on Saturday April 16 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. under the live oaks at the Carteret County courthouse for our first market of the 2022 season.

BEAUFORT Picture Show

The Beaufort Picture Show at Mill Space

We are pleased to offer these screenings back inside our ancestral home, Movies @ Mill Space. More information about screening time and reserving your spot is available at beaufortpictureshow.org.

Saturday, March 12, 2022

"IN THE HEIGHTS"

A film version of the Broadway musical in which Usnavi, a sympathetic New York bodega owner, saves every penny every day as he imagines and sings about a better life. This screening is presented free to the community as part of the David Sharpe Memorial Film Series. PG-13 | 2hr, 33min | Musical | 2021 FREE ADMISSION!

Saturday, March 26, 2022

"HARRIET"

The extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes, whose courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history. PG-13 | 2hr, 5min | Biography | 2019 FREE ADMISSION!

