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Mayor expresses gratitude, looks forward to new year

The Board approved at its November meeting a contract with Waste Industries for the collection of residential trash. Waste Industries will provide each household a 95-gallon green rollout container and will pick up trash for each location once a week. The company will also provide one 95-gallon rollout container for recyclable trash and that service will be once every two weeks.

The new service will begin Feb. 27, and any Town employee displaced by discontinuation of Town pickup will be considered for a similar position with Waste Industries. Likewise, any truck or equipment we use that will no longer be needed is to be purchased by the company. The Town will continue to pick up the trash for downtown restaurants and stores under a new arrangement.

As I look back over the last two or three years and reflect on what 2017 will bring to Beaufort, there are several things to be thankful for from the viewpoint of the Town.

First, we owe a great deal of thanks and appreciation to our retiring manager, Charlie Burgess. We are on sound financial footing, have good employees and department heads, and the outlook for the Town is rosy with new housing, a new inn and bistro announced at our meeting Dec. 12, and other complimentary growth. He has been an excellent manager and we wish him well.

Secondly, we are fortunate that the NCDOT moved up construction of the new bridge and that it was funded to the exclusion of other areas that likewise need road improvements. While it took a long time to plan for and see to completion, it will mean a great deal for our Town. It is with much anticipation that we look forward to the opening of the new bridge and US 70 corridor.

Thirdly, we are appreciative of the location of Cape Lookout National Seashore Ferry Operations in Beaufort and the economic vitality it brings through the 40,000 visitors annually. Pat Kenney has done a tremendous job as park superintendent in starting the new ferry service here through local vendors and we are thankful for the partnership we have with the National Park Service. We congratulate him on his appointment as assistant superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, which is reflective of his skills and a job well done.

We live in a great Town abounding in beautiful surroundings and talented and delightful citizens. We have much to be thankful for. Happy New Year!

Mayor Richard Stanley

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE TOWN OF BEAUFORT!

TOWN MEETINGS

are at 6 p.m. in the Train Depot, 614 Broad St., unless otherwise noted.

Jan	Feb	PARKS & REC ADVISORY BOARD
05	02	First Thursdays
Jan	Feb	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
03	07	First Tuesdays
Jan	Feb	BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
09	13	Second Mondays
Jan	Feb	PLANNING BOARD
17	20	Third Mondays
Jan	Feb	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
23	27	Fourth Mondays

WORK SESSION

The monthly work session for the Board of Commissioners is at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, in the Train Depot. The public is welcome.

ANNUAL RETREAT

The annual retreat for the Board of Commissioners is at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, in the in the Boathouse at Front Street Village, 2400 Lennoxville Road, Beaufort. The public is encouraged to attend.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

New Year's Day holiday will be observed Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, and Town Hall will be closed. Trash pickup will be Tuesday, Jan. 3, Recycling will be collected Wednesday, Jan. 4, and Yard Debris & Bulk Items will be collected Thursday, Jan. 5.

Town Hall will be closed in observation of Martin Luther King Day Monday, Jan. 16. Trash pickup will be Tuesday, Jan. 17, Recycling will be collected Wednesday, Jan. 18, and Yard Debris & Bulk Items will be collected Thursday, Jan. 19.

TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Public Works will collect natural Christmas trees on Jan. 11, Jan. 12, and Jan. 13 to deliver to Fort Macon State Park. Please make sure the tree is free of any decorations. The trees help with erosion.

Kayak Storage Permits

Annual permits will be issued First Wednesday of February

Permits for overnight, long-term storage for non-motorized, self-propelled vessels will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis to full-time and part-time residents at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Town Hall.

Residents wishing to apply for one of the 12 permits at Grayden Paul Park or one of the 33 permits at Fishermen's Park should bring proof of residency such as a property tax bill or utility bill. The nontransferable and nonrefundable \$25 fee can be paid for at that time with cash or check.

Permits are valid for 364 days following issuance and are limited to one per resident with a maximum of two permits

issued annually per household.

If an applicant is unable to appear in person, they may send an authorized representative who will need to present written and signed authorization from the applicant. This proxy will only be issued the one permit for the person they are representing; the person cannot obtain a permit as a proxy and a permit for their own use.

Those who do not renew their permit have seven days from Feb. 1 to remove their boat. Non-permitted vessels left overnight after the seven days shall be subject to removal by the Town.

For more details, contact Jennifer Allen at 728-2141 or j.allen@beaufortnc.org.

Multi-Modal Committee

Group met Dec. 12

The Multi-modal Committee held its first meeting Dec. 12 in the Train Depot to discuss the positives and needed improvements of the existing sidewalks, multi-use path and street network.

A couple of the significant takeaways were the need for better connectivity and

pedestrian safety.

Each member was assigned to develop of list of 10 locations within Town that are most important to be connected and submit them to staff so that these locations could be mapped and shared at the next meeting to take place in January.

Chat with the Chief

Learn more about our Town's Police Department

As part of the Police Department's ongoing commitment to outstanding customer service, Chief Paul Burdette is inviting all residents and business owners to attend the quarterly "Chat with the

Chief" at 6 p.m. Jan. 10 in the Train Depot.

Chief Burdette developed this program to provide the community with statistics, trends, and information on the operations within the Police Department.

Trash Collection Changes

Waste Industries to provide pickup starting Feb. 27

Waste Industries will begin providing garbage and recycling pickup for the Town beginning Feb. 27.

Next month, all residents will be delivered a green 95-gallon cart for trash and a blue 95-gallon cart for recycling.

These containers will be new and

already assembled. Simple instructions on where to place the containers, day of service and what materials can be recycled will be delivered with the carts.

More information will be published on the Town's website and newsletter in the coming months.

Volunteer Board Vacancies

Applications are being accepted

The Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for three in-town terms for the Planning Board and two in-town terms for the Beaufort Historic

Preservation Commission. Appointments are for three years. Contact Town Clerk Jennifer Allen at j.allen@beaufortnc.org or 252-728-2141. Deadline is Feb. 8.

Meetings At A Glance

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DEC. 12 REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting Dec. 12 in the Train Depot.

Before business began, Boys and Girls Clubs of Coastal Carolina Beaufort Club members sang Christmas carols.

Cape Lookout National Seashore Superintendent Pat Kenney spoke about his transition to Deputy Superintendent at Yellowstone National Park and the importance of the Cape Lookout and Beaufort partnership.

Bucky Oliver reported that Front Street Village is moving forward with its inn and bistro project. The 30,488-square-foot bistro building will have 8,400 square feet of meeting space and the ballroom can seat more than 300. There will be 133 guest

rooms at the inn that Concord Hospitality has agreed to operate. Construction will begin the first quarter of 2017 with an expected opening in spring of 2018.

Other business at the meeting included the approval of the final plat for Beau Coast Phase I Subdivision and it was decided to hold a public hearing at the January board meeting regarding the historic landmark designation of the old Beaufort Elementary School.

The following three public hearing items were all approved:

- A Special Use Permit request by Loving's Family, LLC for a "Retail Business" in TR Zoning District – 102-G Professional Park Drive was approved.

- A request by Coastal Vistas Partnership to rezone 153 Aqua 10 Road consisting of 10.87 acres in the Town's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction from B-W (Business Waterfront) to R-8 (Single Family Residential) was approved on the condition the property is annexed.

- A Special Use Permit request by Coastal Vistas Partnership for a 32-Slip Residential Marina with a 1,200 accessory structure for 153 Aqua 10 Road was approved.

Manager Charles Burgess reminded the Board about the annual retreat at 9 a.m. Jan. 6 at Front Street Village.

He also updated the Board that plans were under way for the ribbon cutting for the new fire station, expected in the spring.

PLANNING BOARD NOV. 21 REGULAR MEETING

The Planning Board met Nov. 21 at the Train Depot to hear the following items:

- Final Plat Approval: A request to approve the final plat for Beau Coast Subdivision Phase 1, showing the division of a 30.44-acre tract into 94 residential lots and including a request to accept a Letter of credit in the amount of \$2,084,758.67 for the remaining infrastructure to be installed was recommended as presented.

- Special Use Permit: A request to operate

- a 700-square-foot retail business in a Transitional Zoning District at 102-G Professional Park Drive was recommended without any conditions.

- Rezoning: A request to rezone 10.87 acres from B-W to R-8 at the end of West Beaufort Road was recommend for approval with the condition that the property become annexed before the rezoning takes effect.

- Special Use Permit: A request to develop a proposed 32-slip residential marina with

- a 1,280-square-foot community building for 153 Aqua 10 Road was recommend for approval with the condition that the property become annexed as part of the Special Use Permit.

The Planning Board was provided a report from the planning staff that the Historic Preservation Commission did not support permitting the possibility of allowing a height increase in excess of 35 feet in the local historic district.

BEAUFORT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION DEC. 6 REGULAR MEETING

The Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting Dec. 6 to hear the following requests:

- 127 Front St.: A request to replace non-original windows, new doors, siding, trim, shingles, and shutters and to construct a 21-foot by 25-foot detached garage in the street side/rear yard to include landscaping was approved with conditions that the size of the original front windows remain the same as well as the remaining windows be replaced with wood.

- 314 Orange St.: A request to construct a concrete pad between the house and sidewalk with one wooden step from house to concrete pad was tabled at the applicant's request and rescheduled for January 2017.

- 437 Front St.: A request for a new sign was approved.

- 110 Moore St.: A request to demolish the existing 16-foot by 15-foot, 240-square foot shed/garage and construct a new 32-foot by 22-foot, 704-square-foot garage to match the existing house; and construct

- 7.4-foot by 4.4-foot deck attached to rear of house was approved with the condition that the driveway be broken into sections using brick runners.

- 128 Middle Lane: A request was made to replace shingle roof with 5 V metal roof to match the shed roof and remove white, stucco-covered cinder block walls from entrance on Middle Lane was approved.

For more details contact Kyle Garner, Town Planner, at 252-728-2142 or at k.garner@beaufortnc.org.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOV. 28 REGULAR MEETING

The Town of Beaufort Board of Adjustment held its regular meeting Nov. 28 to hear the following requests:

- The Town of Beaufort requested an appeal of the Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission's decision to grant a Certificate

- of Appropriateness for an accessory structure at 219 Moore St. for John and Juny Smith variance request. This was tabled until the January Board of Adjustment meeting.

- A request for the designated side right-of-way setback reduced from 20 feet to 10 feet

- for 127 Front St. was approved.

- A request was approved for the rear setback at 125 Ann St. to be reduced from 25 feet to 20 feet and to be allowed to exceed the 10-percent annual replacement limit on a nonconforming structure.

Beaufort Garden Club

The Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the new year at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at the new location, the Eure Building of Ann Street Methodist Church.

The program will be presented by representatives from the Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter (OWLS). They will talk about rescuing wild animals and how they are cared for at the center at 100 Wildlife Way, Newport.

County Parks & Rec Programs

- In the Old Beaufort Elementary cafeteria are Core & More Fitness classes at 6 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and High Intensity Interval Training at 5:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, both with Connie Lewis (919-605-0021).
- A new session of ballroom dancing begins Jan. 6. For more information, call Patti Freeman at 252-422-2519.
- The Second Annual Father/Daughter Dance is at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, in the Old Beaufort Elementary School Cafeteria. The theme this year is "Boots & Bling."
- For details about Carteret County Parks & Recreation and its programs, visit ccpr.recdesk.com.

Carteret County Public Library

- Carteret County Public Library, 1702 Live Oak St., Beaufort, will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, for Martin Luther King Day.
 - "Let's Talk About It": Carteret County Public Library is once again hosting the "Let's Talk About It!" book discussion series starting Monday, Jan. 30. The series theme is "Explorations of Faith in Literature." Sessions are at 7 p.m. every other Monday beginning Jan. 30 until March 27, 2017, at the Carteret County Public Library and are free and open to the public. The five books for this winter's series are the following: "Peace Like a River by Lief Enger with speaker Willie Nelms (MA MSLA) Sheppard Memorial Library, Greenville NC; "The Chosen" by Chaim Potok with speaker Rebecca Godwin (PhD) Barton College; "Traveling Mercies" by Anne Lamott with speaker Billy Yeargin (MLS) Duke University; "Ceremony" by Leslie Marmon Silko with speaker Michelle Manning (MAT MFA), UNC-Wilmington; and "A Prayer for Owen Meany" by John Irving with speaker Bill DiNome of UNC-Wilmington.
 - Activities for Children: Preschool Storytime is at 10 a.m. every Wednesday and Time for Tots is at 10 a.m. every Friday.
 - Teen Film Club: A club for making films is from 5-7 p.m. every Thursday. Registration is required.
 - Gateways: A place for tweens to explore, create & imagine begins at 6 p.m. every Monday. For ages 12-17, sign up required.
 - Lego Club is from 6 to 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month.
 - Books Exchange and Sale: Stop by the paperback book exchange to see what's available and trade for free paperback books! Friends of the Library also host an in-house book sale.
- Regular hours for the library are 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. each Friday and 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. every Saturday.

For more information, call the library at 728-2050 or visit the website, <http://carteret.cplib.org>.

Beaufort Woman's Club

You are invited to travel through time at the "95th Birthday Celebration" of the Beaufort Woman's Club from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, in the Train Depot. Learn how the Beaufort Woman's Club has played a key role in shaping our community since 1921. There will be a slide presentation, scrapbooks dating back to the early 1920s, stories and more.

The Woman's Club is also selling 3-foot (\$60) and 5-foot (\$50) Town flags at Cousins Bed & Breakfast, 305 Turner St.; First Citizens Bank, 411 Front St.; and Time in a Bottle, 300 Front St., Unit 3. To mail a flag, email karma@healthpromo.com.

NC Maritime Museum Schedule

- Brown Bag Gam: From Lightship to Light Towers Jan. 5.
 - Merry Time for Tots: Pirate Hooks & Peg Legs Jan. 11.
 - Sixth Annual Clam Chowder Cook-off Jan. 20.
 - Carolina Maritime Model Society Meeting Jan. 28.
 - Introduction to Wooden Boatbuilding Course Jan. 28-29.
 - Brown Bag Gam: North Carolina Dolphins Jan. 30.
- Programs require registration. Call 252-728-7317 or visit www.ncmaritimemuseums.com for more details.

Beaufort Historical Association

- The BHA will host its semi-annual membership meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24. Held twice a year, this meeting to honor all volunteers is at Ann Street Methodist Church's Eure Building. A potluck dinner will be followed by a short business meeting, presentation of volunteer awards and a program about Beaufort's history. For information, call 252-728-5225.

Downtown Development Association

Mardi Gras on Middle Lane, a street party with New Orleans flavor, is from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

Live music with Blue Moon Jazz is from 2-3 p.m. and Out of Nowhere will perform 3:30-6 p.m.

There will be Cajun food, crafts for the kids and more along Middle Lane.

The parade kicks off at 3 p.m. Costumes are strongly encouraged. To enter a krewe in the foot parade there is a \$50 fee. Contact Liz Kopf at lizkopf@gmail.com or 252-728-7108 for more details. No motorized vehicles are allowed in the parade.

Proceeds from krewe fees benefit the Downtown Beaufort Development Association to support future events and marketing efforts.

Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market

A note from organizers of the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market:

The Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market wishes to thank everyone who supported the market during the 2016 season, including residents, visitors, businesses, and Town and County administrators. Because of everyone's support the market grew, attracting more vendors who provided locally grown, caught, raised, and made products to enhance a healthy, community oriented lifestyle. We look forward to the 2017 season at the market on the courthouse square where life slows down so neighbors and catch up. Happy New Year from OBFM!