



Spring Cleaning

Spring Cleaning. Great thanks to the Beaufort



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and volunteers for their marine debris clean-up on April 24, focused on public water accesses and town parks. Similarly, on April 24 Boy Scout Ryan Mroch led a "trash trawl" clean-up in the Gallants Channel area. Let's all do our part to keep our streets and waterways clean...it's good for our wildlife, environment, public health, and commerce.

COVID-19. Everyone 18 and older is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. You can call the Carteret County Health Department at 252-728-8550, Option 2 to

schedule an appointment to get the vaccine. The percent of positive COVID-19 tests is rising again. Please get vaccinated and continue the 3W's. I am optimistic that with due diligence now, we will get back to some sense of normalcy by the fall.

Splash Pad. The Randolph Johnson Park splash pad is ready and we're just waiting for consistent weather to turn it on for the season. This splash pad is going to be wildly popular!!

- Mayor Everette S. (Rett) Newton

Applicants Needed for Town of Beaufort

Beaufort Harbor and Waterways Master Plan Advisory Committee

Would you like to play an active role in the governance of your Town? Interested in local Issues? One major way residents can have a positive impact on the future of the Town of Beaufort is volunteering to serve on various Town advisory boards and commissions. The residents who volunteer for these positions are an important link that connects the public to its governing body and are the advisers who make recommendations that ultimately shape the future of our Town.

The Town of Beaufort is currently recruiting individuals to serve on the new Beaufort Harbor and Waterways Master Plan Advisory Committee. The advisory committee is projected to have 6 positions with the term lengths being set for the duration of the project.

BACKGROUND: To effectively address the many issues coming to bear on the town's waters over the next few years in a coordinated fashion that supports a positive outcome for Beaufort's residents and visitors, the Beaufort Board of Commissioners establishes the Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Committee (BHWMPAC). This committee will engage the public and work with the town's staff and consultant to advise the Board of Commissioners during the formation of a Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan.

MEETING SCHEDULE: BHWMPAC will meet at least monthly, with a goal of holding it's first meeting within three weeks of appointments.

Interested residents are encouraged to apply by submitting an electronic Volunteer Board Application found on the Town's website: <https://www.beaufortnc.org/bc>. Please submit a completed application no later than 5 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2021.

The Town of Beaufort strives for diversity on volunteer advisory boards and commissions.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, at 252-728-2141, ext. 233 or a.coleman@beaufortnc.org.

The Very Best of Beaufort

Food insecurity is a huge problem in Carteret County and across the state. We've had strong economic indicators in the county and in Beaufort over the last year, but unfortunately this good news masks the thousands of people that are really struggling.

Over 15 volunteers from the Food Waste and Recovery Program (part of the Carteret

Food and Health Council) are working overtime to help those that need food. As an example, the recent Easter food drive to support pantries raised over 2,000 pounds of food with the help of 15 local businesses that provided donation boxes. If you are interested in these amazing efforts, please see their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CarteretFoodandHealthCouncil/>. These selfless volunteers that are providing food for vulnerable citizens clearly represent the very best of Beaufort.



Note: Each month, we will highlight individuals or organizations that represent The Very Best of Beaufort.

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8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday-Friday

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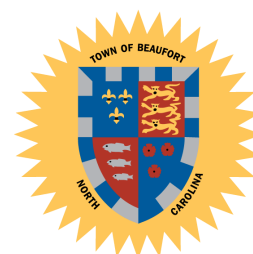


Newsletter Submissions:

Due May 20, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Send to

r.johnson@beaufortnc.org



Board of Commissioners

During the April regular monthly meetings the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Approved a \$.27/month increase in the Residential Solid Waste Fee per the Town contract with GFL
- Approved a budget amendment to replace a 22 year old HVAC unit in the Public Works Wood Shop.
- Conducted Two Public Hearings: The first was to hear from residents on text amendment to the Land Development Ordinance Section 20: Special Use Permits. The second was to hear from residents on a modification to the existing Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Beau Coast Subdivision.
- Approved an applicant-initiated request to subdivide a 15.31-acre tract into 86 lots (49 Single Family Residential Lots and 37 Townhome Lots (Beau

Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission met April 6, 2021 and discussed the following items:

Case # 20-17 204 Turner Street: Demolition: Request to demolish the existing structure known as the Masonic Lodge at 204 Turner Street. After hearing additional information and testimony the Commission approved the request with the following conditions: That demolition is delayed for 365 days; all requirements as stated in the Beaufort Historical Guidelines are met, including 10.1.1, 10.1.2, 10.1.3, 10.1.4, 10.1.5 and 10.1.6; and revocation of the COA must be submitted to the town prior to the completion of the sale of the property to the new buyer.

Case # 21-06 120 Moore: Accessory Structure: Request to construct a 270 sq. ft. accessory Structure in the rear yard. Approved with the following conditions: 1) fiber cement siding will only show the smooth side 2) that the existing shed in the yard will be removed once construction of the new shed is complete.

Case # 21-11 608 Broad Street: Demolition: Request to demolish the eastern part of the structure. Approved.

Case # 21-12 214 Broad Street:

Coast Phase V))

- Approved an applicant-initiated request to subdivide a 41.79-acre tract into 108 lots (60 Single Family Residential Lots and 48 Townhome Lots (Beaufort East Village Phase 1)
 - Considered individuals to serve on the Town's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
 - Received the Monthly Financial Reports and Notes for March 2021.
 - Received an update from the Town Engineer on current/active Town Projects.
- The action list above should not be considered official minutes. Please visit www.beaufortnc.org/meetings for current meeting agenda and minute information.

Questions: Contact Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, at (252)728-2141, ext. 233 or a.coleman@beaufortnc.org.

Revisions/Alterations to approved plans: Request to change the fence, front door, increase size of kitchen & side porch to the 2,368 sq. ft. New Single-family Dwelling approved in July of 2020. Approved.

Case # 21-13 97&99 Sunset Lane: Rear Addition, Parking & Patio: Request for a rear addition to a non-historic property with a rear patio and a brick paver parking area. Approved. *Case # 21-14 405 Ann Street:* Screening & Fencing: Request from the First Baptist Church to construct a 6' high fence along the frontage of Ann Street with a concrete walkway. Approved with the condition that the fence shall not exceed 4ft in height.

Case # 21-15 124 Ann Street: Exterior Renovations: Request to construct a new rear addition, new paint & window replacement. Approved.

Case # 21-16 500 Front Street: Fencing: Request from Ann Street United Methodist Church to extend their existing picket fence around the exterior of their property for their educational building. Approved.

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

May Meetings

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the public gathering guidelines, the Town of Beaufort is conducting all public meetings virtually. Please visit the Town's website at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for up-to-date meeting information. Please select the desired meeting to access the Zoom login information. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, at (252) 728-2141, ext. 233 or a.coleman@beaufortnc.org.

6 p.m. May 4—Historic Preservation Commission

6 p.m. May 6—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6 p.m. May 10—Board of Commissioners

4 p.m. May 17—BOC Budget Work Session

6 p.m. May 17—Planning Board

4 p.m. May 20—BOC Budget Work Session

4 p.m. May 24—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. May 24—Board of Adjustment

4 p.m. May 26—BOC Budget Work Session

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 for the public. These Consumer Confidence Reports can be obtained by requesting a copy at Town Hall or by visiting the following website (www.beaufortnc.org/publicutilities). If you have any questions, comment, or concerns, feel free to contact Wade Keeler at (252) 728-2130.

Notice of Trash Rate Increase

Residential and Commercial trash fees increased by 1.4% according to the Town's contract with GFL. The fee is adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers. The rate has changed from \$19.17 to \$19.44 per month and is reflected on the current bill. A 1.6% increase for the Waterfront Business District will be effective July 1, 2021.

Planning Board

The Planning Board met April 19, 2021 and discussed the following items:

Case # 21-09 - Rezoning Request & CAMA Land Use Map Amendment - Request to rezone 214 Craven Avenue from R-8 Residential to RS-5. After hearing information from the from applicant the Planning Board members discussed several concerns they had with the request such as spot zoning, potential flooding concerns associated with additional development in this area as well as not meeting the Future Land Use classification of Medium Density Residential as well as an overall plan for the neighborhood. After conducting the Public Hearing and discussion the Planning Board recommended unanimously to the Board of Commissioners to deny this request.

Conceptual Plan Discussion - 229 Hwy. 101 - Mr. Terry O'pray the owner of the County Home property on Hwy. 101 presented

his concept of a tiny home village on the 1.66 acre property that he currently owns which would include 15 units at 400 sq. feet each on concrete slab foundations. There were several comments regarding the traffic concern related to the close distance to the intersection with Hwy. 101 and the 70 By-Pass as well as discussion regarding density and inclusionary zoning, as some members were concerned that if restrictions would not be placed on the structures then they could become short term rental properties. As this was an item for discussion, no official recommendation or decision was made and the decision to move forward is now up to the property owner.

In other news:

The Inspections Division issued 68 Building Permits and completed 276 inspections for the month of March.

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Saturday June 12



Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary www.RunTheEast.com

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.

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.



"Little Red Book Wagon" Selling Books at Farmers Market

On Saturdays from April-October, The Friends of the Library will open their "Little Red Book Wagon" in front of the County Courthouse at the Beaufort Farmer's Market. This marks the second season at this location, but the 24th season of the wagon being used in town to sell donated used books. The Book Wagon, a recognized local landmark, is also the major source of fundraising by the Friends of the Library in support of the Carteret County

Library branch in Beaufort. Approximately 30 volunteers participate in the operations of the Book Wagon, coordinated by Chairman Kathy Day-Ketel. Some volunteers tow this trailer to the site and back to the library, others supervise the opening and closing operations, others take shifts staffing it, and others stock it with books.

Stop by for a visit any Saturday to select from hardbacks and paperbacks in a variety of subjects including fiction, nonfiction, cooking, literary classics, military, biography, inspirational, as well as children's and young adult books. Prices are \$1.00 and \$2.00 per book. Take the opportunity to ask a volunteer whatever you need to know about the public library and how it can serve you.



Beaufort Visitor Information Center Adjusts Operating Schedule

In consultation with the Town of Beaufort, due to park staffing limitations during the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Park Service's Beaufort Visitor Information Center will now be open Thursdays - Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., beginning April 20, 2021.



Located at 701 Front Street in Beaufort, North Carolina, the Beaufort Visitor Information Center provides exhibits on the ecology and history of the Southern Outer Banks of North Carolina. When open, visitors can pick up brochures, view exhibits, interact with displays and get advice from park staff in planning their visit to the expansive 56-miles of Cape Lookout National

Seashore.

The Visitor Center is conveniently located across the street from the Island Express Ferry Service dock, at 600 Front Street. Island Express Ferry Service is the authorized concessioner for passenger transport to Shackleford Banks. Call the ferry at 252-728-7433 or visit www.islandexpressferry.com for their scheduled times and fees.

Pay to Park Season Starts May 24, 2021

The 2021 Pay to Park Season is May 24-Sept. 6, 2021. Parking passes are available for sale at Town Hall beginning May 17, 2021. 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.

Please note time limits for spaces as there are some changes to the 2021 season. For more information, visit www.beaufortnc.org/parking.

Parking is free for anyone displaying a handicap tag at any parking location.

Fats, Oils & Greases

Many overflows, or SSO's, are caused by the accumulations of fats, oils, and greases (FOG) in the wastewater collection system. While the collection system is designed to handle and safely transport sanitary waste to the wastewater treatment plant, too much FOG placed into the system can cause clogs and result in an overflow, especially after high flow events such as heavy rains. Dumping fats and oils derived from animal and vegetable sources, including meats, nuts, cereals, and beans, down any drain, in either a home or business, can cause a stoppage that forces raw, untreated waste to spill into our yards, streets, and streams. The Town has adopted a sanitary sewer ordinance in an attempt to reduce the frequency of grease-related overflows.



Street & Area Light Repairs

Reporting light requests is now easier with Duke Energy's Street & Area Light Repair tool. This tool allows you to contact us to identify light issues and outages, request new light installations and receive updates on your repair's status.

Why use the tool?

To report a broken streetlight or fixture

To request a new light or LED lighting

To report a light that is too dim or too bright

Please note: If the light you are reporting is creating a hazardous condition, you should call us immediately at 800.769.3766 or call 911.



The Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market is *Open for business!*

The market opened on April 17th with its largest regular season market ever! Everyone was happy to be back! With new farmers, foodies, and artisans along with our long term vendor family members, the choices are greater than ever for your weekly grocery shopping and the perfect gift for a friend or yourself.

Start your weekend off with a leisurely stroll through the farmers' market from 9 – 1 on the courthouse grounds and join your friends and neighbors who love shopping local.

BEAUFORT *Picture Show*

BEAUFORT DRIVE-IN

More info and tickets
www.beaufortpictureshow.org.

8 p.m. Saturday, May 8
"Toy Story 4"

When a new toy called "Forky" joins Woody and the gang, a road trip alongside old and new friends reveals how big the world can be for a toy.

6 p.m. Saturday, May 15
"The Beaufort Music Festival"
A Special Fundraising Event featuring three live bands & a movie on the water at Gallant's Channel! Three bands on the big stage and some rock and roll history on the big screen!

19th Annual Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament May 27, 2021 - Shotgun start at 1 pm



Interested in being a Sponsors contact us at
info@beaufortoletownerotary.com

News from the Beaufort Development Association

April was the first time we made our presence visible in the Town of Beaufort monthly newsletter, and we also can be found at beaufortnc.com. We will be continuing with this presentation as it coincides with the efforts of BDA for greater outreach to the broader Beaufort community.

What's new or newsworthy?

Of course we are all anxious to see a completion of road and sidewalk infrastructure work in town. These have been essential upgrades and soon our visitors will be enjoying these fine new roads and the Turner St. beautification. Merchants on Turner St. will start smiling again, wash their cars again, leave their doors open again, welcome all of us in again!

Fireworks

As you frequent some bars and restaurants you will notice our Fireworks contribution jars. We are attempting to raise funds for this years fireworks show. We have scaled back the usual hot dog event, a Covid holdover - but we still want to celebrate the 4th. Of July. Your help is greatly appreciated. The BDA is the sole financial supporter of fireworks and it is a very costly event. Thanks, if you can.

Public Art

The Beaufort Garden Club has had a call out to eastern Carolina artists for an outdoor sculpture. The location will be the newly renovated Topsail Park at the end of Orange St. The club

organized a Public Art Committee to work with the Town to select, purchase, and install a sculpture representing menhaden fish or fishing. This sculpture will no doubt be a great addition to the park and the downtown streetscape.

Uptown Beaufort

Renovations are beginning for Austin Veterinary. Lots of work to do for a big move like this, all paws are patient patients.

Attention animal lovers!

Barbara has moved Pet Provisions to 1622A Live Oak St. Purrrfect for parking and we wish her great success in her new location.

Downtown Beaufort

We await many new businesses. Jeff at Black Sheep on the boardwalk will soon be opening the other side to his current location- more bar and goodies.

Queen Anne's Revenge along with the creamery on the Boardwalk is also hoping to be open soon...

Spouter is soon to be back, re-styled & reinvented at a new location- 300 Front St. Sandy's Flowers is moving into the old location of Pet Provisions at 129 Turner St.

For information on the BDA, email wendydauidson98@gmail.com, find BDA on Facebook or visit beaufortnc.com.



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

BEAUFORT *Historical Association*

Garden Art - Peace Pole Workshop

May 6, 10 a.m. @ The Old Beaufort Shop, \$60
Create a piece of art for your garden by painting a 4 foot "Garden Art Peace Pole". These poles can be customized to fit your style! Class is limited to 8. Cost is \$60. Please bring a mask.

Glass Blowing Demo w/ Lu Libby

May 7, 10 a.m. @ the Beau-

fort Historic Site
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! Please bring a mask.