



## Transparency, Accountability, and Process in Beaufort

During my tenure as Mayor, the Town Staff and Board of Commissioners (BOC) have insisted on **transparency, accountability, and process** during our deliberations. As we have seen with the recent Jim Dandy and Shackleford Landing initiatives, transparency can be a bit messy because there are a lot of details, opinions, and facts to consider. Prior to a final decision, the Town Staff analyzes the authorities for projects and provides comprehensive background information to the BOC. Our Beaufort commissioners have been great about doing their homework in advance of deliberations, and working toward a decision. After the final BOC decision, you may not agree with the results but it is my goal that, from start to finish, there has been transparency, accountability, and process. And I will assure you that during these BOC deliberations, we will maintain civility.

I've recently had citizens ask my opinion about the greatest threats to Beaufort:

- **Climate change.** The effects of climate change are driving sea level rise, and increasing air and sea surface temperatures. As a result, we are clearly seeing an increase in the frequency and ferocity of storms, and increasing rain events that threaten our town.
- **Degraded water quality.** The quality of our waterways is degrading due to numerous sources that include storm water run-off, black water/gray water, failed septic systems, agricultural run-off, and marine debris. I am particularly worried about the Newport River Estuary that is already heavily stressed, and will be further stressed by the dramatic increase in residents and visitors anticipated after the completion of I-42.
- **Good 'Ol Boy politics.** Transparency, accountability, and process negate Good 'Ol Boy politics where deals are made behind the scenes, and the needs of the Good 'Ol Boys are prioritized over the needs of all citizens. For the health and prosperity of our community, we must continue to prevent Good 'Ol Boy politics in Beaufort.

- Mayor Everette S. (Rett) Newton



## The Very Best of Beaufort

Despite the storms and pandemic over the last few years, we are over-all doing extraordinarily well in Beaufort and Carteret County. And while our economic indicators are very strong, this good news masks those in our community and the surrounding area that are really struggling. Our Carteret County Department of Social Services (DSS) mission is to help people obtain the basic necessities of life, assist and protect our elderly and disabled adults, protect children and strengthen families, and promote self-sufficiency through employment. This is hard, complex, stressful, and time-consuming work. DSS professionals do not get a lot of visibility, but they are on the front lines helping our most vulnerable citizens. These selfless efforts clearly represent the very best of Beaufort. Please join me in thanking these dedicated professionals.

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

### Town Hall

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### Office Hours

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday-Friday

Town Hall will be closed

Nov. 11, 25 and 26.

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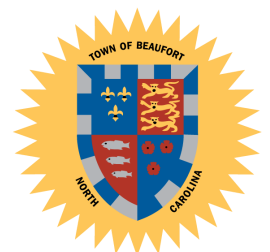
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### Newsletter Submissions:

Due Nov. 20, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Send to

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## Board of Commissioners Action List

- Heard from Douglas Double-day, with Plastic Free by the Sea, who gave a presentation on the single use plastic problem worldwide.
- Received the monthly Town Manager's report.
- Discussed traffic calming options at Turner & Broad Streets to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety as well as controlling traffic speed in the area.
- Voted unanimously to reduce

the water rates at Eastman Creek Subdivision.

- Approved the Site Plan for Pruitt Health Care Nursing Home/Skilled Care Facility to contain 104 beds/units.
- Approved the Final Plan for Front Street Village Phase 4.
- Voted to lift the mask mandate in town limits.

The action list above should not be considered official minutes. Please visit [www.beaufortnc.org/meetings](http://www.beaufortnc.org/meetings) for current meeting agenda and minute information.

## Planning Board

The Planning Board met Oct. 18, 2021 via zoom and discussed the following items:  
**Case # 21-22** Rezoning from B-1 & R-20 to PUD Shackleford Landing-Request by Stewart Inc., on behalf of Beltway Investment Group, LLC to rezone 86.08 acres as a Planned Unit Development to include 400 residential units plus commercial space. The request also includes a list of requested variations and a Master Plan

identifying the proposed phases of development. After polling each member for their comments and recommendation the Planning Board unanimously (7-0) recommended denial of the rezoning request to the Board of Commissioners.

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

## Town of Beaufort Waterfront Master Plan

The Town of Beaufort is preparing a master plan for its downtown waterfront with the goal of ensuring continued access, use, and betterment of this important community asset. Once complete, the Plan will serve as comprehensive guide for future in-water and landside capital and operational improvement. Critical in the plan making process is learning about issues and priorities from Town residents and users. How can the waterfront be improved for all? What types of amenities are needed? What should be prioritized? These and other questions are paramount in shaping a plan that is fully reflective of the brand and values of Beaufort.

On Nov. 1, project planners will launch the Town of Beaufort Waterfront Master Plan website, [www.PlanBeaufortWaterfront.com](http://www.PlanBeaufortWaterfront.com). The website will provide an opportunity to learn more about the project, planning process, and participate in a community-wide survey. An in person and virtual community discussion is scheduled for Nov.16. Both forums will encourage dialogue on the how best the waterfront should evolve over time. Updates on times and location for the in person open house will be announced on the project website as well as on the Town's social media and website. The virtual meeting will be hosted from 6-7:30 p.m. at [www.PlanBeaufortWaterfront.com](http://www.PlanBeaufortWaterfront.com) We look forward to your participation!

## 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.



## November Meetings

All Town meetings will continue to be held on Zoom. Please visit the Town's website at [www.beaufortnc.org/calendar](http://www.beaufortnc.org/calendar) for meeting links.

- 6 p.m. Nov. 2** —Historic Preservation Commission
- 6 p.m. Nov. 4**—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- 6 p.m. Nov. 8** —Board of Commissioners
- Nov. 11**—CAMA/Comp Plan Public Input Survey Closes
- 6 p.m. Nov. 16** - Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Board Community Input Session
- 6 p.m. Nov. 15** —Planning Board
- 4 p.m. Nov. 22**—Board of Commissioners Work Session
- 6 p.m. Nov. 22**—Board of Adjustment

## Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission met Oct. 5, 2021 and discussed the following items:

**Case # 21-35** 608 Broad St: Exterior Renovation and accessory Structure-Request from Robbin & Jennifer Rodewigg to complete the exterior of 608 Broad Street and add a rear garage. In April, the Commission approved the partial demo of the structure and required the applicant to re-submit once the demolition was complete. Approved

**Case # 21-36** 313 Ann St: Screened Porch & Roof - Request from Ian & Tracy Huckabee to convert a garage to a screened

porch with a metal roof. Project is located in the rear of the property in an existing footprint of the former garage. Approved.  
**Case # 21-37** 111 Moore St.: New Construction-Request from Danny Allen to construct a 1,726 sq. ft. new single-family dwelling. In September of 2020 the property received a Variance from the Board of Adjustment which allowed for reduced setbacks for the front and rear. Approved.

**Case # 21-38** 509 Front St: Privacy Fence- Request from Harbor-side Suites, Sam Williams, to install a privacy fence in the rear of the property that can be seen from public view. Approved.

If you have any questions about Beaufort's Historic District,

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**BEAUFORT'S FUTURE**  
**TOWN OF BEAUFORT**  
**COMPREHENSIVE & CAMA LAND USE PLAN**  
**PUBLIC SURVEY**  
 WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!  
 Review draft plan and complete the survey at  
[www.beaufortnc.org/future](http://www.beaufortnc.org/future)

## Town Welcomes New Town Clerk

Elizabeth Lewis started as the Town Clerk on Oct. 8, 2021. Lewis is a Carteret County native who has over eight years of experience in local government. She



has a strong background in Parks & Recreation as well as Planning & Development within the county. Lewis earned a Bachelor of Businesses Administration (BBA) degree from the University of Mount Olive. Lewis says, "I am beyond excited for this opportunity and look forward to serving the citizens of Beaufort in a positive way."



## The Old Beaufort Post Office Papers Project



I first met Justin Wallace when he was in the lobby of the old Beaufort Post office, now the Beaufort Visitor Information Center for Cape Lookout National Seashore.

He had brought in some younger family members to show them their former postal box number 252.

It had belonged to his Grandfather, Claud Johnson of North River. He owned CJ Trucking and drove trucks at Open Grounds Farms. Like most business owners, Mr. Johnson had a PO Box in Beaufort. Justin would ride with his Grandfather in his "loud old white truck" when he was six years

old in 1996 and could easily remember the box number since it was 252, the same as the telephone area code. Justin's Grandfather would lift him up to reach the box and he would stick the key in, get it open and sometimes slam it shut again which was just great fun for a six-year-old. And the best part of getting the mail was afterwards there was a huge gumball machine in the lobby and getting a piece of gum made his day complete. More Old Beaufort Postal Stories on the way.....

Looking forward to sharing more of the "Old Beaufort Post Office Papers" in the next TOB Newsletter. Thank you for continuing to submit your postal memories to Ranger Kathleen O'Grady at kathleen\_o'grady@nps.gov.

## Beaufort Development Association News

**Illuminate Beaufort**, the first 3 Fridays and Saturdays in December—stroll our streets or bike or drive—just turn out anyway you can. Decorate your home on the OUTSIDE, your front trees or porch. Wired Christmas balls available at \$15- a fundraiser for Eastern NC for Equality and Equity.

More block coordinators are still needed—contact Pat Wesson at pfwesson1@yahoo.com or Pat Orange at orrange1534@aol.com. A food drive is also part of the event, look for the depositories. **Fodor's Travel** named Beaufort #1 on their list "20 Best Seaside Cities in the U.S. For Fall Getaways." And if

your reading this you're already here!

The recently formed **Arts in Beaufort** group is announcing a call for artists of eastern North Carolina to enter a mural painting competition. The theme is the Big Red Bus Barn. The contact person is BJ- barbaravincen@me.com. The double decker bus barn on Middle Lane is the location.

Santa is on his way...he will arrive Friday Nov. 26 at 11AM on the Beaufort waterfront - John Newton Park. Look for him on the big red Fire Truck.

He will be in his Santa house Saturdays 11-3 and Sundays 1-3.

Got News? wendyda-vidson98@gmail.com

## 2021 Winter Wonderland Drive Thru Biscuits with Santa

On Saturday, Dec, 4, 2021 the Beaufort Firemen's Association will be hosting their second annual Biscuits with Santa. It will be a drive Thru event at the fire station, 506 Live Oak Street. Tickets will be available on EventBright stating Nov. 1. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189280241297> \$3 Ham or sausage biscuits, \$2 orange or apple juice For more information, call 252-728-4325 All proceeds goes to Beaufort Firemen's Association .

## Carteret County Veterans Day Parade

The Carteret County Veterans Day parade will be in Morehead City, on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, and will start at 11 a.m. On behalf of the Veterans Coalition of the Crystal Coast and the over 8,000 veterans of Carteret County, the public is invited to

participate in the 2021 Carteret County Veterans Day Parade. The parade will start at 17th Street and proceed down Arendell Street in the east-bound lane to 5th Street. The Reviewing Stand will be located between 10th Street and 11th Street at the Train Depot.



## Beaufort Honors History

Heather Walker, of Eastern Carolina Foundation for Equity and Equality, Inc., speaks during the Oct. 15, 2021 Middle Passage Ceremony and Port Marker Dedication at Topsail Park. The Port Marker will be permanently installed at Topsail Park to commemorate and honor the history.

## Celebrate the Holidays in Beaufort

Calendar compiled by the Beaufort Development Association (BDA)

### November 2021

Sat. 20 Jumble Sale 9-4  
Fri. 26 Santa arrives by Fire Truck  
Sat. 27 Santa in his workshop 11-3  
Sat. 27 Small Business Saturday  
Sun. 28 Santa in his workshop 1-3



Beaufort Development Association  
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### December 2021

**Illuminate Beaufort Light Fest**—All month long people are encouraged to enjoy the lights and stroll the streets of town.  
Fri. 3 4:30-6 Mattie King Davis Holiday Art Show  
Fri.3 6 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting & Sing Along  
Fri. 3 Window Decorating contest  
Fri.3 4 p.m. Wreath decorating contest  
Fri. 3-Sun.5 Core Sound Waterfowl Weekend  
Sat. 4 8 a.m. Biscuits with Santa—Beaufort Fire Department  
Sat 4 1 p.m. Christmas Parade  
Sat. 4 Santa in his workshop 11-1 & 2-3 waterfront-Newton Park

Sat. 4 6:15 p.m. Christmas boat Flotilla  
Sun. 5 Santa in his workshop 1-3

Fri. 10 5-8 NC Coastal Federation Oyster Roast  
Fri.10 & Sat.11 1:30 both days English Double Decker Bus Tour with Peachtree Bluff author Kristy Harvey  
Sat. 11 Santa in his workshop 11-3  
Sat. 11 Claus Crawl 2-6  
Sat. 11 Beaufort Holiday Art Walk 1-5  
Sat. 11 Candlelight Tour  
Sun.12 Santa in his workshop 1-3  
John Costlow Train Show new location NC Maritime Museum  
Fri.17 4-8pm Sat. 18 10am-8pm Sun. 19 11am-5pm  
Sat, 18 Santa in his workshop 11-3  
Sat. 18 4-8 p.m. Olde Fashioned Holiday Market  
Sun.19 Santa in his workshop 1-3

## New Years Eve

Dec. 31 5-7 p.m. Buccaneer's New Years Eve John Newton Park  
7 p.m. Capt. Shack Pirate Drop

For more information on these events, contact the BDA or visit [www.beaufortnc.com](http://www.beaufortnc.com).

Join the Olde Beaufort  
Farmers' Market on the  
courthouse grounds.  
Experience the joy of a  
community of farmers, bakers,  
and artisans providing  
everything for the holidays!



The Market will be

**OPEN** for your shopping  
pleasure

*the first 3 Saturdays in November*



Remember our Olde-Fashioned Holiday  
Market on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 8 PM

**BEAUFORT** *Picture Show*

### The Beaufort Picture Show at Mill Space:

7 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Nov. 12 & 13

#### "ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW"

A special two-night run of the classic campy film, complete with original soundtrack, audience participation, interpretive dances, a young Susan Sarandon and Tim Curry, and likely some strangers who might become the new you. Reserve your spot at

<https://rockyhorrorpictureshow2021.splashthat.com/>.

### New Book Released

"Beaufort, North Carolina: African-American History and Architecture," by Peter B. Sandbeck and Mary Warshaw, documents the town's traditional black neighborhood, and highlights its residents, as well as their many contributions, as a vital part of Beaufort's maritime culture since the 18th century. Books are available at Scuttlebutt and Beaufort Historic Site. For more information, visit [www.beaufortblackhistory.blogspot.com](http://www.beaufortblackhistory.blogspot.com)

### 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](http://www.BeaufortWomansClub.org). Proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.

### Carteret County Public Library

The Carteret County Public Library is open with longer hours and more programming. The Beaufort Branch is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am -7pm. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9am-5:30pm.

We have recently brought in video games for children and teens to check out, as well as a nature backpack the kids to check out and potentially win prizes for! Drop by to ask us more about this opportunity.

We offer virtual programming for people of all ages. Head over to our social media pages to find

story time for children, craft tutorials, book recommendations, and more. We also have a podcast available where we discuss all things library related, including those books that we just love to talk about. Find the Carteret County Public Library Podcast wherever you get your podcasts!

With access to millions of items through our new system, we encourage you to drop by today and see what the library has to offer you! And don't forget, we have free WIFI, free DVD rentals, and free access to computers and faxing services.

So, stop by and see us today. We would love to have you!

### Gather and Celebrate Plastic Free



As we gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving (and all occasions), consider being a role model by showing gratitude for our environment, all who are present, and all of our neighbors. Celebrate plastic free by simply using real tableware. If you don't have enough, ask friends to bring some. The focus will be on the food, not

whether or not the plates match. Plastic cups take 450 years to decompose, plastic cutlery takes 1,000 years, and it is yet unknown as to whether Styrofoam ever actually decomposes. Yes, the downside is cleanup, but when has no one ever offered to help? A compromise would be using paper plates, but real cutlery and glasses. Who hasn't struggled cutting turkey with a plastic fork and knife? And vino definitely tastes better in a glass.

## BEAUFORT *Historical Association*

### Ornament Workshop

November 4 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - \$30

Create four different ornaments that are made from local material. A fun way to continue making more at home to give as gifts or for your own tree! Class limited to 8. Materials fee is \$30. Sign up by calling 252-728-5225 or visiting the site at 130 Turner St.

### Jumble Sale

November 20 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Beaufort Historic Site transforms into an old-fashioned community market filled with vendors selling a wide variety of items. Held rain or shine, it's a great opportunity for holiday shoppers to find that one-of-a-kind gift and special bargains. Vendor spots still available, email [pr@beauforthistoricsite.org](mailto:pr@beauforthistoricsite.org) or call 252-728-5225.

### Early December Events

#### Mattie King Davis Art Show with Lisa Tuckek, Mandy Johnson, and Jimmy Craig Womble

December 3 @ 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Join the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery in welcoming local artists Lisa Tuckek, Jimmy Craig Womble, and Mandy Johnson for a free art show. The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery is located on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site at 130 Turner Street and is open Mon- Sat from 10 - 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org) or call 252-728-5225.

#### Literary Luncheon: Christmas in Peachtree Bluff w/Kristy Woodson Harvey

December 8 @ 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm - \$45

Join the Beaufort Historical Association for a Literary Luncheon with author Kristy Woodson Harvey at the Coral Bay Club in Atlantic Beach. Guests will delight in a delicious meal as Harvey speaks about her new book, "Christmas in Peachtree Bluff", a town based on Beaufort, North Carolina. Tickets are \$45 and are now on sale at [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org).  
**Christmas in Peachtree Bluff Double-Decker Bus Tours**  
December 10 & 11 @ 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - \$15  
Hop aboard the Beaufort Historic Site's English Double-Decker bus for a special bus tour of Historic Beaufort, North Carolina! Led by author Kristy Woodson Harvey, the bus will meander the streets of Beaufort as Harvey points out prominent locations in Beaufort that are portrayed in her Peachtree Bluff Series. Tickets are \$15. Purchase yours now by calling 252-728-5225 or visiting

[www.beauforthistoricstie.org](http://www.beauforthistoricstie.org).

#### Christmas Candlelight Tour

December 11 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - \$20

Tour Historic Beaufort! Homeowners, churches, and inns will open their doors so that the public can delight in their festive décor. The Beaufort Historic Site buildings will also be open. Tickets are \$20. For more information or to purchase your tickets visit [www.beauforthistoriciste.org](http://www.beauforthistoriciste.org), call 252-728-5225, or stop in at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center, 130 Turner St. All Beaufort Historic Site events are subject to change. Please bring a mask.