

## TOWN of BEAUFORT NORTH CAROLINA



**Town of Beaufort Newsletter** 

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#### Newsletter **Submissions:**

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

#### Reading with the Mayor

It's undeniable that a child's reading skills are important to their success in school, work, and life in general. And it is very possible to help ensure a child's success by reading to them starting at a very early age. As a child, my mother always emphasized the importance of reading. She would always say to me "readers are leaders" and that has proven to be very true.

Among my many duties as Mayor, I am starting a reading initiative called "Reading with the Mayor." I want to share my love for reading with our youth while making reading special. The simple task of reading aloud to a child can significantly benefit a child's life and it can be lots of fun!

The month of October is National Book Month. The National Book Foundation created the first National Book Month in 2003. The month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing, and literature.

This month, I am partnering with Beaufort Olde

#### Local Girl Scouts Bless Beaufort with a Blessing Box & Earn Bronze Award

Charlie Davis, Izzy Rasmussen, Joslynn Lobland and



Willis are four Carteret County Girl Scout **Juniors** from Troop #857 that were awarded the Girl Scout Bronze

Award.

Town Rotary to read "Becky & Lin's Apple Orchard



Park" by Andrew J. Shoup to the second graders at Beaufort Elementary and Tiller schools. "Becky & Lin's Apple Orchard Park" is a book about service above self which is Rotary's motto.

As part of the Beau-

fort Olde Town Rotary's literacy program, the club will provide each student with a book to take home to read and share with their family.

I want to thank Beaufort Olde Town Rotary President Christine Lamb for her leadership and all of the members for once again exemplifying service above self and for making our community better.

## Mayor Sharon E. Harker

This group completed the Agent of Change Journey which included a Take Action Project.

With the help of their leaders, the girls were encouraged to reflect on the community and other service projects they have been involved with. The girls decided to focus on hunger and food insecurities in Carteret County, specifically Beaufort. After much research and planning. the girls decided to build a Blessing Box, located on the Beaufort Elementary School Campus. The box is filled with non-perishable food items as well as hygiene items. The decal on the front reads, "Leave what you can, take what you need." These Junior Girl Scouts will continue to maintain the blessing box as a part of the Bronze Award.

On Monday, Aug. 22 the Junior Girl Scouts in Troop #857 hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the beginning of their journey to help those in the community that may need food that they cannot afford. Read the full press release at www.beaufortnc.org/news.

## **October 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 www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for meeting agendas. Regular Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are livestreamed on the Town's Facebook page.

**6 p.m. Oct. 4**—Historic Preservation Commission

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

6 p.m. Oct. 10—Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

2 p.m. Oct. 12—Chat with the Chief

6 p.m. Oct. 17—Planning Board

9 a.m. Oct. 20- Beaufort Harbor & Waterways Master Plan Advisory

Board (Meets at the Beaufort Hotel)

3 p.m. Oct. 20 -Art in the Park at Randolph Johnson Park

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

6 p.m. Oct. 24—Board of Adjustment

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



#### Halloween Festivities

Boo-fort Trunk or Treat: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, Gallants Channel. 172 W Beaufort Road **Ann Street Trunk or Treat: 4-7** p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, Ann Street United Methodist Church Ann Street Trick or Treating: 5-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31 (private residences)

#### Commissioners' **Office Hours**

Location: Beaufort Train Depot, 614 **Broad Street** 

Commissioner Bob Terwilliger: 2:30-4:30 Oct. 20

Commissioner Melvin Cooper: 10 a.m. Oct. 13

#### **Board of Commissioners** •

The Board of Commissioners met on Aug. 22 and Sept. 12 for regularly scheduled meetings. They took the following actions and heard the following presentations:

- Approved Wayfinding Signage Project.
- Appointed Bucky Oliver to serve a two-year term on the Carteret County Beaufort Airport Authority.
- Appointed Doug Williams to serve a four-year term on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.
- Re-appointed Peter Crumley to serve a four-year term on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.
- Approved Beaufort Business Association's Music in the Park Event Request.
- Beaufort Police Department presented lifesaving awards and introduced the SROs who serve our schools.

#### Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission met Sept. 6 and discussed the following items: Case #21-28: 204 Turner Street: Request to add-on to the existing historic Masonic Lodge Building to construct a hotel. Approved, except for the drainage & signage plan. Case #22-15: 411 Front Street: Request to construct a fence surrounding an outdoor courtyard as well as proposed signage. Item tabled. Case #22-17: 308 Ann Street:

Case #22-17: 308 Ann Street: Request to remove columns on the front of the structure, replace the porches with brick instead of trex, add additional brick pavers under the carport area and move the accessory

## Beaufort Emergency Alerts

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- Approved July 14 & Aug. 8 minutes.
- Approved Budget Amendment for 1809 Live Oak Street water and sewer main extensions.
- Approved FY 2023 Budget Amendment #4.
- Discussed the CAMA Land Use Plan and requested additional information.
- Approved Conflict of Interest Policies for employees and the Board of Commissioners.
- Approved a sewer allocation request at 506 Island Drive.
- Approved a grant funding assistance resolution for local assistance for stormwater infrastructure investment.
- Approved a two-year Walking Permit for Hungry Town Tours

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

dwelling unit to meet the 5foot rear and side yard setbacks. Approved. Case #22-22: 211 Broad Street: Request to elevate the existing structure to include a brick chimney with new entrance stairs. Tabled. Case #22-23: 601 Front Street: Request to install a 2-foot retaining wall with a 6-foot Beaufort Style fence. Tabled. Case # 22-24: 105 Front Street (Duncan House) Landscaping Plan: Request for an extensive landscaping plan. 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.

#### **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.

#### **Board of Adjustment**

The Board of Adjustment met Aug. 22 and discussed the following item: Case # 22-06: 216 Ann Stree: Variance Request for a reduction of the rear southwestern setback from 25 feet to 7 feet 2 inches (for a 17 foot 8 inch encroachment) and a reduction of the east-

ern Designated Right-of-Way setback from 20' feet to 15.4 feet (for a 4 foot 6 inch encroachment). Denied. Board ruled it did not meet the criteria of showing a hardship as need for the variance. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

#### **Historic District**

Do you live in the Beaufort Historic District? Are you planning a project for your home or property? If so, you can familiarize yourself with the special Historic Design Guidelines that apply to your property by going to the town website: beaufortnc.org, then click on "Residents" and scroll down to "Design Guidelines for the Beaufort Historic District and Landmarks," once there click on the pdf file to the right and you will be able to read the Guidelines online. For more information, call Laurel Anderson at Town Hall 252-728-2141, ext. 224

#### White Cane Awareness Day

On Saturday, Oct. 15, the Town of Beaufort, a Watch for Me NC partner, will host in conjunction with the Beaufort Lions Club a safety awareness program during the Beaufort Farmers Market. The event will take place between 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the market.

October 20 is White Cane Awareness Day. Beaufort resident, Lions Club Member and **Beaufort Parks & Recreation** Advisory Board member Peter Crumley will assist the Town in the efforts to increase awareness. Crumley, as a blind person who walks with a white cane and a leader dog, will lead the educational awareness about crosswalk awareness and the importance of white canes for the blind, sharing his firsthand knowledge. "The blind must rely on special learned orientation and mobility skills to remain independently mobile, along with an uncertain level of faith that the driving public will completely yield the right

of way when a blind walker is

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making a street crossing at a designated crosswalk as traffic is required to remained stop in both directions until the blind walker has successfully completed crossing the street," Crumley said.

The Town of Beaufort has been a Watch for Me NC community since 2019. Watch For Me NC is a critical component of community safety planning. The short-term goal is to raise awareness for bicycle and pedestrian safety issues within communities and the agencies serving the public in the realm of transportation safety. The long-term goal is to build a culture of safety around bicycling and walking in the state of North Carolina. White Cane Awareness Day is celebrated nationwide by the National Federation of the Blind. For blind people, the white cane is an essential tool that gives them the ability to achieve a full and independent life. The white cane allows the blind to avoid obstacles, find steps and curbs, locate and step over cracks or uneven places in the sidewalk, find doorways, get into cars and buses, and much more. When you see a blind person using a white cane. remember that the cane is their tool to safely and independently navigate the environment. If you are driving or cycling and see someone using a white cane or a guide dog, you must follow the law and stop to give that person the right of way.

#### Beaufort Business Association (BBA) News

The BBA has brought back Music in the Park, 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening at John Newton Park on Front Street, serving beer and wine. Sponsorships are available-if you consider a

\$350 band sponsorship BBA will honor your business in our advanced website feature for a year (a \$250 value). We also recognize all sponsorships at each event. Call Susan at (252) 241-4485 or info@beaufortnc.com.



#### The Old Beaufort Post Office Papers

When the request went out for residents to share their memories of the old Beaufort Post Office, the Moore family, who has used Post Office Box 274 for four generations, had some wonderful stories to share.

Best to let them tell it in their own words so from Ms. Virginia C Moore:

"My family has been in Carteret County since the 1700s. When I look at the Mural of the Crissie Wright on the wall in the lobby of the old Beaufort Post Office, I see another generation represented. My greatgrandfather, Tyre Moore, was a whaler who lived on Shackleford Banks. He was one of the people who tried to rescue the Crissie Wright crew. I like to think that one of the crew in

that picture is of him. Because my great-grandfather's house was nearby, the sole survivor was taken to Tyre's house to be tended to until the rescued man could be taken to the mainland.

When I go inside the old Post Office, I can hear the laughter of the people back then as they joked and talked to those that were working there that day. Yes, that building reminds me of home and happy memories."

Next month, the Moore memories continue.



# BEAUFORT Historical Association

#### Beaufort's Old Burying Ground to come to life with Voices of the Past Tour

The Beaufort Historic Site will host a special Old Burying Ground Tour on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The tour, taking place Halloween weekend, is called Voices of the Past. It will bring to life the stories of those who have long passed and have been laid to rest in the Old Burying Ground. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for ages 6-12. Each tour is about an hour and is limited to 50 guests, so reserve your spot soon! Tickets are on sale now by calling 252-728-5225 or by visiting the Old Beaufort Shop, located on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site at 130 Turner Street.

#### **Artist JJ Jiang**

JJ Jiang is a distinguished North Carolina artist who currently resides in Cary. His work, created mainly through

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watercolors and oils, exemplifies his time living in North Carolina and his hometown Suzhou, China. He has been featured in notable

publications such as Our State Magazine, won numerous awards for his work, and juried into four prestigious shows with Oil Painters of America, National Watercolor Society, American Watercolor Society, and American Impressionist Society. See his work in person starting Oct. 22 at the Beaufort Historic Site Fall Party through the end of November. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 130 Turner Street.

#### **Ornament Workshop**

Nov. 11 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$30 Join us for a special ornament workshop! Make handmade ornaments as gifts and or for your tree! Guests will make 4 coastal themed ornaments. Materials fee is \$30. Workshop max is 8. You must sign up a week in advance.

#### **Jumble Sale**

Nov. 19 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
The Beaufort Historic Site turns into a community market with art, handmade crafts, holiday gifts, pre-loved treasures, antiques, clothing, food and much more. The event is Free. Vendor information is available by emailing

pr@beauforthistoricsite.org or visiting

www.beauforthistoricsite.org. For more information or to register for a workshop, visit www.beauforthistoricsite.org, call 252-728-5225, or stop in at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center, 130 Turner St.



## at the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market!

Cool Saturday mornings, bright fall sunshine, fresh homegrown veggies, meats, honey, fruit, oysters, shrimp, smoked fish, eggs, flowers, soaps, candles, pork skins, pickled veggies, wine, dog treats, pottery, books, photos, herbs, microgreens, jewelry, paintings, decoys, furniture, coffee, ready-to-eat food, bread, cakes, cupcakes, pies, quiches, signs, tie-dyed clothing, muffins, alpaca wool products, cbd products, baskets, sun catchers, yard art, plants, and more!

## Find it all at the OBFM!

Enjoy Saturday morning outings on the courthouse grounds and discover the joy and fellowship of our local community!

#### **Beaufort Town Flags**



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 Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$70) www.BeaufortWomansClub.org. Proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's

## Plastic Free By the Sea

Fall planting time is here! Try these year-round plastic free gardening tips:

Purchase shrubs and trees with roots wrapped in burlap, rather than plastic pots.



Divide and exchange plants and bulbs with friends and neighbors, eliminating buying in plastic pots.

Save seeds for next

year for planting and to share.

- Recycle your plant pots and tags. The horticultural programs at West Carteret H.S. and Croatan H.S. welcome the pots. If bringing to West Carteret H.S. please email Jordan.lopez@carteretk12.org and ezrie.pool@carteretk12.org to coordinate a drop-off time and location. Lowes and some local nurseries accept pots and tags.
- Avoid 'landscape fabric', or weed barriers made of plastic. Cardboard, or a cotton sheet picked up from the thrift store, work well.
- Start composting. Applying it to soil increases soil fertility by providing nutrients for plants, and reducing the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides, which are harmful to the environment. It also reduces the number bags and plastic bottles you'll be using, further helping

Beaufort Film Festival

Plan to attend Beaufort Picture Show's 2nd Annual Film Festival, which spans three weekends in October-November, 2022. The festival experience consists of events, panels and independent film screenings at multiple venues. The festival will kick off

with a Preview Party on Thursday, Oct. 6 with film screenings from Oct. 7

through Oct. 9. It continues Oct. 21-23 and wraps up the weekend of Nov. 10-13, culminating with an awards party as the final event. All-Access tickets (to all 3 weekends) are now available for \$75. Weekend and day passes are also available for purchase.

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



the environment.

- Grow plants from cuttings, again avoiding buying plants in plastic pots.
- Be creative with plant and row markers. Skip the plastic markers and upcycle shards of broken pots, popsicle sticks, hand painted rocks (kids will love to paint them!), or wooden spoons bought at thrift stores. (Wood naturally absorbs moisture, which may blur ink over time, so use a soft pencil instead.) Plastic containers can be recycled by cutting them into strips to use as labels. Bamboo labels are another option. If larger labels are needed, cut pieces of wood batten and paint with non-toxic
- Stop buying plastic seed starter kits. Instead, use your cardboard egg cartons. They are the perfect depth and are biodegradable. (On that note, don't buy eggs in plastic or Styrofoam cartons.) Biodegradable starter kits and wooden seed travs are also available for purchase.
- Opt for the biodegradable peat pots that some nurseries sell seedlings and plants in, rather than purchasing plants sold in plastic pots.
- When purchasing tools, including watering cans, consider those made out of metal or wood, rather than plastic.
- Of course, when shopping for supplies, bring your reusable bags.

#### **Crystal Coast Highland Games**



Come join us at the CCHG for our second year, fun for the whole family Bagpipes, professional and Amateur athletics, vendors, food trucks, 4 local Breweries, highland dancing, kids area, entertainment, clans, something for everyone!!! Tickets in advance \$12 go to \$20 at the gate, kids 12 under free..

Event at Gallants Channel. 293 W Beaufort Road Ext., Beaufort.

More information and tickets at https:// www.crystalcoasthighland games.com/.