

# BEAUFORT NORTH CAROLINA



**Town of Beaufort Newsletter** 

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### Newsletter Submissions:

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

### October Town Meetings & Events

Meetings are conducted at the Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, 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 Monthly Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are livestreamed on the Town's Facebook page.

6 p.m. Oct. 3—Historic Preservation Commission 6:30 p.m. Oct. 5 —Parks & Recreation Advisory

6 p.m. Oct. 9—Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

6 p.m. Oct. 16 -Planning Board

3 p.m. Oct. 18—Art in the Park (1017 Pine Street)

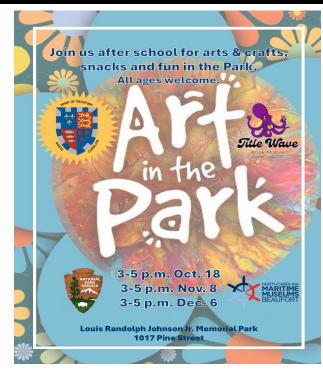
4 p.m. Oct. 23—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. Oct. 23—Board of Adjustment

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

#### **New Voter ID Requirements**

Voters will be asked to show photo ID when voting in North Carolina.Most voters will simply show their driver's license. But there are many other acceptable photo IDs. If a voter does not have an acceptable photo ID, they can get one for free from their county board of elections. Learn more at www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id. Voters can also get a free ID card from the N.C. Division of Motor



Vehicles (NCDMV). All voters will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID. If a voter cannot show photo ID when voting in person, they can still vote by filling out an ID Exception Form. If absentee-by-mail voters are unable to include a copy of their photo ID with their ballot return envelope, they can also fill out an ID Exception Form with their ballot.





# ECHS Homecoming Parade

Downtown Beaufort 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2023.



**Beaufort Garden Club:** Mayor Sharon Harker and Town Manager Todd Clark visited the Beaufort Garden Club during their September meeting. President Rita Tomlinson presented them each with a personalized apron. The Beaufort Garden Club has 197 members. 55 members participate in the Beautification Committee/Pretty Ladies that work on Wednesday mornings all year long throughout town beautifying Beaufort. The Beaufort Garden Club is in its 64th year of continuous service since 1959 but has beginnings dating back to 1925.

### Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners met Aug. 28 and Sept. 11 for their regularly scheduled monthly meetings. They took the following actions and heard the following presentations:

- Directed staff to form a Paid Parking Committee.
- Approved an ARPA Grant Funding Acceptance Resolution for Professional Park Drive Area Stormwater Inventory and Flood Study.
- Approved FY 2024 Budget Amendment #3 and #4.
- Received a financial report for July 2023 and an update on the USDA Project.
- Approved meeting minutes from Aug. 14 and 28.
- Approved the 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting schedule.
- Adopted a Resolution Exempting the Town of Beaufort from NCGS §14-234, because of Commissioner Oliver's financial interest in the Beaufort Hotel. The Board of Commissioners will be using the venue to hold their annual Board

### **Planning Board**

The Beaufort Planning Board met Aug. 21 & Sept. 18 and discussed the following items: Case # 23-05-Zoning Text Amendment: Staff-initiated text amendment modifying Section 8A (TCA District) & Table 8-8 (Table of Uses) to allow a density of 14 Dwelling Units per acre as a Special Use. After conducting a public hearing and discussion a vote to recommend denial to the Board of Commissioners was approved.

Case # 23-06-Rezoning 1103 Lennoxville Rd R-8 to B-1- A request from the property owner to rezone 1103 Lennoxville Road from R-8 (Residential) to B -1 (Commercial). After conducting a public hearing and discussion a vote to recommend approval to the Board of Commissioners was approved and supported from the Land Use Plan as being appropriate for mixed use development in the area. Case # 23-07-BHA Parcels Rezoning TR and R-8 to TCA-A request from Beaufort Housing Authority to rezone three parcels, two on Turner Street from R-8 & TR to TCA and one on Mulberry Street from R-8 to TCA. After conducting a public

- Retreat on Jan. 30-31, 2024.
- Tabled a request for an 18month extension for the Compass Hotel construction, pending a request for additional information.
- Denied a request for a Zoning Text Amendment, Case #23-05, 14 dwelling units per acre as a Special Use in a TCA Zone.
- Approved a rezoning request at 1103 Lennoxville Road, Case #23-06, from R-8 to B-1.
- Approved a rezoning request (Case #23-07) for two parcels owned by the Beaufort Housing Authority, from TR and R-8 to TCA. The associated tracts are as follows: PIN #730618228462000 Turner Street; PIN #730618227174000 Turner/Craven Street.
- Received the Town Manager's report, which can be accessed under the Mayor's Corner at www.beaufortnc.org.
   For more information contact Town Clerk Elizabeth Lewis at

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hearing and discussion a vote to recommend denial to the Board of Commissioners due to the Planning Board's concerns with the environmental sensitivity of Tract 1, the increased density from duplex development to multi-family on Tract 2, and possible spot zoning of Tract 3.

Case # 23-08-Rezoning 101 Ann Street B-W to TCA - A request from Filter designs to rezone 101 Ann Street from B-W (Business Waterfront) to TCA (Multi-Family). After conducting a public hearing and discussion a vote to recommend approval of the rezoning and revision to the land Use Map to the Board of Commissioners was approved by a 4 to 1 vote. During the September meeting, the Town's Legal Council made a presentation on the ordinance changes to 160-D as required by State Law. During October, the Planning Board will review the working document and have a discussion on the changes. If you have any questions please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

### Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met on Sept. 5 and discussed the following items:

Case # 23-25 118 Orange Street: Request to modify the previously approved COA in December of 2022 by changing the following items: Moving window locations; adding a porthole window; using asphalt shingles instead of metal; adding wood slats between foundation piers and adding a double exterior instead of a single door.

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No more than 1 sign per abutting street

Case # 23-26 107 Sunset Lane:

Request to demolish existing

fence and install fencing and

driveway pavers at 107 Sunset

torney to review the access area

providing access to an adjacent

If you have any questions about

Beaufort's Historic District,

please contact Kyle Garner,

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Planning Director, at 252-728-

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to have pavers installed as to

### Shall be located so it doesn't substantially interfere with the view or vision necessary for a motorist to 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 the Planning & Inspections Department.

# 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 cam-

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 8-14. 2023

This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign,



"Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention"," works to

educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.

### **Cooking Safety**

Did you know? Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths.

What can you do? The good news is you can prevent most cooking fires and burns. Help keep your family safer with some simple but effective tips. Importance of fire prevention In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire. Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

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### **ROCK THE DOCKS**

BEAUFORT WATERFRONT

LIVE MUSIC - 2023

### October

Oct. 5: Barry Charlton
Oct. 12: Lonnie Britton
Oct. 19: Justin Castellano

Oct. 26: Monika Jaymes

5-8 p.m. Thursdays

John Newton Park

Bring a Chair

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### **Beaufort Town Flags**

Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$70) and 12" x 18" garden flags (\$30) for sale at Ace Hardware, 1511 Live Oak and Cousins Bed & Breakfast, 305 Turner. Also available online at BeaufortWomansClub.org. Proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.







### **Reading for Feeding**

Do your kids love the Library and want to learn how to help others?

Ask us about the "Reading for Feeding" program at the front desk of your local Carteret County Library Branch!





Carteret Food and Health Council

### Beaufort Bridge Run

The Beaufort Lions Club's Beaufort Bridge Run 5K Race and 1+ Mile Dog Strut is coming up Nov. 4, 2023, with the course going on and over our two bridges in Beaufort the high-rise Gallants Channel (Grayden Paul) Bridge and the Turner Street Bridge. This will be the 5th annual Bridge Run as hundreds will be running, walking and barking for charitable causes supported by the Beaufort Lions Club. The Beaufort Bridge Run has become a 'race destination' for elite, casual and novice runners. literally giving the participants - lo-

cals and visitors - a

spectacular view of our amazing town! And watching the runners, walkers and dogs come to the finish line is not to be missed! Backstreet Pub will host a post-race party celebrating our participants, with prizes and



medals awarded to the winners.

For more information and to register, visit https:// runsignup.com/Race/ NC/Beaufort/

BeaufortBridgeRun.



Pumpkins, fall sunshine, cool weather veggies, excitement about upcoming holidays...is there a better time to go to the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market?!

See you on the courthouse grounds under the big live oaks every Saturday morning, 9 – 1, through October and November!

PS: Don't forget our big, beautiful Olde-Fashioned Holiday Market on the evening of December 16<sup>th</sup> 4 – 8 PM

### October Events at the Beaufort Historic Site Annual Fall Fundraiser

The Historic Site will come to life with food, music and art for the Annual Fall Party on Saturday, Oct 21 at 6:30 p.m. Guest will enjoy music by Blue Moon Jazz and delicious food from Scarborough Fare. This year, two accomplished artists, Audrey Cushman from New Bern, NC and Karen Crenshaw from Jacksonville, NC will have new paintings for sale. Audrey and Karen are well known plein air artists, who were recently featured in Beaufort through a partnership with NC Plein Air New Bern. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to

www.beauforthistoricsite.org, call 225-728-5225 or stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street.

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

The Beaufort Historic Site will be hosting a special Old Burying

Ground Tour on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The tour 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, and will be available for purchase in the Old Beaufort Shop until sold out. Eight different burial sites of Beaufort's past residents with eight unique stories will be a part of this tour. However, instead of the 'caretaker" sharing these stories, those who have died will "come alive" and tell their own story. Each tour will last roughly an hour and will welcome only 50 guests per time period, so reserve your spot soon for either 4 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. 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.

Upcoming King Tide Events:

Sept. 25-Oct. 4 Oct. 27-Nov. 1

## BEAUFORT Picture

### October Specials: Sing along with 'Tommy,' Keeping it Weird and Film Festival Preview NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

Beaufort Picture Show's presentation of National Theatre Live productions continues with GOOD on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m. David Tennant ("Doctor Who") returns to London's West End in a "blistering" reworking of C.P. Taylor's acclaimed Word War II drama about choice and consequences. Directed by Dominic Cooke ("Follies"), with a cast including Elliott Leuey and Sharom Small. Filmed live at Harold Pinter Theatre in London. To order tickets or for more information on NTLive at BPS, visit https://

www.beaufortpictureshow.org/nt-live TOMMY (1975) PG—Pete Townshend's iconic rock opera about the deaf, dumb and blind boy who "sure plays a mean pinball" gets the big screen treatment in Ken Russell's overblown extravaganza featuring a superstar cast including Oliver Reed, Ann Margret, Jack Nicholson, Elton John, Tina Turner, Eric Clapton and Who frontman Roger Daltry as the doomed hero. A "Throwback Thursday" presentation for your singing and dancing pleasure!

6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at Mill Space **DALILAND** (2022) PG-13

Aging surrealist madcap Salvador Dali (Ben Kingsley) comes to New York for a retrospective show in 1973,and hapless young gallery assistant James Linton (Christopher Briney) has his hands full trying to hold things together. Written by John Walsh and directed by Mary Harron ("American Psycho"). 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Mill Space

2023 Carteret County

Veterans Day Parade 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4



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 2023 Carteret County Veterans Day Parade. The parade will be in Morehead City on Nov. 4, 2023, starting at 11 a.m. 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 between 10th Street and 11th Street at the Train Depot. This

AMERICAN UTOPIA (2022) TV-14 Spike Lee HBO documentary of Talking Heads frontman David Byrrne's 2019 Broadway show, based on Byrne's LP of the same name. Filmed at Manhattan's Hudson Theatre.

7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Mill Space **FIXING FOOD** - CLFN special on better solutions for growing, harvesting and preserving food to ensure sustainable resources for the planet. 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Mill Space

#### SNEAK PEEK AT 2023 FALL FILM FESTIVAL

The annual Fall Film Festival has always been Beaufort Picture Shows signature showcase. This year's event, Nov. 2-12, gets a major boost from Liz Kopf's Backstreet Pub in Beaufort. Kopf has designated Beaufort Picture Show to receive a portion of the proceeds from the "Dia de Los Mertos" ("Day of the Dead") Festival, set for 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, on Middle Lane. Activities include a beer garden, authentic Mexican food vendors, children's activities, music by Orguestra

K'Che, and a screening (time and location TBA) of Pixar's "Coco," which tells the story of aspiring musician Miguel and his quest to find his lost ancestor, a legendary musician. A preliminary film festival schedule is available at

https://www.beaufortpictureshow.org/beaufort-film-festival.

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; please check online for latest information and tickets at: www.beaufortpictureshow.org.

year's Grand Marshals will be Captain Daniel K. McMahon; USMC, Silver Star and Purple Heart Recipient and Colonel Brendan C. Burks; Cherry Point Commanding Officer. 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. 4 to join us in this time-honored event.

Please visit

www.carteretcountyveteransdaypar ade.com/registration-1 to complete the entry form online and for detailed parade information. If you have any questions, please call (252) 499-0146. Please note that the cut-off for processing entry forms is 5 p.m. on Oct. 25.



