



Town of Beaufort Newsletter

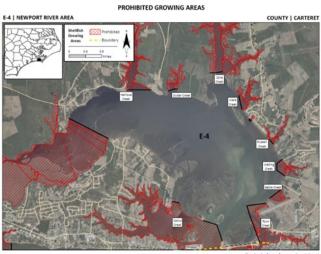
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I-42 and You

Over the next 5-10 years, NC Department of Transportation (NC DOT) will be conducting a massive amount of work in and around Beaufort to include Highway I-42, a new Morehead City high-rise bridge, and extensive work on Cedar St and Live Oak St before NC DOT turns those two streets over to the Town of Beaufort.

Benefits of I-42. When complete, I-42 will by-pass Havelock and Kinston, will streamline traffic through James City southeast of New Bern, and will greatly expedite travel to the Raleigh area. The NC Secretary of Transportation has also said he wants to bring broadband and infrastructure for autonomous vehicles all the way to Morehead City as part of I-42. As a community, we need to lobby to have this broadband and infrastructure effort further extended to Beaufort, East Carteret High School, and beyond.

<u>Challenges with I-42</u>. Lessons learned from Wilmington and I-40 reveal that with I-42 we can expect thousands more residents and visitors to Carteret County. The Newport River Estuary is already stressed and could potentially collapse with added human-induced stressors that include increased storm water, septic systems, agricultural run-off, impervious surfaces, and marine debris. The attached map shows the increase in prohibited areas for shellfish harvesting that now



Map 30 (See back of map for area descri

includes every feeder into the main part of the estuary. We can see this catastrophe developing so we must work with NC DOT, NC DEQ, adjacent municipalities, and county officials to significantly reduce or eliminate these pollutants to allow the Newport River Estuary to recover to a healthy state. The protection of our coastal ecosystems is critical for both commerce and public health.

Another I-42 challenge concerns a natural tendency for more people to travel on Highway 101 since there are already 20 stoplights between Newport and Beaufort and there will be thousands more vehicles on what is currently Highway 70. With the anticipated increase in traffic along Highway 101, there must be significant improvements to increase safety on this road.

Beaufort is an amazing place to live, work, and visit. Let's continue to face our challenges and keep our community the "#1 Small Town in the South."

- Mayor Everette S. (Rett) Newton

The Very Best of Beaufort

I have frequently discussed the need to reduce the amount of trash that is along our streets and



in our waterways, and one group of concerned citizens is taking action. Courtney, Jayden, Joslynn, and Nehemiah have conducted massive clean-ups of areas along the east and west sides of Live Oak Street in the northeast part of Beaufort. Their extraordinary efforts highlight the magnitude of this challenge, and the need to change our culture so that people stop polluting our environment with their cigarette butts or Styrofoam cups or plastic bags. I greatly appreciate the leadership and stewardship of these young Beaufort residents, and we should all follow their example. Courtney, Jayden, Joslynn, and Nehemiah truly represent the very best of Beaufort!

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





Town Hall

701 Front Street P.O. Box 390 Beaufort, NC 28516 (252) 728-2141

Office Hours

8 a.m. -5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.

Mayor

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Commissioners

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Newsletter Submissions: Due Sept. 20, 2019 at 5 p.m. Send to r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

Board of Commissioners

During their Aug. 12, 2019 regular monthly meeting, the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

• Approved the minutes for the June 10, 2019 Regular Meeting, the June 24, 2019 Work Session Meeting, the July 8, 2019 Regular Meeting and the July 22, 2019 Work Session Meeting.

• Approved the Special Event application for the NC Seafood Festival Road Race.

• Accepted the Certificate of Sufficiency for Voluntary Annexation Request for 275 West Beaufort Road.

• Approved the Resolution for Case 19-07 CAMA Land Use Plan Update.

• Approved FY20 Budget Amendment #1.

• Approved changes in the Personnel Policy Manual.

• Approved appointment of Commissioner Hollinshed to serve on

the Eastern Carolina Council General Membership Board.

• Approved the Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Voluntary Annexation of 275 West Beaufort Road.

• Approved Ordinance Amending the Town of Beaufort Code of Ordinances Chapter 93 Fire Prevention and Protection; Fire Department Article 1.

• Reimbursement Resolution for Capital Project.

Can't make a meeting?

Join us for the monthly Board of Commissioners meetings online. The meetings are available via live stream on the Town of Beaufort's Facebook page. The video is available for viewing live and after the meeting has concluded.

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment met on July 22, 2019 and discussed the following item:

• A request by Susan Johnson to appeal the Planning Department's decision that a request on an interpretation had expired. The BOA granted an appeal to Johnson for her appeal for a zoning action. Based on that decision, a Board of Adjustment meeting will be August 26.

For more information, please contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

Carteret County Public Libraries

Happenings for September 2019

Closing: The library will be closed on Sept. 2 for Labor Day. It will reopen Sept. 3.

Events: Come join us for an afternoon of knitting every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Book Exchange and Sale: The Book Nook is open during regular library hours with many used books and audio materials for sale. Children's Activities: Pre-K Storytime (3-5) meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Toddler Storytime (2-4) meets on Fridays at 10 a.m. Please note that here will not be a Storytime on Sept. 4 & 6th. Lego Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. Page-Turners (6-12) meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Shelf Readers, a service project for teens, meets every other Saturday. Featured Artwork: The art gallery features the work of Leslie Anthony. She enjoys painting animals because of their form, action, and liveliness using photographs and placing them in interesting compositions. The display case features the work of Marie Coleman who sculpts with wool and clay. Her favorite pieces are of animals expressing human emotion and the joy of life. Come take a look!

Bulk Item Pick-up

Please call Town Hall at (252) 728-2141 to schedule a bulk item pickup by 5 p.m. on Monday the week you would like pickup. Bulk item pickup is on Wednesday. **Pickups must be scheduled** and items must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesday. There is a 75-lb weight limit. Contractor debris is not accepted.

September Meetings

All meetings are in the Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, unless otherwise posted. The public is welcome at all meetings. **6 p.m. Sept. 3**—Historic Preservation Commission

6 p.m. Sept. 9—Board of Commissioners

6 p.m. Sept. 12—Planning Board

4 p.m. Sept. 23—Board of Commissioners Work Session (Town

Hall Conference Room, 701 Front Street)

6 p.m. Sept. 23 —Board of Adjustment

Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission met Aug. 6, 2019, in the Train Depot. The following items of business were discussed:

• 115 Orange Street – A request by George Rose for second story rear addition, new front and rear porches, new exterior paint color and a bay window on the front elevation, and the removal of a center non-working chimney – 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

Also, during the month of August the State Historic Preservation Office awarded the Town a matching grant of \$15,000 to update the exiting guidelines for the local historic district. This work should begin late fall and be completed by summer of 2020.

Beaufort Garden Club continues to brighten the landscape in and around Beaufort

The Carteret Country Library project was completed in July by members of Beautification Committee, also know as the "Pretty Ladies" of The Beaufort Garden Club. Members brought plants from their own gardens and purchased items to fill the existing pots in front of the Library. Working together, they created a lovely container garden for all to enjoy. The staff of the library is happily maintaining the pots to keep Beaufort blooming! The Beaufort Garden Club does not usually plant in July but made an exception when they learned that The Carteret Country Li-



brary will be celebrating its' 10th Anniversary at Live Oak Street this month. The Beaufort Garden Club, established in 1959, is a (nonprofit 501(c) 3), and pursues its mission through volunteer work, planting and maintaining certain public gardens,

honoring noteworthy private gardens, and creating flower arrangements and wreaths for the Beaufort Historical Association.

Our first general meeting of our new year is 9:30 a.m. Sept. 5, 2019.at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Guest speaker will be Mayor Everette S. (Rett) Newton. He will address current community affairs. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10 a.m. Please join us and bring a friend.

Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at Ann Street United Methodist Church Eure Bldg, located at 500 Ann St. in Beaufort. For more information contact info@beaufort-gardenclub.com or visit



our website https://beaufort-gardenclub.com/. You will also find us on Facebook.

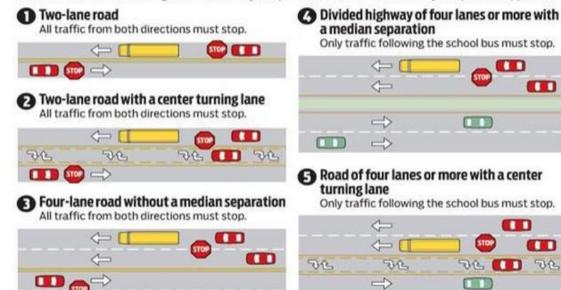


Beaufort Police Department News



North Carolina's law on stopping for a school bus

All traffic must stop for a stopped bus, unless it is on a road of four or more lanes with a median or center turning lane. In those instances, oncoming traffic does not have to stop because children will not be crossing the road to reach the bus. Traffic following a bus must always stop with the bus. If in doubt, always stop for a stopped bus.



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National Night Out 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019 **Boys & Girls Club** 601 Mulberry St

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National Night Out is an annual communitybuilding campaign that promotes policecommunity partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. For more information or to be a sponsor, call the Beaufort Police Department at (252) 728-4561.

School Bus Safety

The Beaufort Police Department reminds motorists to come to a full stop when following or approaching a school bus displaying its stop arm and flashing red lights.

• The penalty for passing a school bus with its stop arm out includes a fine and could possibly result in the loss of driving privileges.

• In Beaufort, all motorists following behind or approaching a school bus in the opposite lane displaying its mechanical stop signal or flashing red lights for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers must stop.

• There are currently no roads in Beaufort on the bus route with a median or center turn lane to make the motorist in the approaching lane exempt from stopping.

• The Beaufort Police Department has a zero-tolerance policy on passing buses with their stop arm engaged.

• All school buses are equipped with cameras to aid in the detection and apprehension of these violations.

"Our biggest concern is keeping children and drivers safe," Chief Burdette said, adding that this is a friendly reminder to drivers to stop when they see a stopped school bus with it's stop arm in use.



OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your neighborhood! FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Sgt. David Halsey or Holly Wooten at 252-728-4561

Beaufort Police Department





der, the Police Department is actively patrolling our waterways and the Rachel Carson Reserve to educate both residents and visitors about our local ordinances and how to be safe while they enjoy all of the wonderful sights we are blessed with in Beaufort. Please visit www.beaufortnc.org/police for all applicable ordinances and printable brochures.

Source: N.C. Department of Transportation





Beaufort's Brewin' - Craft **Beer Festival**

BWF's next fundraising effort takes place Sept. 26 - 28 to mark Beaufort Wine and Food's 4th annual craft beer festival, Beaufort's Brewin'. The three day festival will feature a variety of events in Beaufort and will range in size from beer dinners and seminars to the headline event; Beer, Bubbles and BBO held in downtown Beaufort. Over the course of three days, guests are immersed in a number of beer focused events. Thursday is the kickoff Beer Dinner at Beaufort's own Fishtowne Brew House. Friday, 9/27 there will be a beer seminar at the Backstreet Pub, and later a beer dinner at Beaufort Grocery Co. From 5:30 - 7:30 pm the crowd favorite Pub Crawl will take place, featuring 10 bars and restaurants throughout downtown Beaufort. Participating brewers and full line

up of Pub Crawl stops will be published closer to the event date.

Saturday leads up to the headline event for the festival - Beer, Bubbles and BBQ, which will be held in the West Parking lot (400 block of Front Street) in downtown Beaufort from 3 - 7 p.m. and feature over 25 craft breweries and brew pubs, with a sampling from across the state and beyond. Guests will have the chance to vote for their favorite brewery during the event and the winner will be announced at the event. In addition to tasting dozens of beers at Beer Bubbles and BBQ, guests will be treated to a variety of BBQ and sides, as a number of regional pitmasters put their best dish forward in a People's Choice BBQ competition. Live music will round out the entertainment for the afternoon event. Tickets to all events are now available online at www.beaufortwineandfood.co m. Please call the office at 252-515-0708 for additional information!

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"Rocky Horror Picture Show" - 8 p.m. Friday, Sept 13

Prepare for Halloween by joining us for this cult classic! Yes, we even provide the props! Never seen it? What better way to experience Rocky than here in Beaufort.

"Can you Ever Forgive me" - 5 & 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 This moving story is based on the confessional memoir of the same name by Lee Israel. Melissa McCarthy stars as Israel, and the story follows her attempts to revitalize her failing writing career by forging letters from deceased authors and playwrights. Tickets: beaufortpictureshow.com - Films shown at The Mill Space, 1362 Lennoxville Rd.

Create Art for a Cause

5-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7

Mill Whistle Brewing, Beaufort NC Join Crystal Coast Waterkeeper and Trav's Tie to make an original work of art that supports clean water in your community! Trav's will be onsite, helping you to create your own tie dye



CRYSTAL COAST WATERKEEPER® stal Coast Makes

* \$20 to bring your own shirt or similar sized cotton item

* \$25 to have a shirt provided for you

Half of all proceeds go to Crystal Coast Waterkeeper's efforts to protect and enhance the water of the Crystal Coast.

There will be raffles for local artwork and a paddle trip! You must be present to win, so make sure to stick around and enjoy awesome brews from Mill Whistle and learn more about the work of Crystal Coast Waterkeeper.

Olde Beaufort Farmer's Market

As the dog days of summer begin to transition into the golden September sunlight of



early fall. the vendors at the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market are pre-

paring to celebrate with fresh, cool weather crops, a beautiful harvest moon on the 14th market, and awareness of the role that estuaries play in our coastal environment on the 21st. September is made for

our farmers' market which meets on the county courthouse grounds from 8:30 -1:00 every Saturday morning, rain or shine. Stroll through the market chatting with local farmers, foodies, and artisans who provide quality, homemade, homegrown, and handmade products to fill your menu needs and to quench your creative thirst. Stop and enjoy a cup of coffee and some great live music. Soak up the magic of the old live oaks and the friendly vibe of this place where everyone is welcome!



Beaufort Historical Association Membership Meeting/Volunteer **Picnic**- Sept. 17, 5:30 p.m. FREE The Semi-Annual Membership Meeting will be on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site. There will be a picnic with all the trimmings to honor all the wonderful volunteers and perspective ones. There will be a brief business meeting, which includes the election of new Board of Governors. Beaufort Historic Site Double-Decker Bus Tours- (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 11 am, 1:30 pm) (Tuesday and Thursday: 1:30 pm) Adult \$12, Children (6-12) \$6, Children (under 6) FREE.

Hop aboard and see Beaufort's historic district from atop our 1967 English double-decker bus! Local narrators tell tales of Beaufort's rich past of pirates, starcrossed lovers, and Confederate spies.

Beaufort Historic Site Buildings Tour- (Monday-Saturday, 10 am & 2:30 pm) Adults \$12, Children (6-12) \$6, Children (under 6) FREE. Tours also available with 1hr notice.

All prized for their period collections and furnishings, the homes of history run the gamut from the rustic Leffers Cottage c.1778 and the elaborately furnished Victorian many colorful characters. Josiah Bell House c.1825, to the award-winning restoration of the

Club.

Federal-style John C. Manson House c.1825. The historic buildings include the Carteret County Jail c.1829, the Apothecary Shop and Doctor's Office c.1857 containing priceless pharmaceutical and medicinal artifacts used in early Beaufort, and the Carteret County Courthouse of 1796, which is the only remaining wood-framed English Circuit courthouse left intact in North Carolina. Each building depicts a different period or aspect of life in historic Beaufort. The Historic Buildings Tour includes three of the buildings given by experienced docents in period dress.

Beaufort Historic Site Old Burving Ground Tours- (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 2:30 pm) Adults \$12, Children (6-12) \$6, Children (under 6) FREE. Tours available upon request with 24hr notice needed. Resting in the shade of majestic live oak trees, the Old Burying Ground holds fascinating stories about Beaufort's 300 year old history! Majestic live oak trees enshroud the historic gravesites within this cemetery, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. An experienced guide in period dress leads tours through the Old

Burying Ground telling tales of its

Beaufort Woman's Club

Craftsman Style Architecture Tour-The Beaufort Woman's Club invites you to tour Craftsman style homes on Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Also, Dr. Dan Krautheim will present the history and features of Beaufort's Craftsman style homes on that day. Proceeds will benefit the Beaufort Boys and Girls Club, Carteret Community Theatre, The MirIAM and other charities. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$10 students. To purchase tickets, visit www.BeaufortWomansClub.com or go to Beaufort Ace Hardware or The MirIAM Treasures in Morehead City. Town Flags—Beaufort 3' x 5' and 4' x 6' flags and 12" x 18" garden flags are for sale at Beaufort Ace, 1511 Live Oak St.; Beaufort Home Store, 113 Turner Street; Cousins Bed & Breakfast, 305 Turner Street; First Citizens Bank, 1505 Live Oak Street and Time in a Bottle, 300 Front Street, Unit 3. All proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's