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## Mayor wishes retiring manager well, welcomes new town manager

On Jan. 9, 2017, those present at the Board meeting witnessed a meaningful transfer of duties and a very heartfelt and sincere thanks to Charlie Burgess for the excellent job he rendered as manager.

Our retiring manager was presented with a print of our waterfront, a proclamation for this Virginia native bestowing lifetime TAR HEEL status, and a reception attended by employees, officials from towns in the county and many well wishers. I have seldom witnessed such a career public servant who always looked at the bright side and gave such solid advice. He will be missed by all and we salute him for his great service to the town and our community.

At the same meeting, I introduced our new manager, John Day. John is very personable and friendly and, like Charlie, has many years in county and town management. He has served as both Town Manager for Lenoir and County Manager for Cabarrus County, one of our largest counties in the state, for 13 years. He currently resides in Gloucester, NC, and has kinship to Carteret County families. We wish him well, look forward to his leadership, and ask that you extend to him a warm welcome.

Our new manager has been confronted with growth before as manager of Cabarrus when it grew so rapidly around 10 to 15 years ago. We have shared with him our goal that growth be reasonable and well planned for, and that under no means is it to destroy our lifestyle, which we cherish and that makes our town so different.

We held our annual retreat and planning session on Jan. 6. Our capital needs for paving streets, constructing parks and undertaking some utility projects exceed \$7.5 million. We heard reports on various means of financing. Friends of the Maritime Museum presented their study on the current campaign for improvements at Gallants Channel, consisting of a new combination exhibit hall and event facility.

Charles and Wendi Oliver have announced their intention to move forward with a new inn, bistro and meeting facility and have filed plans and an application for a building permit. These are exciting times in our town.

Lastly, I report to you the gift of real estate in front of the Town Hall by Lynn Eury and his family, which provides the Town access to the water for events such as the Pirate Invasion and concerts.

*Mayor Richard Stanley*

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM THE TOWN OF BEAUFORT!**

## TOWN MEETINGS

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

Feb	Mar	<b>PARKS &amp; REC ADVISORY BOARD</b>
<b>09</b>	<b>02</b>	First Thursdays
Feb	Mar	<b>HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION</b>
<b>07</b>	<b>07</b>	First Tuesdays
Feb	Mar	<b>BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	Second Mondays
Feb	Mar	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	Third Mondays
Feb	Mar	<b>BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	Fourth Mondays

### WORK SESSION

This month's work session for the Board of Commissioners is at 8 a.m. Feb. 22 in the Train Depot. The public is welcome.

### VOLUNTARY BOARD VACANCIES

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 Hall at 252-728-2141. Deadline is Feb. 8.

### KAYAK STORAGE PERMITS

Permits for overnight, long-term storage for non-motorized, self-propelled vessels will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis to residents at 8 a.m. 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. The nontransferable, nonrefundable \$25 fee can be paid by cash or check. Permits are valid for 364 days following issuance and limited to one per resident, maximum of two permits issued annually per household.

If an applicant is unable to appear in person, they may send a representative who will need to present signed authorization from the applicant. 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 Town Hall at 728-2141

## A Note from Retiring Town Manager

### *Charlie Burgess bids citizens farewell*

Thank You. Thank you to a community, a Mayor, Board of Commissioners and an organization that took a chance in October of 2009 and hired a "retired" Virginia local government employee to be the next Beaufort Town Manager.

Seven plus years later, on a bittersweet note, I once again "retire." Bitter because I love the profession, and I especially love practicing the profession here in this community. Sweet because there are other pursuits I want to embrace while I am able.

I started my career in public service in July 1976 as a Juvenile Probation Officer in the City of Hampton, Va. I took a curious route to get to this "end of the business," but have spent the past 27 years as the manager of four different communities.

The past seven years here provided the opportunity to draw together the previous 30-plus years of public sector experience and to blend it into a management approach and practice here in Beaufort. My experience here has been the most enjoyable of my career.

I came here a stranger but as I step down from my position, I now, going forward, call this community home.

I have benefited from a tremendous Board/Manager relationship, talented staff, an engaged community and numerous positive interactions with local organizations and foundations.

As an organization we have strived to be open, approachable, and helpful, assist in problem solving and, along the way, use a heavy helping of common sense. We strive to be thoughtful in our words and actions all while being reasonable in our decisions.

As I reflect on the past seven years, I am pleased with what has occurred here in Beaufort. I am pleased with where we are and where the Beaufort Community is heading. It is difficult to step away from the future challenges and opportunities but it is time.

My plans are to be involved in Beaufort and Carteret County in a different way. Though I'm not sure what that means exactly at this writing, I imagine I will figure it out along the way.

So once again I thank each of you for the opportunity I was entrusted with here in Beaufort.

## Multimodal Committee

### *Meeting held in late January*

The Town's Multimodal Committee will have met Jan. 26 and discussed the 63 projects that were submitted.

At this time, projects have been broken into three categories, which include multimodal, intersection improvements

and pedestrian improvements. Of these projects, the committee will review the projects and develop a list of priorities.

Staff will provide the committee's list in the next newsletter as well as a link to a website to review the maps.

## Traffic Pattern Talk

### *Pine/Mulberry/Cedar Streets Caucus Feb. 28*

The Town Planning Department will conduct a public forum at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Train Depot, 614 Broad St., for the residents of between Cedar and Mulberry and Turner Street and Live Oak.

The purpose of this forum will be to discuss the existing and potential

future traffic patterns and possible improvements that may take place due to the construction of the new bridge. Other topics may include property issues and updates on Town infrastructure projects.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 252-728-2142.

# Meetings At A Glance

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JAN. 6 ANNUAL RETREAT, JAN. 9 REGULAR MEETING

### ANNUAL RETREAT

The Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners met Jan. 6 for its annual retreat. Advisors for municipalities Jared L. White and Thomas Bardenwerper with Stephens Inc. of Charlotte held with the Board a debt discussion; staff discussed the Capital Improvement Plan for the next five years; David DuBuisson, President of the Friends of the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort, shared with the Board plans to expand at the museum's Gallants Channel annex; and Chad Meadows with CodeWright Planners brought the officials up to speed on the progress of the ordinance for New 70 District.

### REGULAR MEETING

The Beaufort Board of Commissioners held Jan. 9 its regularly scheduled meeting.

At the meeting, retiring Town Manager Charles Burgess shared his thoughts about his time serving the citizens of Beaufort. After Mr. Burgess spoke, Mayor Stanley

presented Mr. Burgess with a proclamation, key to the Town and print of the Beaufort waterfront.

Mayor Stanley ceremonially swore Daniel Joseph Latorella II in as a Beaufort Police Officer.

During a Fiscal Year 15-16 Financial Audit presentation, Chris Burton, partner with Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI), explained that the audit was clean. The audit document is available on the Town website at <http://beaufortnc.org/home/showdocument?id=3997>.

Text and Map Additions to the Land Development Ordinance for the Town of Beaufort, which includes Section 10-E A-ED Airport Environmental District and its complementary Noise Contour Map, Section 10-F Airport Runway Exclusion District and its complementary Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) Map, and Table 10-1 Overlay/Conservation Districts Table of Uses, was approved at a public hearing.

Also approved at a public hearing was

the removal of Local Historic Landmark status of the former Beaufort Elementary School, gymnasium and acreage.

The Board approved a committee was appointed to study an Airport/Highway 101 Alternative, which was an item that was added to the agenda.

Wade Keeler with Town Public Works/Public Utilities presented an update on the newest program, infrastructure inspections on new developments. He shared the most recent progress at Beau Coast on Lennoxville Road.

Items of Consent approved during the meeting were the 2017-18 budget calendar; Downtown Beaufort Development Association request to waive ABC laws for Mardi Gras on Middle Lane Feb. 25; Dec. 12, 2016, Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes; Certification Of Municipal Declaration To Enact Speed Limits And Request For Concurrence; and A Proclamation Commemorating Town of Beaufort School Choice Week.

## PLANNING BOARD JAN. 17 REGULAR MEETING

The Town of Beaufort Planning Board held its regular meeting Jan. 17 in the Train Depot to hear the following items:

- A request by Town staff to discuss and comment on the potential to raise the height limitation to 50 feet as a Special Use

in the B-1, BW and TCA Zoning Districts except in the Local Historic Overlay District. The Planning Board recommended not to pursue this item this time.

- A request to LDO Text Amendment Modifying Section 11 Nonconformities D-3

allowing the increase in nonconforming structures repair from 10 percent to 50 percent. This item was recommended by the Planning Board without any conditions.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 252-728-2142.

## BEAUFORT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION JAN. 3 REGULAR MEETING

The Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission held its meeting Jan. 3 in the Train Depot to discuss the following items:

- 525 Front St.: A request to replace the existing windows with clear glass; remove dentil molding from awning, replace with flat wood trim and paint; remove existing wood trim from front door and paint remaining trim; remove existing slate shingles from awning and replace with standing seam metal roof; install wood

and stainless steel benches in front of building; and add 19-square-foot stainless steel sign over front door. Approved except the signage, which will be resubmitted in February for approval.

- 314 Orange St.: Construct concrete pad between house and sidewalk with one wooden step from house to concrete pad. Approved.

- 213 Marsh St.: A request for a Historic Plaque. Approved.

- 501-507 Broad St.: A request to demolish the former Beaufort Ice House structure. Approved but to delay demolition for a period of one year. On Jan. 23, a negotiation was made with the county with conditions which would allow the earlier removal of the structure.

If you have any questions about Beaufort's Historic District, please contact Stacy Allen, Town Planner, at 252-728-2142 or at [s.allen@beaufortnc.org](mailto:s.allen@beaufortnc.org)

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT JAN. 23 REGULAR MEETING

The Town of Beaufort Board of Adjustment held a meeting on Jan. 23 in the Train Depot to hear the following request:

- 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. The Board of Adjustment Upheld the Historic Commission's Decision to Issue a Certificate of Appropriateness.



## Beaufort Garden Club

The next meeting of the Beaufort Garden Club begins at 10 a.m. Feb. 2 and will be held in the Eure Building of Ann Street Methodist Church. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m.

The program will be given by representatives of the North Carolina Coastal Federation on Native Plants and Planting Rain Gardens.

## County Parks & Rec Programs

- The Second annual Father/Daughter Dance is at 6 p.m. Feb. 11, in the Old Beaufort Elementary School Cafeteria. The theme this year is "Boots & Bling."
- Mardi Gras Ball 6-9 p.m. Feb. 25, Fort Benjamin Park, Newport.
- Carteret County Senior Games are April 10-May 5. Registration is through March 17. Register online.
- In the Old Beaufort Elementary cafeteria are Core & More Fitness classes 6 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and High Intensity Interval Training 5:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, both with Connie Lewis (919-605-0021).
- For ballroom dancing classes, call Patti Freeman at 252-422-2519.

For details on any program or the County Parks and Recreation department, visit [ccpr.recdesk.com](http://ccpr.recdesk.com).

## Carteret County Public Library

• "Let's Talk About It" book discussion series theme is "Explorations of Faith in Literature." Sessions begin at 7 p.m. in the library. Remaining books in the series are the following: "The Chosen" by Chaim Potok with speaker Rebecca Godwin (PhD) Barton College Feb. 13; "Traveling Mercies" by Anne Lamott with speaker Billy Yeargin (MLS) Duke University Feb. 27; "Ceremony" by Leslie Marmon Silko with speaker Michelle Manning (MAT MFA) UNC-Wilmington March 13; and "A Prayer for Owen Meany" by John Irving with speaker Bill DiNome of UNC-Wilmington March 27.

- 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.
- Book Sale and Exchange: Stop by the paperback book exchange to see what's available and trade for free paperback books. The Friends of the Library also host an in-house book sale at the library.

For more information, call the Beaufort library at 252-728-2050 or visit the website, <http://carteret.cpcplib.org>.

## Boatbuilding Challenge

Call For Competitors for the Beaufort National Boatbuilding Competition set for May 6.

Build demonstrations will be March 25 at the MARTEC building of Carteret Community College and April 1 at the boatbuilding school of Cape Fear Community College.

For more information, call Susan Sanders at 252-241-4485.

## Beaufort Woman's Club

All are invited to a silent auction fundraiser of donated jewelry 6-8 p.m. Feb. 9 in the NC Maritime Museum to benefit the Culinary Arts Program of the Carteret Community College. There will be appetizers as well as desserts prepared by the culinary students. Admission is free.

The public is invited to the "Do's & Don'ts Charity Fashion Show & Luncheon" 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. March 10 at the Dunes Club in Atlantic Beach. There will be a luncheon, spring fashions, what not to wear fashions and shopping. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$40. Visit the club's Facebook page or website at [www.BeaufortWomansClub.com](http://www.BeaufortWomansClub.com).

## NC Maritime Museum Schedule

- Merry Time for Tots: Hatteras Jack Feb. 8.
  - Brown Bag Gam: Love at Sea Feb. 10
  - Junior Sailing Program Online Registration Opens Feb. 13
  - Summer Science School Registration Opens Feb. 13
  - Carolina Maritime Model Society Meeting Jan. 28.
  - The Heart of the Sea: Presentation on Echo 7 p.m. Feb. 14
  - Volunteer Appreciation Lunch Feb. 20
  - Brown Bag Gam: Historic Oyster Fishery of NC Feb. 22
  - Carolina Maritime Model Society Meeting Feb. 25
  - Introduction to Wooden Boatbuilding Course Feb. 25-16
- To register, 252-728-7317 & [www.ncmaritimemuseums.com](http://www.ncmaritimemuseums.com).

## Beaufort Historical Association

The BHA Membership Drive Valentine Party is 2-4 p.m. Feb. 12 on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site plus an artist reception in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery for the featured artist, Dan Nelson. Memberships can be purchased online at [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org). For more information about the Valentine Party, check online, stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner St. or 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. No motorized vehicles allowed. Contact Liz Kopf at [lizkopf@gmail.com](mailto:lizkopf@gmail.com) or 252-728-7108 for more details.

## Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market

The Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market is planning now for its fifth season with a goal of reaching and engaging all residents.

If you like to eat locally grown veggies and meats, homemade baked goods, locally caught seafood, buy locally made art and crafts, listen to live music, and visit with your neighbors in a relaxed and fun atmosphere, put the market on the courthouse square on your calendar for Saturday mornings. Also, consider being a vendor in the market yourself.

Visit [www.oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org](http://www.oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org) to get involved.