

Transitioning to Fall in Beaufort

Vacations are winding down, schools have re-opened, and soon we'll feel the nice chill of a fall day in Beaufort. Despite the numerous challenges, we've had a great summer in town but I ask that you please don't let your guard down...we still need to be prepared for potential storms and we are in the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our town staff has provided ample resources to help you prepare and respond to both.

Storms. Please continue your hurricane preparation. Information is available on the town website at <https://www.beaufortnc.org/fire/page/hurricane-preparednessflood-information>.

COVID-19. In August, COVID-19 active cases, percent positive, and hospitalizations rapidly increased in Carteret County and across North Carolina. Please ensure you are vaccinated to protect yourself and those around you. During this fourth wave, whether vaccinated or not, we all need to remain vigilant and (when appropriate) wear masks, social distance, and wash our hands frequently. Additional information can be found on the town web site at www.beaufortnc.org/covid.

We are an amazing community and we have so much to be proud of. Let's please take care of each other in these challenging times.

- Mayor Everett S. (Rett) Newton

Face Coverings Required in all Public Indoor Spaces in Beaufort

The Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to pass an ordinance requiring face coverings in all indoor public spaces in the corporate limits of Beaufort. This went into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 24. For full details and to read the ordinance and resolution, visit www.beaufortnc.org/covid. The Board of Commissioners will revisit the requirement during each of their regularly scheduled meetings. The board meets twice a month on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Board meetings are being conducted via Zoom. This meeting platform is also being reviewed at each meeting. Links to meetings may be found at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar, simply click on the meeting from the calendar to access the link for that meeting.



The Very Best of Beaufort

Volunteers are key to the unprecedented success we are experiencing in Beaufort. Whether supporting non-profits, churches, schools, festivals, the Watercraft Center, or Beaufort Historic Site, these selfless volunteers support critical functions throughout our community.

In 2015, Doug Grieve and his wife decided to make the move from New Hampshire to Beaufort for retirement, and in the spring of 2016, he became a full-time volunteer at the Beaufort Historic Site. Since then, he has fulfilled many roles as an Old Burying Ground Tour Guide and Trainer, Double-Decker Bus Conductor, and his personal favorite, the Double-Decker Bus Narrator. He said his favorite

thing about being the narrator is getting to tell the stories of Beaufort to visitors and seeing how much they thoroughly enjoy it.

Not only does Doug volunteer to do these tours, he has helped work many special events and worked with various school groups. He even won the Beaufort Historical Association's "Volunteer of the Year Award" in 2018! Doug Grieve's selfless service and passion for our town clearly 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
Monday, Sept. 6, 2021 in
observance of Labor Day.

Town Hall is accessed via
Pollock Street.

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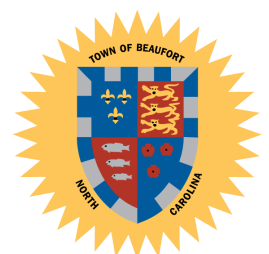
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Newsletter Submissions:

Due Sept. 20, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Send to

r.johnson@beaufortnc.org



Board of Commissioners Action List

- Approved the Financing Terms for Fire Station 2's Pumper Truck.
- Approved a contract with Mercer Group Associates to conduct the recruitment process for the next Town Manager.
- Conducted a Public Hearing and received input on the Town Manager's Search process.
- Conducted a Public Hearing and approved a request to Rezone 100 Fairview Drive and 1310 Live Oak Street from B-1 to TCA.
- Discussed the timeline for returning to in-person meetings for the Board of

Commissioners and the Town's five (5) voluntary boards/commissions/committees.

- Received the monthly Town Manager's report.
- Received an update from the Town Engineer on current/active Town Projects.
- Received an update from the Town's Attorney on statutory provisions from the newly effective 160D and information regarding Conflicts of Interest as it pertains to quasi-judicial proceedings.

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

Town Hires HR Manager

Barbara Cooper joined the

Town as the part-time Human Resources Manager on July 26, 2021. Cooper brings a

wealth of experience to the Town. Cooper, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, has served in a variety of roles in the Human Resources field to include



working as the HR Development Consultant to the North Carolina State Ports Authority in Morehead City and serving as the Human Resources Director at Carteret Community College for 11 years. Cooper is currently an HRD Instructor at Carteret Community College teaching a variety of courses from Notary to GED and Adult Basic Education. "Barbara is the perfect person to be the Town's HR Manager," said Town Manager John Day. "She has really hit the ground running, giving much needed attention to a backlog of HR issues" Day said.

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 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.

September 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. Sept. 7—Historic Preservation Commission

6 p.m. Sept. 13—Board of Commissioners

6 p.m. Sept. 20—Planning Board

4 p.m. Sept. 27—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. Sept. 27—Board of Adjustment

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



Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission met Aug. 3, 2021 and discussed the following items:

Case # 21-28 204 Turner St - Addition - Request from Filter Design Studio, PLLC (Jay Horton) for a rear addition to the Old Masonic Building at 204 Turner Street. The hearing for the item was tabled at the request of the applicant as a new design concept was being developed that would retain the existing structure.

Case # 20-15 513 Front St - Fencing, Driveway, Landscaping & Signage - Request from Nelson Owens as a follow up to his COA from August 2020 to install a pervious paver driveway, a Beaufort style fence in the front yard and additional freestanding signage. Approved.

Case # 21-23 310 Ann St. - New Construction - Request from Walker Harris to construct a 3,071 sq. ft. single family home and detached garage on a vacant lot at 310 Ann Street. Approved.

Case # 21-30 100 Cedar St - Signage - Request from Beaufort Yacht Basin to install an 18 sq. ft. attached wall sign at 100 Cedar Street. Approved.

Case # 21-31 300 Front St - Signage—Request from Stillwater Restaurant to install a 10.5 hanging sign at 300 Front Street. Approved.

Case # 21-32 617 Front St - Signage- Request from Hilton Displays on behalf of BB&T to install 2 freestanding signs = 36 sq. ft. & 2 attached wall signs = 21.3 sq. ft. totaling 57.3 sq. ft. Approved.

Historic Standards Update - The consultant has comments from the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service and is incorporating those into the draft which should be out for review in September with discussion with the Historic Commission in October and adoption with the Board of Commissioners in November.

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.

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. We want to emphasize that this is a "draft" rollout of the plan and we are asking you, the pub-

lic, 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.

Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of shaping the future of Beaufort.

The Old Beaufort Post Office Papers Project



Thank you to all that have taken the time to share their experiences as we begin collecting some of the wonderful memories of the residents that used the Post Office. When the call came in from Ms. Patricia Pitts, I knew it was going to be a special interview. Who knew that the owner of Post office Box 487 would have such a fascinating story to tell? Turns out, her late husband, Charles Pitts, was the author of "A Postal History of Carteret County, North Carolina." Published in 2008, the book is a treasure trove of maps, blueprints, pictures and genealogy and a great way to learn

about mail delivery in Carteret county with Beaufort being the oldest established mail service in 1794.

There are lots more stories to tell and we would love to hear yours. Please contact Ranger Kathleen O'Grady at kathleen_o'grady@nps.gov or stop by on a Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. for a program in the Beaufort Visitor Information Center about the old town post office.

Chamber of Commerce and 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 community. 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 from the audience posed by the moderator with timed responses from the panelists. Candidates will also have the opportunity for a 2-minute 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89669495674?pwd=L2VxRUMwOURpWUVDQ0dGSHlxczUyQT09)
pwd=L2VxRUMwOURpWUVDQ0dGSHlxczUyQT09

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



Roland's BBQ of Beaufort. The picnic is open to current Beaufort Historical Association volunteers, potential volunteers, BHA members and anyone who wants to come out and support the BHA. RSVPs are requested to provide an accurate count for the picnic. Please RSVP by Sept. 10.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact the Beaufort Historical Association at 252-728-5225 or stop by the Beaufort Historic Site Visitor's Center at 130 Turner Street.

BEAUFORT
Historical Association

Maritime Museums awarded \$99,000 grant

The North Carolina Maritime Museums has been awarded a substantial grant that will help enhance conservation work within the three-museum system. The North Carolina Maritime Museums will receive \$99,209 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which recently awarded a total of \$29,545,363 grants toward 208 projects at museums across the nation. The maritime museum grant will be used to expand work in the conservation lab housed at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. The museum's Friends group will provide the needed matching funds. Museum Conservator

Michelle Crepeau is based at the Beaufort site but supports operations of all three maritime museums,

which also include sites in Southport and Hatteras. She said the money will be used toward the current lab's new archaeological extension, which is currently under construction. Specifically, the grant will allow the purchase of new equipment to help treat larger and more complex archeological artifacts in-house. That equipment includes a micro-air abrasive blasting unit and a combined workstation and dust collector, a portable down draft work bench and a high-grade air compressor for the operation of pneumatic tools. Crepeau said that the lab enhancements will help expand treatment, outreach and educational capabilities as a whole.

"The expanded lab will be fully visible to the public," Crepeau said.

"This will bring a greater variety of conservation practices to the

public, creating new opportunities for educational programming and public engagement."

That's part of the goal of the grant program itself. The Institute of Museum and Library Services describes itself as the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. That support includes grants, research and policy development.

"This year's awardees exemplify museums as learning institutions," Laura Huerta Migus, deputy director of IMLS Office of Museum Services, said in a news release. "These projects reflect the varied roles that museums occupy in the fabric of their local communities and the focused investments needed to improve their capacity to



be of service."

For Crepeau, that includes the opportunity to "pay it forward." She said the IMLS grant will also go toward hiring a paid intern to help with conservation tasks. Crepeau noted that conservation can be a difficult field to break into as it requires a substantial investment of pre-graduate training but offers limited opportunities and even fewer that are compensated.

"I am very grateful for the opportunities I was afforded back when I was struggling my way into this profession," she said. "I count it as my biggest success that I am now in a position to support others in their exploration of and first steps into this field."

For more information about the museum system, visit ncmaritimemuseums.com. For more information about the Institute of Museum and Library Services, visit imls.gov.





Homegrown okra, potatoes, beets, watermelons, tomatoes, peppers, figs, pasture raised meats, fresh eggs, local honey, homemade delicious food and baked goods, handmade pottery, soaps, candles, jewelry, and so much more!

Find it all at the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market, 9 – 1, every Saturday morning on the courthouse grounds under the oaks

Hurricane Preparedness ASSEMBLE DISASTER SUPPLIES



Make a list of supplies and assemble them before hurricane season begins. Have enough food and water for each person for at least three days. Fill your prescriptions and have medicine on hand. Radios, batteries and phone chargers are also must-haves. Gas up your vehicle and have cash on hand.



Food & water



Medicine & prescriptions



Keep gas tank full



Radio, batteries, phone chargers



Cash on hand

weather.gov/hurricane



BEAUFORT Picture Show

The Beaufort Picture Show at Mill Space:
4 & 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18
"NOMADLAND"

We are pleased to offer this screening back inside our ancestral home, Movies @ Mill Space. Masks are recommended. A woman in her sixties, after losing everything in the Great Recession, embarks on a journey through the American West, living as a van-dwelling modern-day nomad. At the 93rd Academy Awards, it won Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Actress.

The Beaufort Drive-In at Gallant's Channel
7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25
"Bohemian Rhapsody"

The story of the legendary British rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at 1985's Live Aid.

More info and tickets at www.beaufortpictureshow.org

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 thewritersXchange@aol.com.

Beaufort Development Association News

Autumn officially begins Sept. 22, ushering in cooler temperatures that we are certainly all ready for. Not far behind will be the Holiday Season and we at BDA are busy planning with community representatives a campaign to *illuminate Beaufort*, creating and installing Christmas lights.

Sharon Harker is the contact to light up Pine Street s.harker@beaufortnc.org
Pat Wesson is the representative lighting up Ann Street pfwesson1@yahoo.com

This community project is open to all and any interested persons, clubs and groups. Also check out lighted Christmas balls at Beaufort Ace Hardware.

New location alert! Jack Best is now

at a better than ever location at 507 Cedar, St. Guys & Gals Hair, in the green shotgun house.

New to the area? All the help you want and need is here Beaufort. *Window and Wall Decor* at 904 Pine Street. Owner Blair Mikels Baker has the largest fabric and wallcovering selections in her showroom. They also specialize in interior blinds, shades and shutters. And if you're not new to the area and need to freshen up your place- check out her place.

Remember beaufortnc.com your place to find out all about Beaufort. Send items to wendyavidson98@gmail.com to be included in the monthly update.



Beaufort Development Association
Beautiful. Historic. Waterfront.
COME VISIT OUR TOWN

