



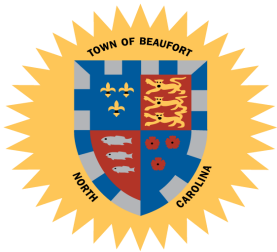
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Newsletter Submissions:

Due 5 p.m. March 15, 2024
for the April Newsletter

Send to
Rachel Johnson, PIO at
r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

The Town reserves the right to
edit all submissions.

Celebrating Courageous Women:

The Inspiring Story of Paving the Way in Beaufort March is Women's History Month

As we celebrate Women's History Month, we are reminded of the countless women whose courage, determination, and activism have paved the way for change in communities across the globe and here in Beaufort. This month, we salute all the remarkable women from Beaufort, a testament to the power of women's voices in driving societal progress, even when those voices were often marginalized.

In honor of Women's History Month and the stories of remarkable women who have significantly impacted their communities, I would like to share the story of Bessie Mae Pritchett, a figure whose legacy is deeply interwoven with the fabric of Beaufort. Bessie Mae Pritchett saw a gap in her community where black fishermen lacked a place to relax or enjoy a home-cooked meal. In response, she established Green's Boarding House on Pine Street, creating a welcoming space for many who were otherwise marginalized. Beyond this, she invested in multiple properties, contributing to the physical and social infrastructure supporting black entrepreneurs and community members.

Bessie Mae's involvement wasn't limited to her entrepreneurial ventures; she was deeply embedded in the community through her active participation in church activities and club functions. Her kind heart and caring spirit were the hallmarks of her character, making her a beloved figure among all who knew her. She opened her doors to everyone, offering food and shelter without hesitation, and in doing so, she paved the way for future generations of entrepreneurs, both big and small.

Her story ties beautifully into the broader nar-

rative of women's significant contributions to the community of Beaufort, illustrated further by the Beaufort Woman's Club. Since its inception on January 21, 1921, shortly after American women were granted the right to vote, the Beaufort Woman's Club has been instrumental in shaping the community's social, cultural, and physical landscape. Over the past century, the club has been a formidable force in championing the development and well-being of Beaufort, helping to establish it as one of the best small towns in America.

Together, the stories of Bessie Mae Pritchett and the Beaufort Woman's Club underscore the profound impact women have had on the community's growth and resilience. These narratives highlight the power of women's leadership, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy in creating more inclusive and supportive environments.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, the legacies of Bessie Mae Pritchett and the Beaufort Woman's Club remind us of the importance of recognizing, supporting, and amplifying the voices and contributions of women in shaping a more equitable and flourishing society.

As we reflect on these inspiring stories, let us remember the countless other women who have, and continue to, fight for change in their communities and beyond.

Women's History Month is not just a time to celebrate these achievements; it's also a call to action for all of us to recognize, support, and amplify women's voices in every sphere of life.



Sharon E. Harker

Mayor, Town of Beaufort, NC

Beaufort Woman's Club Student Art Exhibit

Art work from our three high schools will be displayed March 5-7, 2024 at the Culinary Arts Building at Carteret Community College from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. The Awards Ceremony is at 6 p.m. March 7.

March Town Meetings & Events

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

6 p.m. March 5—Historic Preservation Commission
6:30 p.m. March 7—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
6 p.m. March 11—Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
6 p.m. March 18—Planning Board
4 p.m. March 25—Board of Commissioners Work Session
6 p.m. March 25—Board of Adjustment

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



Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) met Feb. 12 for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The BOC took the following actions:

- Approved Jan. 8, 2024, meeting minutes.
- Appointed Phillip Dowd to the Firefighters Relief Fund.
- Adopted the FY 2025 Budget Calendar.
- Approved an event application for Juneteenth by the Sea.
- Approved an event application for the Beaufort Bridge Run.
- Received a presentation from Kyle Garner, Planning Director, regarding the Unified Develop-

- ment Ordinance (UDO) update.
- Approved a 5-year contract extension with GFL.
- Approved a Final Plat for Davis Bay, Case #24-02.
- Made the following volunteer board appointments:
Board of Adjustment: Catherine Reeve, Historic Preservation Commission: Bradley Cummins, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Ronald Dupuis and Planning Board: Victor Fasolino; Ryan Neve.
- Received the Monthly Manager's Report from Town Manager Todd Clark.

For more information about the Board of Commissioners, contact Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

Volunteer

The Town is accepting volunteer board applications for the following 3 positions:

Board of Adjustment: (1) Alternate Member, 3-year term
Historic Preservation Commission: (1) Member, 3-year term, (1) Member, to fulfill term ending Jan. 31, 2025

FY 2025 Budget Adoption Schedule

All meetings at Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street
6 p.m. May 13-Budget presented at Town Board Meeting

Please note, the application deadline is March 13, 2024. Those interested may apply online through the Town's website: <https://www.beaufortnc.org/bc>. Contact Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis for more information at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

4 p.m. May 14-Budget Work Session
6 p.m. May 22-Budget Work Session
4 p.m. May 28-Budget Work Session (if needed)
6 p.m. June 10-Public Hearing and Adoption of the FY25 Budget

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission met Jan. 24 & Feb. 6 and heard the following items:

Case #23-07: Request to install a retaining wall on the north side of the property at 308 Moore Street to prevent run-off on adjacent properties. Approved.

Case #24-01: Request to install a new dock and boat lift for 115 Front Street. Approved.

Case #23-33: Request to install fencing, a new parking area with pavers and landscaping at 100 Sunset Lane. Approved with the condition that the shrubs along Sunset Lane would be dwarf yaupon holly.

Case #24-02: Request to replace existing wood windows with composite style windows at 122 Craven Street. Tabled.

Case #24-03: Request to replace a single window on the south side of the house at 211 Turner Street with two windows. Approved.

Case #24-05: Request to install landscaping in the front yard of 112 Moore Street to include hardscape

repair and add gutters to main structure. Approved.

Case #24-04: Request to install one wall sign totaling 16 sq ft and one hanging sign totaling 8 sq. ft. in existing locations at 300 Front Street, Encanto Restaurant. Approved.

Case #24-06: Request to install new metal commercial windows and ADA compliant doors on the first level of the building adding new lighting and relocating an existing sign at 400-410 Front Street. Approved.

Case # 24-07: Request to install a labyrinth at 500 Ann Street and install fencing across the frontage of 507 Ann Street. Request for the labyrinth was approved. Request for fencing was tabled. And subsequently withdrawn.

If you have any questions about Beaufort's Historic District, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at (252)728-2141 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.



Mayor Sharon Harker and the Board of Commissioners thank Peter Crumley for his more than 10 years of service on the Beaufort Parks & Recreation Advisory Board during their February meeting.

Planning Board

The Beaufort Planning Board met Feb. 19 and discussed the following item:

Case #24-01: Site Plan: M&H Storage, 1783 Live Oak: Request for a 129,360 sq. ft. storage facility on a 7.47-acre tract. A special use permit was issued in 2022. Tabled.

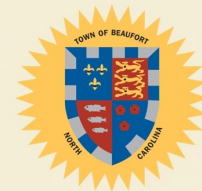
Case #23-13: Site Plan: Maritime Education Center (Phase I): Request for a new educational building

on the Gallants Channel property to include parking and infrastructure improvements to accommodate future phases of the project. Approved.

Case #24-04: Beaufort Village Condos Rezone R-8 to TCA: Request to rezone two parcels totaling 3.57 acres of Beaufort Village Condominiums on Lenoxxville Road from R-8 to TCA. Approved.

Celebrating 50 years of Historic Preservation

1974



2024

6 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Eure Building, 510 Ann Street

Join us for an evening of special guests, presentations and refreshments as we celebrate 50 years on the National Register of Historic Places.

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AFRICAN ACROBATS

APRIL 12TH

📍 EAST CARTERET HIGH SCHOOL GYM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM | OPENING ACT AT 6 PM

MAIN ACT 7 PM

TICKETS \$30

supporting acts

DANCE ARTS STUDIO
ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

CRYSTAL COAST
GYMNASTICS

TILLER SCHOOL



SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

Saturday,
March 9, 2024

Beaufort by the Sea
Community Church
from 9:00am - 12:00pm

Visit and learn from the many senior-related services in our area. Food trucks, county services, vendors will be onsite.

The new Mobile Health Van will be available to check out as well.



Workshop on Environmental Effects of Marine Energy

The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and the Duke University Marine Laboratory are hosting a public workshop on environmental effects of marine energy from 1-5 p.m. on March 27 at the Duke Marine Lab on Pivers Island.

Marine energy is defined as the energy harvested from the movement of water in the oceans or large rivers and from ocean gradients. Offshore wind is excluded because the source of power is not ocean water. As marine energy project deployments are increasing around the world, there is a need to understand and monitor for potential effects on the marine environment.

This workshop will discuss what is known about effects of wave energy converters on the marine environment, marine animals, and the habitats that support them, as well as the human activities that rely on them. Based on studies in the U.S. and internationally, responsible development

of low carbon sustainable and renewable energy from the ocean can be developed along our coasts without harming the environment and the activities that support the region.

This workshop will be of interest to any community members interested in marine renewable energy development. In addition to gaining insight into the current state of the science of marine energy environmental and social effects, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and express your interest and concerns about marine energy projects. While no wave projects are presently planned for North Carolina and the surrounding area, these waters may be ideally suited for supplying secure locally-generated power.

Everyone interested is welcome to join but online registration is preferred for logistics. More information and a link to register can be found at: <https://tethys.pnnl.gov/events/stakeholder-workshop-environmental-effects-marine-energy-duke-university-marine-laboratory>.

Beaufort Town Flags

Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$70) and 12" x 18" garden flags (\$30) for sale at Ace Hardware,



1511 Live Oak and Cousins Bed & Breakfast, 305 Turner. Also available online at BeaufortWomansClub.org. Proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.



**8:30 a.m.
Friday, March 22
2024**

**Dancing Baristas
Cafe**

**823 W. Beaufort
Road**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION!**



Join our Tiller Community!

Tiller School is seeking community members to volunteer as a potential member of our Board of Directors.

For more info, see the link below.

www.tillerschool.org

We are Hiring!

The Town of Beaufort has the following positions open:

- Parking Manager/Special Projects Assistant
- Utility Maintenance Technician—Water
- Utility Maintenance Technician—Sewer Collection
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator

Apply online at www.beaufortnc.org under the Human Resources tab.

CASINO

Night



Betting on Better Futures

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Beaufort Boys & Girls Club

THURSDAY | MARCH 28, 2024 | 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

THE BEAUFORT HOTEL | 2440 LENNOXVILLE ROAD, BEAUFORT

AN EVENING OF HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES, CASH BAR, A SILENT AUCTION, AND RAFFLE PRIZES
TICKETS ARE \$100

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

www.BeaufortWomansClub.org



BEAUFORT

Picture Show



THE QUIET MAN (1952)

6 p.m. March 23
Mill Space venue
2 hours, 9 minutes.

Directed by John Ford;
starring John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Victor McLagen and Ward Bond. Get your Irish up and wear some green for free admission! (Otherwise, \$5)

John Ford directs John Wayne in an Irish "roots" epic which has been described as the St. Patrick's Day version of "It's a Wonderful Life." Without giving too much of the plot away, Wayne plays retired American

boxer Sean

Thornton who decides to return to Innisfree — the rustic Irish village of his birth — in search of his past, and some solace, too. He meets and immediately falls for tempestuous Mary Kate Danaher (Maureen O'Hara) and the couple plan to marry. Only her bully of a brother Will "Red" Danaher (Victor MacLagen) objects to the impending union; fisticuffs ensue.

Keep checking the BPS website: www.beaufortpictureshow.org for the latest updates, as titles, dates and showtimes are subject to change.



Carteret County Public Libraries

Beaufort Branch

March at the Library

Ages 18 & Up: **Classic Book Club:** "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte: 1 p.m. March 2

Grades 3rd-8th: **Poetry Contest Support**, March 2 & 16, NOTE: 3rd-5th Graders meet 9:30-11 a.m. 6-8th Graders meet 2-4 p.m. to learn more about what is required for the Poetry Contest. Submissions are due in April.

Ages 18 & Up: **Bunnies and Chicks**, 4 p.m. March 7

Use crafting materials to make spring figures for hanging! All skill levels welcome!

All Ages Welcome: **Movie Day**, 3 p.m. March 9

Snacks and Drinks provided. Movie Titles can be found on the Library's Program Calendar

All Ages Welcome: **Women of Carteret County Presentation**, 11:30 a.m.

March 14

The talk will be about the history of prominent Carteret County Women
Ages 18 & Up: **Short Story Soiree**, 5 p.m. March 21

We will discuss "The Man Whom the Trees Loved." Registration required. Snacks and beverages will be provided!

All Ages Welcome: **Yarn Art**, 2 p.m. March 23

Use yarn as paint and create works of art! Materials provided!

Ages 6 & Up: **STEAM Day**, 4 p.m. March 27

Children 6 and up can use the tools and materials provided to exercise their minds.

Carteret County Public Library System Beaufort Branch
1702 Live Oak St. Suite 100
252-648-7725

Message from the Beaufort Business Association

Thank You everyone for your participation in this year's Mardi Gras celebration.

The Beaufort Business Association is very grateful to local sponsors who supported this new 3-day event- Adams Beverage Co., Beaufort Hotel, Beau Coast West, Beaufort Grocery, Beaufort Event Rentals, Cru Wine Bar, Eddie Myers Real Estate, Grow Social, Harbor Specialties.

The variety of venues were very popular as evidenced by the sold out events. A special Thank You to the many volunteers that made this all a great success, without your partici-

pation events like this cannot happen.

Particularly gratifying is to hear from Beaufort businesses that were all very happy about record sales, proving the Beaufort Business Association is working for you.

A very well deserved big thank you to our V.P. Kristin Prescott of Beaufort Event Rentals for her immense devotion and herculean effort to this event. The entire board worked very hard to create a Mardi Gras event worthy of many kudos- Nelson Owen Pres., Wendy Park, Vic Fasolino, Pat Wesson, Susan Sanders, Martha Barnes, Virginia Yopp, Bucky Oliver, Wendy Davidson, and our truly terrific intern from CCC Rosie Secchi.

A lot can happen in seven days.

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK



Ann Street
United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday

3/24 @ 10:00

FOLLOWED BY COMMUNITY MEAL TO BENEFIT THE HOSPICE HOUSE (DONATIONS ONLY)

Children's Journey to Easter

3/24 NOON

EXPERIENCE EASTER IN FUN SENSORY EXPERIENCES - ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES INVITED

Holy Thursday Service

3/28 @ 6:30P.M.

Easter Sunday

3/31

COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE 6:45
@ BEAUFORT WATERFRONT
(BREAKFAST AFTERWARDS)

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00

All sanctuary services will be streamed on



Beaufort Historical Association's March Events

Volunteer Training Program: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 13: Anyone interested in volunteering will have the chance to learn about opportunities available at the Beaufort Historic Site. Attendees will tour the buildings, ride the double-decker bus, tour the Old Burying Ground, and see how volunteer docents work with the many visitors who come to the site. During lunch, prospective volunteers will meet staff and ask questions to better understand the vital role volunteers play in the daily functions of the BHA. Register in advance at (252) 728-5225, bhaeducation@outlook.com at 130 Turner Street.

Living History Clay Class Workshop: 9 a.m. March 21, Clay Class Workshop: The first class of the year will be a Clay Class to learn simple pinch pot techniques. Clay utilitarian vessels are part of the

earliest times in recorded history, including the Bible. In this 3-hour workshop, a variety of hand building techniques will be used to create 2-3 pieces. They will dry slowly, then will be bisque fired. Instructor, Mary Kathryne Cooper, is a retired art teacher who wants to inspire others to learn this craft. Class is limited to 12. Beginners are welcome. Materials fee: \$65. Please register in advance at (252) 728-5225 or at bhaeducation@outlook.com

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: 11 a.m. March 30: Children ages seven and younger are welcome to join the fun. Over 2,000 eggs are spread out over the Beaufort Historic Site, which is divided by age groups. This annual event is put on by the National Charity League mother/daughter organization. There will be prizes, delicious cupcakes, and lots of cute children enjoying time with their families. It's all free-just bring a basket!