



# BEAUFORT NORTH CAROLINA



**Town of Beaufort Newsletter** 

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November 2022

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#### Newsletter Submissions:

Due 5 p.m. Nov. 15, 2022 Send to Rachel Johnson, PIO at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

#### Holiday Festivities at the Beaufort Historic Site

Kick-off the holiday season in beautiful historic Beaufort, N.C. on Dec. 10. Start your afternoon by taking a stroll around town meeting talented artists and buying those perfect holiday gifts during the Beaufort Art Walk from 1-4 p.m. The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery will be

featuring the work of local artists; Jimmy Craig Womble, Lisa Tuchek, and Mandy Johnson. Then later that night, join the Beaufort Historical Association for our annual Christmas Candlelight Tour and visit gorgeous historic homes and buildings by candlelight.

The annual Christmas Candlelight Tour will be 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. The tour showcases Beaufort's southern hospitality and provides a rare glimpse into several private historic homes, inns, bed & breakfasts, and

churches that are decorated for the holiday season. The Christmas Candlelight Tour will give guests the opportunity to stroll through the candlelit streets of histor-

ic Beaufort or join others aboard our double-decker bus for a free ride to their destination. It will showcase a wide variety of Beaufort's architectural styles from different periods of the town's history, making each stop unique.

The buildings of the Beaufort Historic Site will also be open for guests to tour and see what Christmas time in

the 17th and 18th century would have been like. The Morehead City Brass Consortium will be a part of the Candlelight Tour, playing beautiful Christmas tunes for all to delight in. The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery and Old Beaufort Shop will also be open for guests to peruse and find perfect holiday gifts. For more information on either event or tickets for the Christmas Candlelight Tour please call 252-728-5225, visit-

www.beauforthistoricsite.org, or stop in at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center. Tickets are \$25 for

adults and \$12 for children ages 6-12. All proceeds benefit the Beaufort Historical Association and its preservation and educational programs.



#### **Beaufort Business Association's Holiday Events**

**Christmas Tree Lighting & Sing Along:** 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 in the West Parking Lot on Front Street

**Santa's Workshop:** Santa will arrive on the Beaufort waterfront on Friday, Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. He will be in his Santa House in John Newton Park every Saturday and Sunday from then on! Saturday hours are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday hours are 1-3 p.m.

**Christmas Parade:** 11 a.m. on Front Street—Register to be in the parade by emailing Susan Sanders at susan.r.sanders@gmail.com.

Buccaneer's New Year's Eve and Captain Shack Pirate Drop: 5 p.m. Dec. 31 in John Newton Park

## wton Park Commissioners'

Office Hours Location: Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street

Commissioner Melvin Cooper: 10 a.m. Nov. 17



#### **November Meetings/Events**

Meetings will be conducted in the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort unless otherwise noted. Please visit the Town's website at <a href="https://www.beaufortnc.org/calendar">www.beaufortnc.org/calendar</a> for meeting agendas. Regular Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are livestreamed on the Town's Facebook page.

6 p.m. Nov. 1—Historic Preservation Commission

6:30 p.m. Nov. 3—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6 p.m. Nov. 14—Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

**9 a.m. Nov. 17**- Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Board (Meets at the Beaufort Hotel)

3 p.m. Nov. 17 -Art in the Park at Randolph Johnson Park

6 p.m. Nov. 21—Planning Board

4 p.m. Nov. 28—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. Nov. 28—Board of Adjustment

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



#### Duke Energy Park & Plug EV Charging Stations

Duke Energy Progress has selected the Town of Beaufort as a host site for their Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station "Park & Play" program. The two EV charging stations are at the corner of Broad and Pollock Streets. Duke Energy Progress provided turnkey station installation including the equipment, installation, warranty and network connection services. Duke Energy Progress is responsible for the cost of electricity used by the charging station. Duke Energy Progress will charge a fee to the driver enabled by a smartphone, RFID card or credit card.



#### **Board of Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners met on Sept. 26 and Oct. 10 for regularly scheduled meetings. They took the following actions and heard the following presentations:

- Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Committee Chairman Doug Townsend, gave a presentation that provided recommendations for improvements and future concepts associated with the waterfront area.
- Christi Wood, Town of Beaufort Finance Director, provided financial notes for August 2022.
- Dick DeButts, Chairman of the Beaufort Housing Authority gave a presentation on the housing authorities efforts to transform the 100 HUD owned and controlled low-income housing units, into a Public Private Partner-

#### **Historic Preservation** Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission met Oct. 4 and discussed the following items: Case #21-15 411 Front Street: Request to construct a fence surrounding an outdoor courtyard and proposed signage for 411 Front Street. Approved by a 4-2 vote.

Case # 22-25 525 Front Street: Request to remove an existing wooden sign and replace with new high density urethane sign that is the exact size (37.89 sq. ft.) and colors from the existing sign. Approved.

Case # 22-26 122 Front Street: Request to install turf stone as a parking surface for 122 Front

#### **Board of Adjustment**

The Board of Adjustment met Sept. 26 and discussed the following item:

Case # 22-07: 141 Lewistown Road: Request to reduce the lot area requirement in the R-20 Zoning District from 20,000 sq. ft. feet per lot to 17,344 sq.

ship with Winn Developers.

- Approved meeting minutes from Aug. 22, Aug. 24, Sept. 12 and Sept. 26.
- Approved 2023 Meeting Schedule.
- Approved Case #22-13 Final Plat (1791 Live Oak)
- Approved Case #22-19 Final Plat (Salt Wynd Preserve Phase I)
- Approved a voluntary annexation request for Salt Wynd Phase II.
- Voted to amend the Town's Subdivision Ordinance, specifically regarding the preliminary plat process.
- Town Manager, Todd Clark gave a manger's report; a detailed version of the report can be found online at: www.beaufortnc.org under the "Mayor's Corner."

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

Street. Approved.

Case # 22-27 305 Front Street: Request to install new windows facing Front Street. Approved. Property & business owners in the historic district, remember to contact the planning office prior to any work being done on the outside of your structure as it may require a minor works or full certificate of appropriateness. As of late many projects were begun without either. Be aware that future violations will have financial penalties.

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.

ft. so that a 37,344 square foot lot could be subdivided into two lots with one being 20,000 sq. ft. and the other 17,344 sq. ft. Denied

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

#### **Planning Board**

The Beaufort Planning Board met Sept. 19, 2022 and discussed the following items: Case # 22-13: 1791 Live Oak: Request to subdivide a 8.3 Acre Tract into 2 Lots (ABC Approx. = 1.77 - Rear 6.53). This item had been previously tabled due to property line issue and access agreement questions. After hearing the updated information the preliminary plat was approved and the Final Plat was recommended for approval to the board of Commissioners with a condition that the access agreement be executed prior to the recording of the final plat. Case # 22-15: Salt Wynd Preserve Phase II: Request to subdivide a 27.25 acre tract into 36 Single-Family Lots. Approved. Case # 22-19: Salt Wynd Phase I: Request to subdivide a 37.06 acre tract into 47 lots. As part

of the Final Plat process the applicant choose to bond the infrastructure improvement and has submitted cost estimates for the complete cost of improvements totaling \$3,153,123.36. Also, recreation fees in the amount of \$5,527.20 will need to be paid prior to Final Plat Recordation. Recommended approval of the Final Plat to the Board of Commissioners.

Case # 22-20: East Village Phase 2 & 3: Request to subdivide a 44.09 Acre Tract into 230 Lots (162 Single Family & 68 Townhome Lots). Recommended approval of the Final Plat 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.



#### **Annual Drinking Water Quality Reports**

The Town of Beaufort 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report and the 2021 Eastman's Creek S/D Annual Drinking Water Quality Report are available online. Reports are issued annually and posted to the Public Utilities page on the Town website.

**Town of Beaufort 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report:** https://www.beaufortnc.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/ public\_utilities/page/86/2021\_tob\_annual\_drinking\_water\_quality\_report.pdf Eastman's Creek S/D Annual Drinking Water Quality Report: https://www.beaufortnc.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/ public\_utilities/page/86/2021\_eastmans\_creek\_annual\_drinking\_water\_quality\_report.pdf

#### Friends of the Maritime **Museum Events**

**Fall First Friday** 

5:30-7 p.m. Nov. 4 Join us the First Friday of each month as we feature and host visiting artists in our Port Of

Call Museum Store with a reception and presentation of their work. In November, we will highlight the work of artist Vicki Mann, potter Tony Quick and jeweler Amy Pittman Hughes. Vicki and Tony will have an 'artist talk' to discuss their 'Earthwork/ Saltwork' collaboration at 5 p.m. Front Street Taco will be providing light hors d'oeuvres, and other refreshments will be offered. Maritime Museum, 315 Front Street

**Boatshop Bash** 

6-9 p.m. Nov. 5 THE BOAT SHOP BASH IS BACK! Help us celebrate the Friends' 45th birthday as we party in the Watercraft Center (and on the Harborside Park deck, weather permitting) Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. Fun, food, drink, dessert, and raf-



fles will be waiting as you join our party! Catering by Franks Franks, Music by

Hoff'n'Finch. Tickets are \$45 with an option to give a birthday present (donation) to the Friends. Four great raffles, including wine, entertainment and baskets!

#### **Crystal Coast Holiday** Flotilla & Viewing Party

5:30-7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 The Friends of the Maritime Museum Holiday Flotilla & Viewing Party will be Saturday, Dec. 3 featuring boats,

vachts, oars, kavaks and commercial vessels decorated for the season. The decorated boats can be seen starting at 5:30 p.m. on the Morehead City waterfront and starting at 6:15 p.m. on the Beaufort waterfront. The Friends host a Flotilla Viewing Party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Harborside Park deck. Tickets are \$75 and sponsorship opportunities which include tickets are available.

Flotilla Participants Welcome: Boats may register to participate in the Flotilla at the Port Of Call Museum Store, by phone 728-2762 or brent@maritimefriends.org until noon on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022. For more information, contact the Friends office at 728-2762. THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE! All vessels that proceed down Taylor's Creek to the new Beaufort Hotel will be eligible for prizes, including a weekend stay at the hotel and gift certificates. Flotilla participants may dock after the Flotilla for free at the Beaufort Town Docks (subject to availability) and enjoy one of Beaufort's great dining establishments.

To Prospective vessels:

Vessels gather at the West end of the Morehead City harbor starting at 5ish. Coast Guard vessel comes in and turns around and stands by. One long horn from the CG vessel at 5:30 starts the slow pass East down the Morehead City waterfront. Fleet continues over to Beaufort by passing around the South end of Radio Island and into Bulkhead Channel. All vessels should proceed West to the very end of Front Street before heading East for a slow pass down the creek starting at about 6:15 p.m. For information about all events and tickets, go to www.maritimefriends.org.

#### **Queen Street Missionary Baptist Church Community Project**

Please assist us in demolishing the remaining remnants of the Old Oueen Street High School at 604 Mulberry Street. The project cost is approximately \$22,000. Donations may be sent to Queen Street Missionary Baptist Church C/O Pastor William Ellison, 510 Oueen Street, Beaufort, NC 28516 or call Pastor Ellison at (252) 728-4245 for more information. All donations and services are welcomed.

#### The Old Beaufort Post Office Papers

Joe Moore, although no longer a resident of Beaufort,



the building and the historic New Deal Murals. He takes a minute to try and relive the smell coming from years of sorting letters and packages and remembers going to the service windows where he would bring his nickels and dimes to buy savings stamps. When he finally completed the savings book, he would proudly walk to First Citizens Bank to obtain savings bonds which he would later use to pay for college.

Here are his reflections: "The Post Office was a short walk from home for me to not only pick up the mail, but I could also see the

ponies on Carrot Island across Taylor's Creek; gaze at various sea craft on the water; and look with highest regard at the American flag waving proudly at the corner of Pollock and Front Street. As a teenager, the stone steps in front of the building where a great place to chat and the lobby was a great place to share a bit of news with someone and see the postal clerks who knew you. The Post Office was a part of my sense of place and home and gave me a sense of security.

When the news came out that the Postal Service was moving to Highway 70, I heard this with some sense of loss. But was so happy when I learned that the building had found new uses which are as valuable to the town as the old. I am glad and proud that the building still stands. May future generations enjoy it as I did and may it be for others as it was for me, a part of what they call "home."

Join in the Beaufort Holiday Spirit by decorating your dock! Decorated docks along Taylor's Creek will brighten up our community this holiday season! Judging will occur between Nov. 30 & Dec. 2 from the water and street.

A 3' x 5"Best Decorated Dock 2022" flag will be awarded on Saturday, Dec. 3rd for display that evening during the Crystal Coast Holiday Flotilla and throughout the following year. The annual Crystal Coast Holiday Flotilla will be Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022. To participate, and be judged, submit your name & street address, by Nov. 29, to brent@maritimefriends.org This is a Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum sponsored event!

#### **Beaufort Historical Associa**tion's Annual Jumble Sale

The Beaufort Historical Association offers something for every-

one at the annual Jumble Sale. This vear's sale will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 19 on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site. 130 Turner Street. The

sale features over 20 vendors and is free to attend. Each year the historic grounds transform into a bustling community market filled with vendors selling a wide variety of treasures. Event goers can expect to find antiques, fine art, holiday

goods, homemade food, and

more. Rain or shine.

The Beaufort Garden Club will be selling homemade cookies, pies, cakes, and other baked goods. In

addition to various vendors, the Beaufort Historical Association will have an array of goods for sale. The Old Beaufort Shop will be open with a special popup featuring two local artists who are vendors

within the shop.

The Jumble Sale serves as a fundraiser for the preservation and education projects of the Beaufort Historical Association. For more information about the Jumble Sale, call 728-5225, www.beauforthistoricsite.org, or pr@beauforthistoricsite.org.



## FALL at the OBFM!



Sweet potatoes, collards, winter squash, herbs, goose, duck, pork, eggs, chicken, homemade desserts, homemade breads and jams, farmraised oysters, smoked fish...fresh homegrown

and homemade good local food, straight from the farm, the sea, and the kitchens of our vendors!

Beautiful, unique, unusual, high quality, handmade art and craft work from our talented local artisans...offered for your enjoyment to enrich your life and gift-giving!

You won't find better eatin' and shoppin' than on the courthouse

grounds on Saturday mornings!

Join our first ever Shop Small Saturday Market on November 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 1 on the courthouse grounds



Contribute to the abundance of our community by shopping our local small businesses!

#### **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. Proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.

#### Plastic Free By the Sea Thankful for the World We Share



When serving dinner this Thanksgiving, or hosting any gathering, show your apprecia-

tion for our environment by following these plastic-free/eco-friendly suggestions:

- Shop locally sourced vegetables, herbs, baked goods, poultry, and seafood. It reduces your meal's carbon footprint and will likely come with less plastic packaging. Additionally, shopping local is investing in your community. And don't forget to bring your reusable bag to put your purchase in!
- Decorate with nature. Pumpkins, variously colored leaves, gourds, cattails, squashes, sprigs of berries, grasses, apples, pine cones, acorns, nuts, and mums exude fall feelings. No need for plastic stand-ins.
- Use real dinnerware, drinkware, and cutlery. Single-use items such as plastic spoons, plates, and cups take hundreds of years to decompose, breaking down

into microplastics which are toxic to animal and human life. Friends and family will gladly lend some if you lack enough for a larger gathering.

- Use cloth tablecloths rather than plastic, and cloth napkins in lieu of paper. (Besides, linen is classier.)
- Set pitchers of water out to eliminate the need for plastic bottles. Again, borrow if necessary.
- Store leftovers in glassware or plastic reusable containers you already own, rather than plastic zip bags. Use beeswax-coated fabric wraps instead of plastic wrap or tinfoil. Share leftovers to eliminate food waste.
- Compost any scraps or leftovers that won't be saved.
- If you are a guest at a gathering, ask your host if she or he would like to borrow tableware. Bring your own water bottle and/or drinking glass. If you expect to share in leftovers, bring reusable containers. Help with cleanup to encourage future ecofriendly entertaining.

## BEAUFORT



There is still plenty of time to make plans to attend Beaufort Picture Show's 2nd Annual Film Festival, which concludes over its final weekend, Nov. 10-13, 2022. Weekend and day passes are available for purchase online and at the door.

Enjoy 12 excellent films with screenings spread over "Thirsty Thursday Throwback," "Friday Night Frights," "Saturday Night Live (Or Maybe Dead?)" and "Sunday Funday Finale." Genres range from shorts to documentaries to feature length!

For more information and to purchase tickets visit beaufortpictureshow.org/beaufort-film-festival.

#### Beaufort Bridge Run

On your mark, get set, GO! The Beaufort Bridge Run 5K & Dog Strut is almost here! Come join us for "the best 5K on the coast," the premiere event featuring Beaufort's high rise bridge! And our dog walk brings out a



great crowd too - walking, running and barking over the Turner Street Bridge! This truly is an amazing event that raises much needed funds for area charities, who can use our help now more than ever! Go to the link below for more information and to register:

https://runsignup.com/ Race/NC/Beaufort/ BeaufortBridgeRun On your mark...get set...we'll see you Nov. 5 at 8 a.m...GO!

#### Loaves & Fishes Art Fair & Bake Sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 12

Calvary Baptist Church of Beaufort will be the site of the Loaves & Fishes Art Fair and bake Sale. All proceeds go to emergency medical/dental fund for the Loaves & Fishes addiction program.

