



More Accolades for our Amazing Beaufort

In February, Beaufort was listed on the realsimple.com web site as the #1 of "5 Small U.S. Towns Worthy of Your 2020 Destination Bucket List" and further expanded that "These small cities are big on excitement." The Real Simple Facebook page has 3.7 million followers. The large number of compliments we have received over the last few years is one of many indicators that we are on the right track. Anytime you're in the same class as Flagstaff, AZ (and we're rated above this historic town), you know you're in good company. We know there are big challenges ahead, but every once in a while, let's take a step back and appreciate that we live in a great community that in 2019 was rated the "#1 Small Town in the South." Let's strive to get even better!



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Office Hours

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday-Friday

Clean Streets and Waterways

On Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 at Town Hall, we read a resolution endorsing the recently released NC Marine Debris Action Plan. This plan, after years of thoughtful work by marine science experts and concerned citizens, is now ready to transition to true action. Over the past two years, we have conducted a massive clean-up of our Beaufort waterways but there is still a lot of work to do. Beaufort is the first N.C. community to actively endorse and continue to pursue the five goals outlined in the plan. Details for the NC Marine Debris Action Plan can be found at <https://www.nccoast.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/N.C.-Marine-Debris-Action-Plan.pdf>

Update on Infrastructure and Parks

During our February Board of Commissioners meeting, Town Engineer Greg Meshaw provided a comprehensive update on our many infrastructure and parks projects to include:

- Street rehabilitation and construction
- Professional Park Drive Sewer Repair
- Pedestrian improvements near Randolph Johnson Park, on the 100 Block of Turner Street, and a pedestrian crossing at the Live Oak Street/Campen Road intersection
- Cedar Street water and sewer rehabilitation and replacements
- Campen Road waterline extension
- Park updates for Randolph Johnson Park, Cedar Street Park, and Topsail Marine Park

You can find details from Greg's presentation recorded on the Town Facebook page (he presented during one of the first portions of our February 10 Board meeting) or on the Town website at <https://www.beaufortnc.org/boardofcommissioners/page/project-updates>.

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March Meetings

All meetings are in the Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, unless otherwise posted. The public is welcome at all meetings.

6 p.m. March 3—Historic Preservation Commission

6 p.m. March 5—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6 p.m. March 9—Board of Commissioners

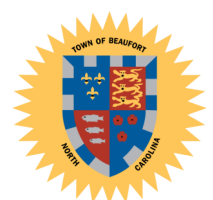
6 p.m. March 16—Planning Board

4 p.m. March 23—Board of Commissioners Work Session (Town Hall Conference Room, 701 Front Street)

6 p.m. March 23—Board of Adjustment

The Very Best of Beaufort

Our strong Beaufort business community is vital to the health and prosperity of our town. The owners and managers operate their businesses but also contribute in many selfless ways. We have spectacular events in town and many are led by our business leaders with the help of an army of volunteers. Susan Sanders is a great representative of our businesses. She is active in the Business Development Association, parades, Beaufort Boat Building Challenge, Music in the Park, holiday events, and much, much more. She is kind, considerate, thoughtful, and truly loves Beaufort. Susan Sanders truly represents the strength of our business community and the very best of Beaufort!



Newsletter Submissions:

Due March. 20, 2020 at 5 p.m.
Send to r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

Board of Commissioners

During the Feb. 10, 2020 regular monthly meeting, the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes for the Jan. 13, 2020 regular monthly meeting.
- Approved a resolution supporting Beaufort Middle School Breezeway.
- Approved Budget Amendment #6 for Demolition of 400 Pollock Street.
- Approved Capital Reserve Fund Amendment #1.
- Approve FY 20 Budget Amendment #5.
- Approved contracts with Rivers and Associates, Inc. for applications to be made to USDA for financing/grant funding for utility improvements.

ADA Transition Plan Survey & Meeting

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Town of Beaufort is completing an ADA Transition Plan. This plan will look at barriers to accessibility and strategies to address a variety of issues that impact the accessibility of Town services, facilities, sidewalks and streets in the public right-of-way.

Online Survey: This survey is intended to inform the ADA Transition Plan update by identifying barriers to accessibility and generating priorities for improving town-owned infrastructure and programs. Visit www.beaufortnc.org and click on the tab at the top of the page or go directly to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BeaufortNC-ADA>



Public Meeting: Representatives from Stewart, the firm selected for this plan, will host a drop-in style public meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020

from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Train Depot (614 Broad Street). For additional information, contact ADA Coordinator Kate Allen at k.allen@beaufortnc.org

Yard Debris

Yard debris is picked up on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please adhere to the guidelines. All yard debris must be out by 7 a.m. the day of collection. **Guidelines**

- ♦ Bring yard debris to the roadway (not in the road, next to the road)
- ♦ No plastic bags; paper yard debris bags are accepted
- ♦ Containers shall be 35 gallons or less & have a sealable lid
- ♦ Containers must weigh less than 50-lbs when full
- ♦ It is prohibited to mix any other items with yard debris
- ♦ Yard debris pickup is provided for residential customers
- ♦ Yard debris in a pile should be less than 5 cubic yards (ie: 4 ft. high, 4 ft. wide & 8 ft. long)
- ♦ Permitted yard debris includes: leaves, bush clippings, grass trimmings, trees and branches
- ♦ Contractor generated yard debris is not permitted

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission met Feb. 4, 2020 and discussed the following items:

- Approved: 208 Cedar & 319 Orange Street- Request was made during the January meeting for a proposed demolition of two existing structures, tree removal of several palm trees and replace with other vegetation, installation of lighting for the parking area and fencing for the perimeter of the parking lot and adjacent properties. Tabled until the February meeting so that more information could be submitted on the lighting and a revised design on the

Planning Board

The Planning Board met Feb. 17, 2020 and discussed the following item:

- Tabled: Zoning Map Update of 15 Parcels-A staff initiated request to consider an official Zoning Map update to reflect the changes associated with the Gallants Channel Bridge and new US-70 (i.e. rights-of-way, shifts in parcel boundaries, etc.). This request also includes the rezoning of 14 parcels and the initial zoning of the portion of Rachel Carson Reserve included in the

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment met Feb. 24 to hear the following item:

- Tabled: 800 Ann Street- Request for three variances the first being a 16.4' encroachment from Ann Street; the second being a 6.32' encroachment from Marsh Street; and the third being a variance from the 50% impervious surface

fencing. After additional information was provided the item was approved.

- Approved with Conditions: 308, 312 & 314 Ann Street- Request to demolish an existing structures (308 Ann St.), install fencing, signage, above ground utilities and landscaping was approved with conditions that the buffer yard fence be 6 ft in height, that a Beaufort Style fence be installed between the parking area and Fishtown Microbrewery and that irrigation be provided for the landscaping. For more information, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

recent expansion of the corporate limits. After conducting the hearing, the Board tabled the item and requested additional information regarding setbacks in one of the specific areas. This item will be brought back to the regular scheduled meeting in March for a decision. For more information, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

requirement in the RS-5 Zone to an increase of 54.25%. After conducting the hearing the Board tabled the item to consider the evidence and testimony presented and will reconvene at their regularly scheduled meeting in March for a decision. For more information, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

Beaufort Development Association Semi-Annual Meeting

The first 2020 Semi Annual DBA gathering for business owners will gather at the Beaufort Hotel at 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. Food and beverages will be provided. Bring your joyful spirits for camaraderie and sharing ideas as we get ready for the new season. Events old and new will be discussed as well as partnerships. Our exciting new website will be introduced! Come join us!



Beaufort Garden Club

Bingo and Blooms—Bingo! Prizes! Silent Auction!

We invite you to join us for our Annual Bingo Fundraiser, Thursday, March 5 at St Ann's Eure Building on Ann St. All funds will go toward plants and shrubs to be installed in Beaufort by the Beautification Committee. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the games will begin at 10 a.m. Deborah Van Dyken will lead us in 6 exciting games of bingo. Bingo cards are \$5 each and there are lots of prizes for the winners. The Silent Auction includes an antique copper bowl, a lovely crystal vase, a beautiful hand-made quilt, a charming Chinese bowl set and much more. Donations for the auction from members are welcome. Please email info@beaufort-gardenclub.com for more information.

Upcoming Event: A day trip to Wilson, NC on April 23.



Plant & Pour

Celebrate Arbor Day with Crystal Coast Waterkeeper and Fishtowne Brew House. Join us for an afternoon of planting in Downtown Beaufort. Meet at Grayden Paul Park, 718 Front Street, at 1 pm. We will discuss the environmental importance of native plants. We'll then do some planting of our own! Following planting, we'll head over to Fishtowne for some awesome brews and light refreshments. This is also an opportunity to learn more about the work of Crystal Coast Waterkeeper and how you can get involved. For questions email rebeccad@coastacarolinariverwatch.org.



BEAUFORT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
& PRESTON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
presents

THIRD ANNUAL BURNING OF THE SOCKS



Come join us and celebrate the age-old maritime tradition of burning your socks on the spring equinox!

FRI MAR 20 2020

6-8PM @ Traders at Beau Coast

ENJOY FOOD, WINE & BREW AND MUSIC

BRING
OLD SOCKS TO
BURN



BRING
NEW SOCKS TO
DONATE

\$30 PER TICKET - AVAILABLE ONLINE @ BEAUFORTNC.COM
OR @ Harbor Specialties



March Events

12 p.m. March 5, 12, 19 & 25:

Brown Bag Gam series: Topics include Rise & Fall of the Morehead City Shipbuilding

Corp.; Wreck of the Caribsea; Beaufort's Dolphins, Getting to Know Them; and By Hook or By Crook. Bring your lunch and drop in for the free program.

10 a.m. March 11: Merry-Time for Tots: (ages 2 to 5) Shark Tales \$5. Registration required.

7 p.m. March 26: "Vanishing Sail: The Story of a Caribbean Tradition" Film Screening

2 p.m. March 28: Carolina Maritime Model Society Meeting

Summer Science School registration: Registration is open for the 2020 Summer Science School, which offers students the opportunity to learn about the natural and maritime history of coastal North Carolina. For information or to register call (252) 504-7758. For more information about any of these activities, call (252) 504-7740 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com.

Loaves and Fishes Race for Recovery

Date: March 14, 2020

Time: 7:30 a.m. Run; 8:45 a.m. Walk/ Kids 50 Yard Dash

Purpose: Provide awareness and financial support for L & F Men's Recovery Program.

Website: www.runsignup.com/Race/NC/Beaufort/LoavesandFishesRunforRecovery



Most of us have been touched in some way by substance abuse or addiction, either personally or family members. Please help us help others by supporting this Race for Recovery.

Sponsored by Ann St. UMC, Outreach
Call Oriel Homan, (252) 723-2687 with questions.

The OBFM will host its Grand Reopening Easter weekend, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 11

We are inviting you to contribute to the success of the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market, a 501c3 organization, by becoming a member of the **Friends of the OBFM**. You can visit our website: oldebeaufortfarmers-market.org to find more info about our membership levels and to donate online.

We look forward to another year of serving the needs of our community by providing fresh food from local farmers and bakers and quality handmade work from local artists and craftspeople, accompanied by live music and non-profit organizations. The market, beginning its 8th season, has become a hub of the community, creating a whole-life experience each Saturday morning for locals and visitors alike to enjoy. Come join in the fun and help the market continue to thrive!

Thank you
for joining the
OLDE BEAUFORT FARMERS'

MARKET family.

Your membership donation will help us to accomplish our mission:
To educate, inform, and engage the public in making healthy lifestyle choices concerning fresh food, sustainable environmental and agricultural practices, improved personal health, wellness and happiness, and the value of shopping local, all accomplished in an informal learning setting which values interactions and shared relationships among members of the community.

We appreciate your support!





Carteret County Public Libraries

Events: Let's Talk About It will meet 7-8:45 p.m. March 9 and 23 AARP will be preparing tax returns every Saturday 9 a.m. -2 p.m. Come join us for an afternoon of knitting every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome

Book Exchange and Sale: The Book Nook is open during regular library hours with many used books and audio materials for sale.

Activities for Children: Children's Activities: Pre-K Storytime (ages 3-5) meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Toddler Storytime (ages 2-4) meets on Fridays at 10 a.m. Lego Club (ages 6-12) meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. Page-Turners (ages 6-12) meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 4-5. Study Hall for Young Adults is 3-4:30

p.m. Wednesdays and 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Teen Advisory Board and Shelf Readers, which is a service project for teens, meets 2-4 p.m. every other Saturday. Please call the library for dates.

Featured Artwork: The art gallery features the work of Deanna Grant. Her inspiration comes from the surrounding marshes and the ocean with their mystery and beauty and from travel experiences trying to capture the world and its infinite beauty. She would like for her art to remind you of a special place or person, take you far away, or bring you home and to enjoy these paintings as much as she enjoys creating them. The library is interested in displaying crafts made by local residents. Please call the library at (252) 728-2050 for more information.

BEAUFORT Historical Association

The Beaufort Historical Association will be welcoming new Volunteers and an Author this month. On March 10 there will be a volunteer training from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center. This is a great chance to learn about the many volunteer opportunities at the site. From driving the double-decker bus to working in the Mattie King

Davis Art Gallery, we have a spot for everyone! Later in March (March 26 & 27) we will be welcoming author Susan Zurenda. There will be a Lunch and Learn at Clawson's restaurant at noon on March 26. Zurenda will be speaking about her debut book, Bells for Eli. Then on March 26 she will be hosting a Writing Workshop in the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center at 10 a.m.



Girls Exploring Science & Technology

The 5th annual Girls Exploring Science & Technology event is Sat, April 4, 9 AM - 4 PM at the Duke Marine Lab in Beaufort. 6th-8th graders will participate in hands-on science and engineering activities and learn about STEM careers. Event is free and lunch is provided. Registration

opens March 4 and will fill quickly: <https://sites.duke.edu/gest/>

The Writers' Exchange

The Writers' Exchange is an organization built by one writer and one poet in the spirit of promoting poetry and writing in all its forms. We strive to provide a structured environment through which any writer may feel encouraged to give and take valuable critique of their work for the advancement of same.

We hope to compliment all existing writers' groups and organizations in the area, and to assist all Eastern NC writers in coming together for the benefit of learning, sharing, and having fun through the discipline of constructive critique. Please visit us on Facebook and/or email us at thewritersXchange@aol.com.

No dues or membership fees required. All genres welcome. All ages welcome. All levels of expertise welcome. Meetings are 6-9:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Beaufort Train

Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort NC 28516. Writers Jan B. Parker and Patricia Sheppard, facilitators.

1. Bring a bit of work to read aloud (poetry or prose) for critique, according to these guidelines:

a. Critique with mindfulness to the elements of writing: pace, tone, setting, character development, grammar, dialogue, meter, genre and form standards, etcetera.

b. Be succinct in telling what works for you and why.

c. Be succinct in telling what doesn't work for you and why.

d. Under no circumstances rewrite another writer's words. 2. Handouts will be available at each meeting and sometimes guest lecturers, when we are lucky. We plan on having open mic readings on a quarterly basis.

3. Small donations to help pay for rental of the Depot will be collected sometime during the meeting.

33rd Annual

Carteret County
SENIOR

GAMES and

Silver Arts

April 1 - April 24, 2020

LGFCU
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

ECC
Eastern Carolina Council
Area Agency on Aging

Humana

Early bird registration deadline

March 6, 2020

Final Registration Deadline

March 13, 2020

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DARLENE AUSTIN ~ FORT BENJAMIN PARK
252-222-5858 OR VISIT ccpr.recdesk.com**

ONLINE REGISTRATION available at torch.ncseniorgames.org

Down East Center for Women's Ministry

The Down East Beaufort Center for Women's Ministries is offering a free seminar 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7-"Naturally Healthy Body and Home-A Workshop on Living a more Chemical Free Life." Come learn how to avoid toxins and replace them with healthy alternatives-most are simple and inexpensive. Call (252) 504-2441 to reserve your spot. We also offer free peer counseling for women by appointment. We are located at 407 Live Oak Street Suite #5 in Beaufort. We've been where you are and would love to walk beside you. You are not alone.



BEAUFORT

Picture Show

"Maiden" 4 and 7 p.m. Sat., March 7

The story of Tracy Edwards, a 24-year-old cook on charter boats, who became the skipper of the first ever all-female crew to enter the Whitbread Round the World Race in 1989.

"Present Laughter" 3 p.m. Sun., March 15

Andrew Scott (the "hot priest" from Fleabag) stars in Noël Coward's provocative comedy. As he prepares to embark on an overseas tour, an actor's life is in danger of spiraling out of control. Engulfed by an escalating identity crisis as his many and various relationships compete for his attention, his days are a chaotic whirlwind of love, sex, panic and soul-searching.

"Harriet" 4 and 7 p.m. Sat., March 21

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.

"The Guilty" 4 p.m. Sat., March 28

A Danish film about a police officer assigned to dispatch duty who enters a race against time when he answers an emergency call from a kidnapped woman.

Tickets: beaufortpictureshow.com

All films are shown at The Mill Space, 1362 Lennoxville Rd.