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NORTH CAROLINA



Town of Beaufort Newsletter

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September 2020

A Bright Future for Beaufort

Despite the significant challenges over the last two years, I am supremely confident in a bright future for our community. Both objectively and subjectively, there is a great energy in town and our town staff has done an amazing job of incrementally moving our community forward. There are visible signs of this progress with paving across our community, Randolph Johnson Park is nearing completion, and planning is underway for improvements to Topsail Marine Park and a new park on the west end of Cedar Street (adjacent to the site of the old drawbridge). A freeze on funding for NC Department of Transportation projects will present delays for some of our infrastructure projects, but we will continue to move forward where we can. We know that we have collapsed sewer and storm water systems that are degrading the quality of Beaufort waterways. This underground infrastructure work is going to be difficult, time consuming, and expensive, but is critical to the health and prosperity of our town. After decades of neglect, we are committed to getting this complex work done. Our future depends upon it.

- Mayor Everette S. (Rett) Newton

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Monday-Friday

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Due 5 p.m. Sept. 20, 2020

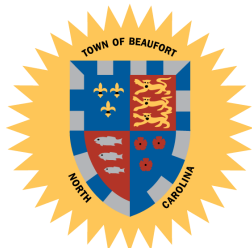
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The Very Best of Beaufort



The marine science faculty, staff, and students in and around Beaufort provide extraordinary contributions to our community. Dr. Liz DeMattia is a natural scientist at the Duke Marine Lab, and she actively promotes a clean water community through her marine debris and water quality programming for our schools and the Boys and Girls Club. She is part of several grant-supported teams looking at critical issues in eastern Carteret County, Chair of the Beaufort Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that is guiding substantial improvements for our parks, Chair of the Beaufort Middle School Parent Support Committee, and volunteer assistant swim coach with the Beaufort Bluefins. In short, Liz gets stuff done! We have talented and caring citizens in our town and Dr. Liz DeMattia certainly represents the very best of Beaufort.



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

Board of Commissioners

During the Aug. 10, 2020 regular monthly meeting, the Board of Commissioners took the following actions:

- Approved minutes for the June 8, 2020 meeting, June 15, 2020 budget work session and the June 22, 2020 work session.
- Approved FY21 Budget Amendment #1.
- Approved the Order for Carteret County to Collect Taxes for 2020.
- Approved amendments to the Personnel Policy.
- Approved the Town Manager to notify the NCDOT the town does not have interest in the ROW property on the south side of Cedar Street.

The Town of Beaufort has the following vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), Board of Adjustment (BOA) and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (P&R):

HPC—one position to fill an unexpired term ending in January 2021. BOA—one position for an in-town alternate unexpired term ending in January 2022. P&R—three positions for three year terms ending in September 2023.

Applications are at www.beaufortnc.org under Town Hall, Volunteer Boards and Commissions, Volunteer Board Application. Applications should be submitted to Michele Davis at m.davis@beaufortnc.org by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, 2020. Members who are currently serving and would like to be reappointed must complete a new application.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission met Aug. 18 and discussed the following items:

- Case # 20-15 513 Front Street-Exterior Paint: Request to paint exterior a grey/blue as approved from the State Historic preservation Office. Tabled until September meeting for the applicant to consider a softer exterior shade of the proposed color.
- Case # 20-06 122 Front Street-Installation of a fence: Request to install a Beaufort style fence along the rear of the property along the seawall at a height not over 48 inches (4 feet). Approved as presented.
- Historic Standards Update—Our consultant provided a first draft to staff and the State. Initial comments have been made. The next draft is expected in September and will be shared with the Commission. A draft for the community should be available in October with a comment and review period.

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.

New Payment Option for Utility Bills and Permits: Web Inquiry and Payment Portal (WIPP)

There is a new way to check your balance and pay your bill online. From the town website www.beaufortnc.org, select Residents, Pay My Utility Bill, then scroll down and click the link for WIPP. Using your account number and PIN (printed on your bill, you can check your balance, see your last three bills, and pay by debit or credit card, or by e-check. There is a convenience fee of 2.95% for debit/credit, and \$1.05 for e-check. There is not a transaction amount limit. To pay an invoice, go to the WIPP page using the instructions above. You will need to have your customer ID and PIN, which is printed on your invoice. If you are used to paying through Official Payments, we think you will find WIPP to be a more enhanced service. Please start using WIPP for your online payments, as we will be transitioning away from Official Payments over the next few months. Official Payments will still be the method to use for IVR (over-the-phone) payments. If you have any questions, please email billing@beaufortnc.org.

Beaufort Town Flags: Beaufort 3' x 5' flag (\$70) and 12" x 18" garden flags (\$25) are for sale at Ace Hardware, 1511 Live Oak; Cousins Bed & Breakfast, 305 Turner; and First Citizens Bank, 1501 Live Oak. All proceeds benefit the community through the Beaufort Woman's Club.

September Meetings

All meetings will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Please visit the calendar item for the meeting at www.beaufortnc.org/calendar for meeting login information.

- 6 p.m. Sept. 1—Historic Preservation Commission
- 6 p.m. Sept. 3—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- 6 p.m. Sept. 14—Board of Commissioners
- 6 p.m. Sept. 21—Planning Board
- 4 p.m. Sept. 28—Board of Commissioners Work Session
- 6 p.m. Sept. 28—Board of Adjustment

Planning Board

The Planning Board met on Aug. 17 and discussed the following item:

- Case 20-09 Preliminary Plat for 1107 & 1111 Live Oak Street: Request to divide a 1.279 acre tract into 8 single family lots. Denied based on the following:
 - The design not meeting section 9.11 of the Subdivision Ordinance requiring a minimum of 24 foot pavement width
 - The need for better vehicular circulation found in Section 10.01 of the Subdivision Ordinance. Proposed amendment would change the way building height is measured in Special Flood Hazard Areas.

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment met on July 27 and made their finding

on the following item:

Case # 20-01 800 Ann Street: Request for 3 variances: 16.4' encroachment from Ann Street; a 6.32' encroachment from Marsh Street; and a variance from the 50% impervious surface requirement in the RS-5 Zone to an increase of 54.25%. Request was denied by a 3 to 2 decision. Contact Kyle Garner, Planning Director with questions at 252-728-2142 or k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

Fats, Oils & Greases

Many overflows, or SSO's, are caused by the accumulations of fats, oils, and greases (FOG) in the wastewater collection system. While the collection system is designed to handle and safely transport sanitary waste to the wastewater treatment plant, too much FOG placed into the system can cause clogs and result in an overflow, especially after high flow events such as heavy rains. Dumping fats and oils derived from animal and vegetable sources, including meats, nuts, cereals, and beans, down any drain, in either a home or business, can cause a stoppage that forces raw, untreated waste to spill into our yards, streets, and streams. The Town has adopted a sanitary sewer ordinance in an attempt to reduce the frequency of grease-related overflows.



Consumer Confidence Report

The Consumer Confidence Report for the Town of Beaufort (PWS ID 04-16-010) & Eastmans Creek SD (PWS ID 70-16-013) is available for the public. These Consumer Confidence Reports can be obtained by requesting a copy at Town Hall or by visiting the following website (www.beaufortnc.org/publicutilities). If you have any questions, comment, or concerns, feel free to contact Wade Keeler at (252) 728-2130.



Complete Your 2020 Census

my2020census.gov

10 minutes will shape your future for 10 years

Or at 844-330-2020 (English)

844-468-2020 (Spanish)

Assistance in 59 Languages



**MAKE NC
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CENSUS 2020

Staying apart brings us together. Protect your family and neighbors.

Stay home if:



You are sick.



You are at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19.

If you leave home, know your 3 Ws!



WEAR

a cloth mask over your nose and mouth.



WAIT

6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.



WASH

your hands or use hand sanitizer.



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Learn more at
nc.gov/covid19.



NC DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

The 2020 Census

An Urgent Call to Action

The 2020 Census is at a critical moment. This count determines North Carolina's federal funding and representation for the next 10 years.

And yet, with little time left, our state is severely undercounted. With only one month left in the process, nearly 40% of North Carolina has not responded to the Census. With our current count, we will lose \$7 billion each year for the next 10 years.

Every single response to the 2020 Census is an estimated \$18,000 to North Carolina over the next decade. That is funding for roads, early education, rural development, veterans, senior care, emergency response services, and parks. Respond today at my2020census.gov or 844-330-2020.

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way.

The questions are straightforward. No individual data can be reported to any government agency. Title 13 of US law protects your personal census information for 72 years.

Information provided by the NC League of Municipalities.

Carteret County Public Library

The Carteret County Public Library is now offering modified service hours to include Saturdays. The County is in the process of completing the work needed for the library to offer in person services in the safest manner for our patrons. Until then, patrons have access to call or go online for modified services which include:

- Registering for a library cards
- Extending checkouts
- Online and digital resources questions
- Parking Lot Pick-up Service
- Ordering Books by Mail
- WiFi Service locations

Monday-Saturday 9 AM- 5:30 PM

Beaufort Branch- Main Library 1702 Live Oak Street, Suite 100
Beaufort, NC 28516 (252) 648 - 7725

For more information on any Carteret County Library visit www.carteretcountypubliclibrary.org or their Facebook page @carteretcountylibraries.

Have Questions about How to Vote?

Visit the Carteret County Board of Elections online at <https://www.carteretcountync.gov/434/Board-of-Elections>, call (252) 728-8460 or email BOEMail@carteretcountync.gov.



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YOUR ZONE?**

NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL EVACUATION ZONES

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KNOW YOUR
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BE DISASTER READY

- Make a family communications plan.
- Build an emergency supplies kit.
- Stay informed.
- Make sure you have a way to receive weather alerts.
- Check ReadyNC.org for updates.

ReadyNC



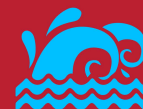
EMERGENCY KIT

- Water (1 gallon/person for 3-7 days)
- Food (non perishable)
- Cell phone & charger
- Blanket & pillow
- Seasonal changes of clothes & sturdy shoes
- Prescription drugs & first aid kit
- Toiletries
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- NOAA weather radio
- Cash
- Important documents

ReadyNC

WHAT IS STORM SURGE?

- Storm surge is an abnormal rise of water caused by a storm, over the predicted amount.
- Along the coast, storm surge is often the greatest threat to life and property from a tropical storm.
- Storm surge kills more people than wind, tornadoes and inland flooding.



ReadyNC

Have an Eggs-cellent visit @ the OBFM!



It's mighty hot but the hens are still layin', okra is abundant, and the market is thriving.

Join in the fun at our safe outdoor venue for a family-friendly Saturday morning excursion to the courthouse grounds from 9 until 1. Find a diverse group of local vendors ready with smiles on their faces!

DownEast Beaufort Center for Women's Ministries

2020 has been challenging for all of us. Need someone you can talk to who will encourage you? Come visit us at the DownEast Beaufort Center for Women's Ministries. We are open and available for free peer counseling. Please call 252-504-2441 to arrange your appointment. Also, we are looking for more volunteers who have a heart to help women. We are beginning a new Peer Counseling Training Semester and would love for you to join in on Tuesday afternoons. Please call us to get more information. Additionally, we are offering a study called Women of the Bible on Mondays at 11 a.m. beginning Sept 14. We can learn from women of history who overcame so much. We are located at 407 Live Oak Street, Suite #5 in Beaufort, sanitized and socially distanced! We have been where you are and would love to walk beside you. You are not alone!



Beaufort Firemen's Association fundraiser

The Beaufort Firemen's Association is a non-profit 501-c organization whose primary purpose is to raise funds to assist the Beaufort Fire Dept.

The Association is currently selling t-shirts featuring the new Pierce 107' Ascendant fire truck. T-shirts are available in blue or gray and in a variety of sizes. Order online at <https://beaufort-fireman-assoc.square.site/s/shop>.

BEAUFORT *Historical Association*

Beaufort Historic Site

Please be advised the Beaufort Historic Site is following state and federal mandated guidelines regarding COVID19, events are also subject to change. Sign up for a class/tour by calling 252-728-5225 or in the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center, 130 Turner St.

The Beaufort Historic Site offers unique tours year-round that allow guests to take a step back in time! Join them for a tour of their historic buildings that date back to the 18th century, visit the Old Burying Ground and learn the tales of the many colorful characters who have been laid to rest there, or hop aboard their Historic English Double-Decker bus and learn the history of Historic Beaufort. Tours meet at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center! Please bring your masks.

Call 252-728-5225 for more information or to schedule a tour. View a tour video at beauforthistoricsite.org.

If you leave home, know your 3 Ws!



WEAR

a cloth mask over your nose and mouth.



WAIT

6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.



WASH

your hands or use hand sanitizer.

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#StayStrongNC

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NORTH CAROLINA

Wear A Mask or Walk the Plank!

We are all in this
together, please
protect yourself and
others by wearing a
mask!

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Pirate Invasion inc.

Town of Beaufort