





Town of Beaufort Newsletter

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Newsletter Submissions:

Due 5 p.m. May 15, 2023 Send to Rachel Johnson, PIO at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

Want to Get More Involved, Be Informed and Participate in Local Government?

Regular Meetings

The Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners (BOC) meet twice monthly for regularly scheduled meetings. These meetings are conducted at the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street and are open to the public. The regular monthly meeting of the BOC is the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m. These meetings are live streamed on the Town of Beaufort's Facebook page. During these monthly meetings, the BOC welcomes public feedback during the public comment section. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. Please note Public Comment and Public Hearings are conducted at Regular Monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners and not at Work Sessions.

Public Comment

Public Comment is not a question-and-answer session with the BOC, rather a time for citizens to come and express their thoughts and concerns to the BOC. You must be present to participate in public comment. When attending a meeting and wishing to make a public comment, you will be asked to sign up with the Town Clerk prior to the meeting. Each public comment is to start with the participant clearly stating their name and address.

Public Hearing

Sometimes, the BOC is required by law to hold a Public Hearing. If a public hearing is to be conducted on an agenda item, those in attendance may speak during the public hearing and do not need to speak on that topic during public comment.

Work Sessions

The BOC conducts a monthly Work Session. These meetings are at 4 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Train Depot. These meetings are open to the pub-

Can't make a meeting?

Join us for the monthly Board of Commissioners meetings online. The meetings are available via live stream on the Town of Beaufort's Facebook page. The video is available for viewing live and after the meeting has

concluded. Regular monthly meetings are the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

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lic to attend. There is not a public comment section during Work Sessions. These meetings are designed for the BOC to gather information on items that may appear on the regular monthly meeting agenda for a vote. The Work Sessions are also a time for staff and Board members to review updates on various short- and long-term projects as well as new projects that have not yet been approved.

During the work sessions, staff and the BOC have a oneon-one dialogue on the agenda topics. This is a time for the BOC to gather information to help inform and prepare their future on the subject matter.

Need More Information

The Town of Beaufort encourages citizens to stay informed and to participate. There are many ways to find information about what is going on in Beaufort. All meeting agendas and minutes are available online at www.beaufortnc.org. Town staff is also always willing to answer questions and share information.

Agenda Items

Questions about how an item appears before the BOC? Reach out to Town staff. Some items appear before other boards prior to appearing on a BOC agenda. These boards provide recommendations to the BOC for their consideration. Other items are citizen-initiated, meaning, a citizen working in conjunction with a staff member follows the established processes to bring an item forward via staff to the BOC. Other items are initiated by the Town Manager, Mayor or by a Commissioner.

Official Meetings

All official Town meetings are posted online at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar.

Want to know more about what is going on around Town?

Visit www.beaufortnc.org for Project Updates and the monthly Town Manager's Report. Both may be found inside the "Mayor's Corner."

Commissioners' Office Hours

Location: Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street Commissioner Melvin Cooper:

10 a.m. May 10, 2023

May Town Meetings

Meetings will be conducted in the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort unless otherwise noted. Please 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. May 2—Historic Preservation Commission
- 6 p.m. May 8—Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
- 4 p.m. May 9—Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Budget Workshop #1
- 6 p.m. May 15—Planning Board
- 6 p.m. May 17—Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Budget Workshop #2
- 4 p.m. May 22—Board of Commissioners Work Session
- 6 p.m. May 22—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 met March 27 and April 10 for their regularly scheduled monthly meetings. They took the following actions and heard the following presentations:

- Approved meeting minutes from March 13 and 27.
- Approved FY 2023 Budget Amendment #7 and #8.
- Approved the County's request to add Stanton Landing to Beaufort's Fire District..
- Approved a resolution for ARP Grant Funding.
- Amended the Town's Code of Ordinances- Chapter 95 Oceanview Cemetery.
- Extended a request for reserved sewer capacity for 803 Island Drive.

Paid Parking Season Starts May 22, 2023

The 2023 Paid Parking Season begins Monday, May 22, 2023 and runs through Monday, Sept. 4, 2023. Parking rates are \$1/hr between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The West/East parking lots are an escalating rate starting at \$1/hr. Parking passes are available for purchase at Town Hall beginning

Notice of Trash Rate Increase

Residential and Commercial trash fees increased by 7% according to the Town's contract with GFL. The fee is adjusted annually by the Consumer

- Approved a conflict waiver for the proposed bond counsel for the USDA Funded Utilities Project.
- Conducted a Public Hearing on a Walking Tour Application and approved the permit for Beaufort's Southern Stroll.
- Approved the FY 2023 Audit Contract.
- Approved the FY 2024 Budget Schedule.
- Received the February Financial Report.
- Todd Clark shared his Town Manager's report, which can be accessed at: www.beaufortnc.org/ boardofcommissioners/ page/managers-report.

For more information contact Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at e.lewis@beaufortnc.org.

Monday, May 1, 2023. Parking is free for anyone displaying a handicap tag. You may pay at any of the 16 pay stations by debit/credit card, US coin, or using the PayByPhone appdownload it today and pay from anywhere throughout the season. Visit www.beaufortnc.org/parking for additional information. You may also contact the parking office at parking@beaufortnc.org.

Price Index for Urban Consumers. The rate has changed from \$20.88 to \$22.34 per month and is reflected on the current bill. A 7% increase for the Waterfront Business District will be effective July 1, 2023.



Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met on April 4 and discussed the following items:

Case #23-08: Request to construct a new detached garage in the rear of the property with updated landscaping at 211 Moore St. Approved with conditions.

Case #23-09: Request for reapproval for the exterior color and trim for 330 Front St. (Finz) for an expired COA from May 2019. Approved.

Case #23-10: Request to install a 6.76 sq.ft. wood sandblasted sign on two posts at 214 Turner Street. Approved.

Planning & Inspections



The Planning & Inspection Department would like to pass along a few friendly reminders:

Spring is just around

the corner and there is not a better time to start thinking about purchasing flood insurance or reviewing your current policy with your Insurance Agent before the rainy season. Flood Insurance can come in handy when heavy rain events occur. However, it is also a good idea to keep up with changes in coverage and ensure that your carrier is applying a discount for the Town Participating in the Federal Flood Program. To

Splashpad is Open for the Season

The splashpad at Louis Randolph Johnson Jr. Park is open for the season. It is open daily (weather permitting) through

Beaufort Emergency Alerts

Sign up to receive Important Notifications and Emergency Alerts from the Town of Beaufort.

For Full Registration:



Case #23-11: Request to demolish two existing garages and replace them with a 625 sq. ft detached garage. Approved with the conditions.

Case #23-12 Request paint their house at 614 Ann St. a different color and move the location of doors on the accessory structure in the rear yard. Approved with conditions.

On Thursday, May 11 the Historic Commission will host a Cemetery Workshop in the Old Burying Ground. The workshop is to be conducted by the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office.

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

help identify the how, when, where and tips about flooding, The Town of Beaufort recommends that you visit the Carteret County web site at www.carteretcountygov.org and select Carteret County Flood Tips Brochure. Residents of Beaufort should receive approximately a 15% discount on Flood Insurance policies for primary residents due to the Town participating in the National Flood Program.

If you need any further information or have any questions pertaining to the Flood Information, please contact Kyle Garner at (252) 728-2141 or send him an email at kgarner@beaufortnc.org.

September. Splashpad hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m. The shelter is available on a first come, first serve basis as reservations are not accepted. The park is at 1017 Pine Street, Beaufort.

Scan the QR Code or online at www.beaufortnc.org under the "Residents" tab.

Text Alerts Only:

Sign up via text by texting "Join beaufortnc-alerts" to 31002 without the quotation marks. Receive Emergency Alerts, Weather Alerts, Road Closure Alerts and more. You may opt into alerts that are of interest to you.

For more information on the Emergency Alert system, call (252) 528-8765.

Plastic Free By the Sea Honoring Doug Doubleday



We recently celebrated the life of Doug Doubleday, a true leader in the

Crystal Coast Half Booty

Triathlon: May 13

Notice to Beaufort Residents, Busi-

ness Owners & Visitors

Booty Triathlon is returning to Beau-

fort on Saturday, May 13, 2023. The

event starts at 8 a.m. with the swim

portion at Gallant's Channel and is

complete by 4:30 p.m. to be followed

by an awards ceremony at the Beau-

Please be advised of triathletes pass-

ing through Beaufort several times

course utilizes Highways 101 & 70.

Cyclists are anticipated to start on

the bike course around 8:30 a.m.

throughout the event. The bicycle

fort Historic Grounds.

The 70.3 mile Crystal Coast Half

mission to reduce plastic and the impacts it has on our community! So some reminders as we approach the coming spring and summer season!

- · Shop and eat local, creating less waste.
- · Switch to reusable bottles, bags, straws, etc.
- · Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, and Recycle.
- · Advocate for extended producer responsibility and local plastic reduction policies.
- · Choose products with less packaging.

Enjoy your summer but keep protection of our marine life and the crys-

tal coast waters that we share!



For more information on Plastic Free by the Sea, a local Environmental Conservation Organization or

to contact the group, visit www.facebook.com/PlasticFreeENC.

high rise and travels through Morehead City, Newport and portions of Havelock before returning to Beaufort on Highway 101 and 70 ending at Gallant's Channel.

Next the triathletes will be on the run course from as early as 10:30 a.m. until the last runner is pulled at 4:30 p.m. This course includes Turner, Broad, Moore, Front (excluding downtown) Ann, Gordon and Craven Streets, Lennoxville Road and Middle Lane. The finish line is on Middle Lane and Middle Lane will be closed to traffic on Saturday, May 13. Additional closures include the 100 block of Craven Street.

For full course details, maps and to volunteer, visit crystalcoasttri.com.



Visit https://crystalcoasttri.com to view the bicycle route which travels through Carteret County and parts of Craven County.

Beaufort roadways impacted by the bicycle route include Hwy 101 and 70.

Please use caution and be on the lookout for Triathlon participants.

BEAUFORT Historical Association

May Events at the Beaufort Historic Site

Living History: Barn Quilt Workshop

10 a.m.-12 p.m. May 5 Come learn to make a barn quilt, which is a large piece of painted wood designed to look like a single quilt block and decorate the side of a barn or building. This art form was born out the rich history of family quilting in Appalachia and the European folk art that contributed to it. Your barn quilt will measure 24"x 24", and will be yours to take home. This workshop is limited to 6 people. RSVP by calling the Beaufort Historic Site at 728-5225 to reserve your spot. Materials fee: \$75.

Plein-Air New Bern Pop-Up Art Gallery 4-6 p.m. May 18 The Beaufort Historic Site will host Plein-Air New Bern, a non-profit arts organization that brings together artists from across the globe to competitively paint outdoor scenes across eastern North Carolina. The Pop-Up will feature art created by these artists during the event as well as the opportunity to see these artists at work

and purchase their creations. Free Event.

Living History: Stitch-In Workshop

1:30-4 p.m. May 22 The Embroiderer's Guild is holding a bring-your-ownstitching workshop! Pat Castagna of the Embroiderer's Guild will host a workshop for needle workers of all levels that have stitching work they wish to develop. Come to the workshop to get feedback from fellow artists and enjoy the company of new friends. Space is limited, call 728-5225 to reserve your spot. Free Event.



Living History: A Morning with Master Gardeners
9 a.m. May 24
Join the Carteret County Master Gardeners for a morning in the garden.
Attendees will learn about propagation and native plants before being taken on a tour of all three of the Beaufort Historic Site's gardens. Free Event.

WALK WITH EASE

Walk with Ease

Stay tuned to the Town of Beaufort's website for information on a walking program coming to Beaufort this summer. Participants will enroll in a selfguided walking program and receive information and items to assist and encourage them with their walking goals. For more information, visit www.beaufortnc.org in mid-May or email Parks Coordinator r.johnson@beaufortnc.org.







We are open for business!

The Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market invites you to spend your Saturday mornings with us from 9-1 on the lovely courthouse grounds under the old live oaks!

We have new vendors, old vendors, community organizations, musicians, food and fun, fun!

You won't find better homegrown veggies, meats, and other products from the farm and sea; homemade tasty foods and baked

goods, and unique, quality art and craft work. We look forward to seeing you there, rain or shine!

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Beaufort Business Association News

The Rock the Dock, formerly called Music in the Park, music series is off to a good start and continues every Thursday at 5 p.m. through October at John Newton Park on Front Street. Beverages may be purchased with proper I.D. If your business or group would like to be a music sponsor - \$400 will get you there and includes a banner, a year membership and promotion. Contact nelson.n.owens@gmail.com for more information on sponsor-

Beaufort Town Flags

Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$70) and 12" x 18" garder



12" x 18" garden flags (\$30) for sale at Ace Hardware, 1511 Live Oak; Cousins Bed ship opportunities.
The SoGal Foundation grant season is underway, grants of \$5K and \$10K may be applied for at sogalfoundation.typeform.com
The business association will soon be unveiling their new website bigger and better than

The Beaufort Business Association is selling Beaufort license plates to help raise funds for the many events we put on. Harbor Specialties on Front St. at the corner of Craven St. has the license plates- thank you for your support!

& 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.

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

BEAUFORT



A bright new electronic marquee is going up above the entrance to the Beaufort Picture Show's screening room at Mill Space (Lennoxville Road) in midtown Beaufort. "Now Playing" and "Coming Attractions" may now be highlighted, just like at the big omniplexes — no word yet on whether "World Premiere" spotlights will be added at a later date.

3 p.m. Sunday, May 7 "LIVING WINE"

Scheduled to complement the Beaufort Wine and Food Festival, "Living Wine" follows the winemakers of Sonoma, Santa Cruz and Yuma counties as they struggle to produce organic vintages in changing economic times and during a record wildfire season. Sobering factoid: "Less than 1% of all wine produced in California is allnatural" — Jules Caldeira, Film Inquiry.

Directed by Lori Miller. Documentary, 2022. Running time: 1 hour, 25 minutes.

7 p.m. Saturday, May 13 "FANNY: THE RIGHT TO



ROCK'

While the Beaufort Music Festival brings headliners Karl Denson's Tiny Universe and Grace Potter to Gallants Channel the weekend of May 19-20, BPS tunes up with Fanny. Before The Runaways, The Go-Gos and the Bangles, there was Fanny—a Filipino/American garage band fronted by the Millington sisters. Good enough to record five albums for Reprise Records from 1970-74 and strong enough to open for heavyweights like Jethro Tull, Hum-

ble Pie and Chicago, the feisty foursome never quite broke through to mainstream audiences. As David Bowie commented in 1973, "It just wasn't the band's time."

Surviving members reunited nearly 50 years later to record a new album, "Fanny Walked the Earth." and here we get a behind -the-scenes look at the sessions — and a look back.

Directed by Bobbi Jo Hart. Documentary, 2021. Running time: 1 hour, 36 minutes.

3 p.m. Sunday, May 28 "THE CRUCIBLE"

BFP wraps up May's calendar with a "Spoleto Special" — National Theatre Live's production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible." Penned in 1953 and a perennial stage favorite, Miller's masterpiece conjures the hysteria which swept Salem, Mass., during the infamous witch trials of 1692. Directed by Lyndsey Turner, the cast includes Erin Doherty, Milly Alcock and Brendan Cowell in "a magnificent staging" (The Telegraph) at the Gielgud Theatre.

Directed by Lyndsey Turner.. Theater, 2023. Running time: 3 hours.

Beaufort Picture Show is a 501c3 nonprofit organization "on a mission" to present the best in recent independent and mainstream film to local audiences. Screenings take place at the Mill Space venue (next to Mill Whistle Brewing on Lennoxville Road) in midtown Beaufort. As a nonprofit, admission is free, although a minimum donation of \$5 is suggested — and appreciated! Concessions are available, and beverages may be purchased from the adjacent pub.

All BPS screenings and events are subject to change; check online for latest information and tickets at:

www.beaufortpictureshow.org.



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.





Do Not Pour Down the Drain!