





Town of Beaufort Newsletter

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October 2021

Politics, Planning, and Fun in Beaufort

Beaufort continues to move forward incrementally, and we should all be very proud of the progress we've made despite the extraordinary challenges that we've faced. We have a wonderful community, and we live and work in a glorious coastal ecosystem. I encourage everyone to frequently go for a walk, run, bike, (or use another transportation mode) and appreciate our amazing town.

Here are a few events this month for your consideration:

Beaufort Candidate Forum. On October 6th at 6:00 pm, The League of Women Voters will host a forum for candidates running in the Beaufort Town Mayor and Commissioner races. Information on the forum can be found at http://lwvcarteretcounty.org/. Your vote, our elections, and leadership matter.

Land Use Plan. On October 14th at 6:00 pm, the Town (with our consultant Stewart), will conduct the third Public Meeting (via Zoom) on the development of the CAMA Land Use & Comprehensive Plan. Public input is a critical component of this foundational planning.

Halloween. Halloween in Beaufort is fun, safe, and family friendly. It is a spontaneous event that is not sponsored by the town, but Beaufort public safety officials will be present. The continuing pandemic will be an additional consideration for this event, and it is difficult to forecast (as we draft this newsletter) the impacts of COVID-19 on Halloween in Beaufort.

- Mayor Everette S. (Rett) Newton

The Very Best of Beaufort



The COVID-19 pandemic has added significant health stressors to our schools and we are fortunate to have newly added nurses in all of our public schools in Beaufort. Previously, one nurse covered five schools in eastern Carteret County. Anna Buckner at Beaufort Elementary School and Angela Johnson at Beaufort Middle School are working hard all day, every day to follow the COVID guidelines and keep our faculty, staff, and students safe.

Here are a few tasks during a school nurse's day: welcoming students returning from quarantine at 7:30 a.m., checking PCR tests and the tracking calendar, field-

ing all of the bruises and bumps throughout the day, fielding phone calls about symptoms, working with teachers to notify them which students are out and which are returning, contacting the data manager to code absences appropriately, coordinating with staff to ensure students have what they need to assist with learning at home, working with administration to contact trace every single positive case, making the phone calls home to parents when a student is quarantined, meeting with administration to review all quarantine and positive daily cases, supporting student hygienic needs, assisting students with a variety of chronic health conditions (in addition to the routine tasks of the day), and pitching in to cover the front office door and phones when the office staff are busy. These nurses have always filled a critical need in our schools and during this pandemic, their role has never been more important. They clearly represent the very best of Beaufort.

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Newsletter Submissions: Due Oct. 20, 2021 at 5 p.m. Send to r.johnson@beaufortnc.org



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

Board of Commissioners Action List

- Discussed the timeline for returning to in-person meetings, the Mask ordinance, emergency sick leave and COVID trends.
- Received the monthly Town Manager's report.
- Received an update from the Town Engineer on current/active Town Projects.
- Appointed Barbara Frances Heckman to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.
- Approved a change order

- for the FY20 Street Rehabilitation & Construction (sidewalks).
- Approved a request to Rezone 302 Cedar Street from B-1 to R-8.
- Heard testimony in Case No. 21-17 Request for a Special Use Permit at 1550 Lennoxville Road.

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

CAMA Land Use Plan Public Meeting

At 6 p.m. Oct. 14, 2021, the Town with our consultant, Stewart, will conduct the third Public Meeting (via zoom) on the development of the CAMA Land Use & Comprehensive Plan.

Jay McLeod of Stewart will give a recap of the plan development process to date, a summary of how public input has been incorporated into that process, general description of the plan outline, and a summary of the current draft of the future land use map and character areas, and the current draft of the goals and recommendations.

Planning Board

The Planning Board met Sept. 20 via zoom and discussed the following items:

Case # 21-16 - Site Plan- Pruitt Health Care: Request to construct a 70,980 sq. ft. nursing home/skilled care facility that will contain 104 Beds/Units on US 70 near Olga Road. Recommended Approval.

Case # 21-24 Final Plat - Front Street Village - Phase IV: Request to subdivide a 10.44 Acre Tract into 34 Single-Family Residential lots to include a bond requirement and a payment in-lieu of for recreation fees in the amount of \$5,875.20. Recommended Approval

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 that will include 400 residential units plus com-

We want to emphasize that this is a "draft" rollout of the plan and we are asking you, the public, to review the document to ensure we have captured your comments, concerns and recommendations correctly and they are incorporated in the plan.

There will also be an interactive breakout group Zoom session for additional conversations and listening.

Additionally, there will be an online survey for two weeks that you may respond and still provide input.

We look forward to your participation on Oct. 14. The meeting link and survey will be available at www.beaufortnc.org/future.

mercial space. The request also includes a list of requested variations and a Master Plan identifying the proposed phases of development. After conducting a public hearing the Planning Board tabled their decision until the Oct. 18 meeting. Written public comments will be accepted through 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 by emailing s.burdick@beaufortnc.org.

In other news:

A big welcome to our new Planner, Sam Burdick. She is a welcome addition to our staff and we are glad to have her. Sam brings several years of experience from working with State and Regional Planning agencies. She has already hit the ground running working on a resiliency plan for the Town. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at

k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

October Meetings

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

6 p.m. Oct. 5 —Historic Preservation Commission

6 p.m. Oct. 7—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6 p.m. Oct. 11 —Board of Commissioners

6 p.m. Oct. 14—CAMA/Comp Plan Public Input Meeting

9 a.m. Oct. 14 & 28 - Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory Board

6 p.m. Oct. 18 —Planning Board

3 p.m. Oct. 19—Chat with the Chief

4 p.m. Oct. 25—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. Oct. 25—Board of Adjustment

Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission met Sept. 7, 2021 and discussed the following items:

Case # 21-23 310 Ann St: New Construction Metal Roof: Request from Walker Harris to use a standing seam metal roof for the new house to be built at 310 Ann Street. Approved with the Condition that the hipped roof ridge be hand imrped.

Case # 20-28 204 Turner St – New Construction: Request from Filter Design to review the proposed changes to the Historic Masonic Building that included keeping the original structure intact and constructing a new structure in the rear.—Tabled.

Election/Political Signs

Election season is upon us and with that comes the plethora of campaign signs. You see them everywhere advertising for their favorite candidate. Sometimes the sheer number signs in town can seem a little over whelming. We often field calls from concerned citizens about election/political sign regulations. The ordinances below will help candidates, and citizens alike, understand election/political signage better.

- Political/Election signs are limited to 4ftx2
- Signs must be removed within 3 days following the certification of the election or conclusion of the campaign.
- No more than 1 sign per abutting street
- Shall be located so it doesn't substantially interfere with the view or vision necessary for a motorist to

Case # 21-34 Topsail Park – Signage: Request from Eastern Carolina Foundation for Equity & Equality to install a 10.5 sq. ft. Historical Marker identifying one of two locations in Beaufort identified as a part of the Middle

Passage—Approved.

Historic Standards Update – The consultant has sent a draft to the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service and once they give the OK we will present the draft to the Historic Commission and then to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

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.

- proceed safely through intersections or to enter onto or exit from streets or private roads.
- Candidates must have authorization from private property owners prior to installing sign.

Good luck to all candidates running for office and remember to keep your signs compliant. For more information, contact Jeremy Ganey at j.ganey@beaufortnc.org. with the Planning & Inspections Department.



The Old Beaufort Post Office Papers Project

What an event it must have been when the "new" Beaufort Post Office



opened on Front Street. Construction started in 1937 and when finished, residents came in to discover imported Italian marble, terrazzo flooring, writing tables sent down from Washington, DC, with a majestic Bald Eagle guarding the entrance. The building was state of the art.

As a young girl, Anne Hill Smith, would often go with her father, Gerald Hill to pick up their mail from Post Office Box 275 and to buy stamps for personal use and for her father's business mail. Stamps were sold in sheets with glue on the back and with Beaufort's salty air, you had to be careful that they would not stick to everything. Anne's first job was to rub the

stamps on her hair since her father discovered that this was a great way for the oil to keep them usable.

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.

Chamber of Commerce and the from the audience posed by the League of Women Voters to Host Candidate Forum for the **Town of Beaufort**

The Carteret County Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters of Carteret County (LWVCC) will be hosting a virtual candidate forum for the town mayor and commissioner candidates in Beaufort. This will be conducted live via Zoom on Wednesday, Oct, 6 from



6-8:00 p.m. This will also be available on the Town of Beaufort's Facebook page and will be open to the commu-

nity. Individuals can submit questions for candidates in advance to: lwv.nc.cc@gmail.com.

Tom Kies, President of the Carteret County Chamber of Commerce will be moderating this forum. The forum will begin with panelist introductions followed by pre-screened questions submitted in advance

moderator with timed responses from the panelists. Candidates will also have the opportunity for a 2minute summary at the end of the forum

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization and has been conducting candidate forums in Carteret County since 1996. These forums are an outstanding way for individuals in Beaufort to get to know your candidates in advance who will be making legislative decisions that will impact your lives. The link for the forum is below: https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/89669495674? pwd=L2VxRUMwOURpWUVDQ0dGS

HIxczUvQT09

For more information, please contact Carol Geer at (252)-728-6385 or carolgeer@gmail.com.



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. This parade was established to



allow Veterans, Veterans Service Organizations, individuals, and any other group/organization the opportunity to remember and to honor our nation's Veterans who have proudly served this country. This parade has grown from only a handful of participants to over 2,000 participants honoring our Veterans and is the largest Veterans Day Parade in North Carolina. If you are not participating and would like to see this great parade. please come to downtown Morehead City on Saturday, Nov. 6 to join us in this time-honored event. Registration for participation in the parade is now available* at https://

www.americanlegionmhc.org/ veterans_day_parade.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of functions including golf carts, convertibles and parade coordination. Sign up to volunteer by emailing ccveteransdayparade@gmail.com

Chat with the Chief 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021

Chat with the Chief is an opportunity for citizens to engage with the Beaufort Police Chief Paul Burdette, Jr. to learn more about what is happening in the community, discuss neighborhood issues, identify problems, discuss police/community relations and to deepen community partnerships.



During the meeting, Chief Burdette will provide an in-depth look at data from the last quarter. He will share statistics and trends as well as information on the daily operations within the Beaufort Police Department. Citizens and business owners are encouraged to submit questions in advance to r.johnson@beaufortnc.org or to ask them live during the meeting.

The meeting will be virtual and broadcast Live on the Town of Beaufort Police Department's and the Town of Beaufort's Facebook pages.



Sip and Sea Weekend

Beaufort Wine and Food is back with an amazing weekend line-up of

events. On Oct. 7-10, we will host our first-ever Sip and Sea Weekend. After witnessing the difficulties that our local hospitality industry and food providers have en-SEA local nospitality industry and rood provides and during the uncertain times of Covid-19, we decided to make our events a celebration of all things local to

Carteret County. We will be highlighting the wonderful work from our land and sea farmers, local chefs and restaurants, and our own unique down-east culinary practices- all while sipping great wine. For more information, visit www.beaufortwineandfood.org.

Beaufort Garden Club



October is here! Pumpkins, Halloween, sweatshirts on cool mornings, and fall colors parading the marsh. It's time to bring out the pansies, 400 as a matter of fact. Come mid-October members of the pretty ladies will be busy removing summer annuals throughout town and replanting with resilient pansies. Keep an eye out for us Wednesdays at 9 am. We are hard to miss in our pink and green T-shirts!





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Picture

The Beaufort Picture Show at Mill Space:

7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 "GIMME DANGER"

This is the Beaufort Music Festival's third collaboration with the Beaufort Picture Show! Masks are required. General admission is free. ABOUT THE MOVIE: Emerging from Ann Arbor, Mich., amidst a countercultural revolution, The Stooges' powerful and aggressive style of rock 'n' roll blew a crater in the musical landscape of the late 1960s. Assaulting audiences with a blend of rock, blues, R&B, and free jazz, the band planted the seeds for what would be called punk and alternative rock in the decades that followed. Jim Jarmusch's documentary presents the context of The Stooges' emergence. Reserve your spot at beaufortmusicfest100921.splashthat.com/

The Beaufort Picture Show Presents:

Oct. 21-31

"BEAUFORT FILM FESTIVAL"

The Beaufort Picture Show is pleased to announce that tickets are on sale now for the first annual Beaufort Film Festival. The Beaufort Film Festival will celebrate its curated collection of dramas, documentaries, family fun, and fringe events at its first-year event, scheduled for Oct. 21-31, 2021.

For more information, tickets, and the complete schedule, please visit: www.beaufortpictureshow.org/beaufort-film-festival

Crystal Coast Cancer Rehab 5K Run

Crystal Coast Cancer Rehab Center is raising money to help offset operating costs to keep costs low for cancer patients in need of services.

We will be holding a walk in Beaufort at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021. Registration is 6:30-7:45am. Participants can participate in a 1 mile cancer walk or a 5K run. All proceeds will go to offset costs for cancer patients currently enrolled in our program and will be available for more community members who need our assistance. Register at https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Beaufort/

CrystalCoastCancerRehabCenterFundraisingRace.

Donate Used Books to the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library is pleased to accept donations of used books to raise funds for the Beaufort branch library. You can bring books on Tuesday mornings (9-10 a.m.). Go behind the library where the red Book Wagon is stored and



stocked. If you have a large donation, contact Jane Burbella to arrange a drop-off or pick-up time—(252) 723-3132 or onetoread@gmail.com. If you have just a few books to donate, you can drop them off at the book Wagon on Saturdays at the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market.

Veggie Van Mobile Farmers Market

Carteret Local Food Network is selling the freshest produce in Beaufort from our VEGGIE VAN every Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. at Beaufort Housing Authority Community Center, 407 Second Street, Beaufort. Grown on only Carteret County farms, Chef Caroline finds the freshest and healthiest veggies, fruits and eggs and helps families keep their local farmers in business. Free Recipes and SNAP clients get HALF OFF! Other locations during the week include Carteret Community College, Crystal Coast Apartments, and more. Visit our website at https://www.carteretlocalfoodnetwork.org/veggie-van for the full schedule or call (252) 777-2359 for more information.

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.

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 at the-writersXchange@aol.com.

Beaufort Development Association News

October ushers in the very best of Fall with the heat and humidity but a memory as mums and pumpkins decorate our doorsteps.

Illuminate Beaufort is the community effort to light up Beaufort for the coming Christmas season and will be headed up by the following persons, Pat Wesson at pfwesson1@yahoo.com for Ann St. plus your street, and Sharon Harker at s.harker@beaufortnc.org for Pine St. and your street. This project is open to all and any interested persons, clubs and groups.

The recently formed Arts in Beau-

fort group will be announcing in October a call for artists of eastern North Carolina to enter a mural painting competition. The contact person is BJ- barbaravincent@me.com art groups or individual artists may contact BJ, theme details will be forthcoming. Sad that The Spouter has decided to close their Front St. location, we will miss them, but we all have our fond memories of their families and friends.

Remember **beaufortnc.com** your place to find out all about Beaufort. Send items to wendydavidson98@gmail.com to be included in the monthly update.

Local Business Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Coastal Community Market, 606 Broad Street, is celebrating their 20th Anniversary as a Beaufort business. During the month of October the Market will celebrate its anniversary by having weekly gift basket drawings and giveaways, as well as special sales. Stop by to learn more about the origins of the store and register for a chance to win prizes all month long.

Addressing food insecurity across Carteret County

The Food Waste & Recovery Program of The Carteret Food and Health

Council invites home gardeners to grow a little extra to donate to Carteret food pantries! If you have vegetables available for pickup during the week, please call 919-219-9840 for pickup.

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On Saturdays, please bring produce to the Beaufort Farmers' Market by 1 p.m. or phone (above) for pickup. Local, fresh food is the most nutritious.

