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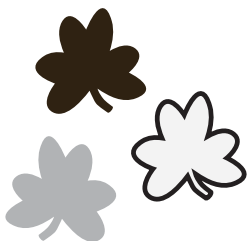
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## Mayor talks about changes ahead for Town of Beaufort

Congratulations are in order for the members of the Beaufort Woman's Club for 95 years of continuity, great works, and deeds, and for their love of this town. The Club celebrated its birthday in January and throughout the years has provided us with many wonderful things including the first public library in Beaufort, food at school for our children, restoration of our depot for public meetings, etc. We wish them continued success as the Club continues to grow and prosper.

Spring arrives as you read this newsletter. We look forward to warmer weather, new plant growth, the arrival of robins and the waking up of Beaufort from its winter rest. It has been an unusual winter with few icy cold days but with warm and cold weather back-to-back.

Beginning in the spring, new garbage and trash pickup starts. It is important that we be patient while problems are worked out as this is new for our citizens and Waste Industries. It is not easy arranging for and serving over 3,000 households and businesses. Getting carts to and from the curb and finding suitable storage places will be one of the biggest headaches. Our Public Works Director Mark Eakes and his staff are available to talk with you and can arrange a meeting with Waste Industries representatives.

John Day, our new manager, is on board having started Feb. 6. John is very personable and has many years of experience working in local government. He will be putting together our budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. We have many needs that remain unmet at this point, street paving and stormwater flooding, to name a few, and it is a challenge to find the revenues within the framework of keeping a tax rate that is not unduly burdensome.

We have been spending \$300,000 annually over the last three or so years for paving and this is totally inadequate when the estimated costs for all street resurfacing and repairs are near \$8 million. It is imperative that the Board adopt a long-range capital improvement program that provides for specific projects and areas to be paved each year, sets out a borrowing mechanism and debt repayment, and factors in any additional revenues we will need to meet the debt. Stay turned as this needs to be done before or as part of this year's budget.

*Mayor Richard Stanley*

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY FROM THE TOWN OF BEAUFORT!**

## TOWN MEETINGS

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

Mar Apr **PARKS & REC  
ADVISORY BOARD**  
**02 06** First Thursdays

Mar Apr **HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION**  
**07 04** First Tuesdays

Mar Apr **BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**  
**13 17** Second Mondays

Mar Apr **PLANNING BOARD**  
**20 10** Third Mondays

Mar Apr **BOARD OF  
ADJUSTMENT**  
**27 24** Fourth Mondays

### WORK SESSION

This month's work session for the Board of Commissioners is at 4 p.m. March 27 in the Train Depot. The public is welcome.

Work Sessions are now held at 4 p.m. the fourth Monday of the Month. These meetings will continue to be held in the Train Depot.

### TALK TRASH

"Talk Trash" with a representative from Waste Industries will be held 4-6 p.m. March 8 and 4-6 p.m. March 22 in the Train Depot, 614 Broad St. Citizens are encouraged to come and ask any questions they have about the new trash collection process.

### FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE

Now that spring is around the corner there is not a better time to start thinking about purchasing flood insurance for the rainy season. To help identify the how, when, where and tips about flooding, the Town of Beaufort recommends that you contact your insurance agent or visit the [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov) website for additional information. Residents within special flood hazard areas of Beaufort should receive a 15-percent discount on purchasing Flood Insurance due to the Town participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

For more information, contact Kyle Garner at 252-728-2142 or send him an email at [k.garner@beaufortnc.org](mailto:k.garner@beaufortnc.org).

## \$2 Million Gift

### Board Marks Donation for Park Projects

After consulting with the donor and the donor's financial advisers regarding the use of the gift of \$2 million that we received two years ago, the Board of Commissioners voted to commit the money to the water access park where Grayden Paul Bridge is currently located, and the development of a new park and community center on the site of the Public Works building bounded by Carteret Avenue, Pine and Hedrick streets.

Different uses were explored with the donor's advisor including street paving, a new police department headquarters, redesign of Cedar Street, and the two parks. The two parks were favored because one creates water access and scenic vistas that will be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike for generations to come, and the Public Works site will give us a new park with a community building, an outdoor stage for concerts and other types of entertainment, a place for town meetings, walking trails and an expanded use of Randolph Johnson Park for children.

The first step for both parks will be the engagement of an architect and/or engineering firm to plan and design the site improvements and structures.

This is very exciting for the Town as we will finally have a community building for class reunions, parties, town meetings, etc. While use of the Depot has been a blessing, it is in need of renovation and repairs and its use is somewhat limited.

We are very grateful to the donor for making this possible. At some point according to the guidelines of the gift, we could dedicate the parks in an appropriate way to honor the family.

Mayor Richard L. Stanley

## Trash Transition Delay

### Waste Industries to begin Collection in April

Staff is currently working through logistics with Waste Industries regarding the company taking over trash and recycling collection for the Town of Beaufort.

In an effort to ensure the transition goes as smoothly as possible, it has been decided to wait until April before transferring the service completely over to Waste Industries.

A firm date will be announced in mid-March.

In the meantime, Public Works will continue to collect household waste on Mondays, recycling on Tuesdays and yard and bulk items on Wednesdays.

Town will continue to seek public input in the coming weeks.

Representatives from Waste Industries held forums in February and will again at 4 p.m. March 8 and March 22 in the Train Depot to answer questions about the transition from Town-provided service to Waste Industries.

Additionally, one of the 95-gallon rollout cans that will be distributed for use is in Town Hall to test out.

Please email any concerns, questions or suggestions to Public Information Officer Jennifer Allen at [j.allen@beaufortnc.org](mailto:j.allen@beaufortnc.org).

## Pine/Mulberry/Cedar Streets Caucus

### Planning Department met with residents to discuss traffic patterns

The Town Planning Department will have held Feb. 28 a public forum/caucus for the residents of between Cedar and Mulberry streets and Turner and Live Oak streets.

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

future traffic patterns and potential 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. Staff will provide an update in next month's newsletter.

# Boards & Committees At A Glance

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners held on Feb. 13 its regular meeting.

Guy Higgins and Napoleon Carter with the Sons of the American Revolution, patriot Isaac Carter Chapter in Harlowe, spoke about the Revolutionary War and Battle of Beaufort. Mr. Higgins announced that, in conjunction with the Beaufort Historical Association, there will be a commemoration of the Battle of Beaufort April 2.

Gail Leighton, Vice President of Business Development with Precision Safe Sidewalks, gave an update on sidewalk improvements recently made in the Town of Beaufort.

Mark Garner with Rivers and Associates, presented details on a Water System Asset Inventory Assessment grant that has been funded. An application was also filed for \$1.6 million for sanitary sewer rehabilitation

grant, which Town nearly received but was shy of meeting the requirements. The application will be resubmitted. It was decided Mr. Garner would present during the Feb. 27 work session to further discuss this grant application.

A Text Amendment Modifying Section 11 Nonconformities D-3 to allow an to increase in nonconforming structures repair from 10 percent to 50 percent was approved. This will allow a nonconforming structure to have repair and maintenance performed up to 50 percent of replacement value without having to go before the Board of Adjustment for a variance.

A resolution opposing the petition for rulemaking to designate secondary nursery areas and reduce bycatch mortality was approved.

The Board awarded a contract for masonry repair for the Old Burying

Ground and a separate contract for metal fencing and gates.

An update on the Cedar Street Park project was provided. The Board learned that in order to move forward, Town must have the rights with NCDOT to design on the property. This was discovered while pursuing engineering work.

Four in-town terms for the Planning Board and two in-town terms for the Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission were appointed.

The Capital Project Budget Amendment No. 1: Park Development and Improvement Project Fund that marks the \$2 million gift for Cedar Street Park and Randolph Johnson/Water Tower Park was approved as well as the Capital Project Budget Amendment New Fire Station No. 2 and Budget Amendment No. 6.

## PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held its regular meeting Feb. 20 to hear the following items:

- Discussion Item: An update to the zoning districts in the CAMA Land Use Plan to agree with the zoning districts in the Land

Development Ordinance. This item will be heard formally as a public hearing item on March 13. Recommended approval.

- Preliminary Plat: Beau Coast Phase II. A request to subdivide a 61.68 Acre Tract

into 137 Lots. This second phase includes lots along Turner's Creek. This item will be a discussion item at the March 13 Board of Commissioners meeting. Recommended approval.

## BEAUFORT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission held its meeting on Feb. 7 at the Train Depot to hear the following requests:

- 125 Ann St.: A request was approved to raise the foundation of the structure, remove heated space in the rear of the structure, add a screened-in porch, remove the exterior staircase and restore an original window and paint.
- 114 Moore St.: A request was approved to remove a chimney in the rear section of the house.
- 525 Front St.: A request for a new sign was

approved.

On March 7, representatives will discuss the proposed changes to the guidelines as well as demolition by neglect ordinances as well as other issues.

### Old Burying Ground Update

The Board of Commissioners approved the project to repair the masonry wall and fencing around the Old Burying Ground. The work should begin in early March and be finished by the end of May.

As work gets underway, check out this great project.

### Permitting In The Historic District

Recently the Town has encountered several residents who have begun projects in the Historic District without building permits, Certificates of Appropriateness or Minor Works approval. These incidents are violation of the Town Code and can carry a \$500 per day penalty if not removed or corrected.

Staff requests that before you begin a project in the Historic District, contact Stacy Allen at 252-728-2142 or [s.allen@beaufortnc.org](mailto:s.allen@beaufortnc.org) for advice and proper approvals.

## MULTI-MODAL COMMITTEE

The Multimodal committee met Jan. 26 and reviewed the maps showing the location of all 63 projects that were submitted by committee members and a

map showing the top 13 projects.

The group met again Feb. 16 to discuss the priority ranking of the projects based on safety, community benefit and cost.

A link to the maps can be found on the Town website at <http://beaufortnc.org/for-the-people/current-projects/multimodal-maps>.

## Beaufort Garden Club

The monthly Beaufort Garden Club meeting is Thursday, March 2, in the Eure Building of Ann Street Methodist Church. Please join the club for a buffet breakfast at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting begins at 10 a.m. This meeting is the club's 12th annual auction and will be great fun.

The April meeting is April 6 in the Eure Building of Ann Street Methodist Church. Refreshments are served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting is at 10 a.m.

## County Parks & Rec Programs

- Carteret County Senior Games are April 10-May 5. Registration is through March 17. Register online.
- Crystal Coast Sports & Recreation Expo 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 29, Crystal Coast Civic Center.
- 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. New session begins March 10.

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: "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 and imagine begins at 6 p.m. every Monday. For ages 12-17, sign up is required.
- Lego Club is from 6 to 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month.
- Family Game Night 5:30 p.m. March 21. Sign up is required.
- 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.
- Paintings and "Fish Sticks" of Willie Foster will be on display as well as the jewelry and pottery by Janice Slay, both of Beaufort. If you would like your art featured, contact Heather at [hpoling@carteretcountylibraries.org](mailto:hpoling@carteretcountylibraries.org).

For information, call 252-728-2050 or visit [carteret.cpcplib.org](http://carteret.cpcplib.org).

## Boatbuilding Challenge

There is a call for competitors for the Beaufort National Boatbuilding Competition set for May 6 in downtown Beaufort.

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

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, amusing what not to wear fashions and shopping. Tickets are \$40. Visit the club's Facebook page or website at [www.BeaufortWomansClub.com](http://www.BeaufortWomansClub.com).

The club's next meeting and program is at 6 p.m. April 20 at the Train Depot. A light supper will be served followed by the program, "Craftsman Style Bungalows and Precut Homes of Beaufort" by Dan Krautheim. All women are invited.

## NC Maritime Museum Schedule

- Merry Time for Tots: Boats that Float 10 a.m. March 8.
- Boatbuilding Past and Present 9 a.m. March 9. \$10.
- Brown Bag Gam: Cape Lookout Lighthouse noon March 16.
- Introduction to Wooden Boatbuilding Course 9 a.m. March 18-19. \$135. Friends of the NC Maritime Museum: \$121.50.
- Brown Bag Gam: Whales of North Carolina noon March 22.
- Brown Bag Gam: Women Pirates noon March 24.
- Tool Sharpening Course 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 25. \$25.
- Carolina Maritime Model Society Meeting 2 p.m. March 25.

To register, 252-728-7317 & [www.ncmaritimemuseums.com](http://www.ncmaritimemuseums.com).

## Beaufort Historical Association

A Lunch and Learn with Dick Wall, husband of author Carol Wall, about her book "Mr. Owita's Guide to Gardening," noon March 2 at Clawson's restaurant. \$28.

The annual Volunteer Training Program is from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 9 at the Beaufort Historic Site, 130 Turner St. The one-day Volunteer Training Program offers an overview of volunteer opportunity there is at the BHA.

Due to limited space, those interested in participating in either event are asked to register in advance by calling the Beaufort Historic Site at 252-728-5225 or stopping by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner St. in Beaufort.

## Girls Exploring Science & Technology

Girls Exploring Science & Technology (GEST) invites all young women from sixth to eighth grade to attend a free day of hands-on science and technology activities led by local researchers. Event is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 1 at Duke Marine Lab, Beaufort. For details and to register, visit [sites.duke.edu/gest](http://sites.duke.edu/gest).

## Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market

The Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market will kick off its fifth season April 22 with a host of activities under the oaks at Courthouse Square. The market is open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through November.

Farmers and gardeners have begun their yearly growing season. They are producing fresh local veggies, plants, eggs, honey, and meats. Bakers are baking fresh breads and other homemade delights, fishermen are in the water, and artisans are busy creating their art and craft work too, all to sell at the market. For more information about the market, visit [www.oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org](http://www.oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org).