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**Mayor Shares Update**

**On Stormwater Advisory Committee**

About a year ago, the Town established a Stormwater Advisory Committee and there have been numerous meetings over the last 12 months to explore remedies to our flooding, prevention through good management practices and planning of new development, as well as redevelopment of existing areas.

We have been fortunate to have the advice and services of Whitney Jenkins as our chair and numerous state agencies involved. These include the NC Office of Coastal Management, NC DEQ, Coastal Federation, Duke University and the NC Department of Transportation, to name a few.

A Watershed Plan is being written to address stormwater concerns. It appears that the Best Management Practices Engineering Section of DOT will collaborate with the Town on our Cedar Street project to retain and treat stormwater through best management practices.

With Beaufort being so flat and stormwater gathering and running through our sewer treatment plant at times, it is important to retain and naturally treat rain and stormwater on private as well as public properties. Rain gardens, underground retention infrastructures, spill ways, swales and similar practices of retaining water on site have to be explored and considered as new development is proposed or redevelopment takes place. Again, many thanks to the various agencies assisting us with this study.

Spring has arrived and Beaufort is alive with festivals and events.

Beaufort Wine and Food is in late April, the Beaufort Music Festival is the third weekend in May, and The NC Maritime Museum's 43rd annual Wooden Boat Show and the eighth annual Beaufort National Boatbuilding Challenge are the first weekend in May.

Cape Lookout National Seashore tours will also pick up and this is when Beaufort once again comes alive from a somewhat dormant winter.

Happy spring and may you enjoy the promise of Easter.

*Mayor Richard Stanley*

**TRASH COLLECTION UPDATE**

**DELIVERY OF NEW ROLL-OUT CARTS WILL BEGIN APRIL 24 • WASTE INDUSTRIES WILL BEGIN COLLECTION MAY 1**

**CALL TOWN HALL AT 252-728-2141 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

## TOWN MEETINGS

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

Apr May **PARKS & REC  
ADVISORY BOARD**  
**06 04** First Thursdays

Apr May **HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION**  
**04 02** First Tuesdays

Apr May **BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**  
**17 08** Second Mondays

Apr May **PLANNING BOARD**  
**10 15** Third Mondays

Apr May **BOARD OF  
ADJUSTMENT**  
**24 22** Fourth Mondays

### WORK SESSION

This month's work session for the Board of Commissioners is at 4 p.m. April 24 in the Train Depot. The public is welcome.

Work Sessions are at 4 p.m. the fourth Monday of the Month in the Train Depot.

### PAY-TO-PARK

The Pay-to-Park Program for this season will begin May 26, the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend, and end at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, on Labor Day. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Cost is a \$1 an hour. The meters only accept coins and credit cards.

### BUDGET CYCLE

Department heads are working on their Fiscal Year 2018 budget requests and management is reviewing the Town's needs.

Elected officials and Town staff strongly encourage citizens to attend the monthly Board of Commissioners meetings and work sessions to remain informed and engaged.

Staff and elected officials welcome the opportunity to meet with you. Call Town Hall at 728-2141 or email to make an appointment.

### WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2016 annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the Town of Beaufort is posted on the website at [beaufortnc.org/for-the-people/departments/public-utilities](http://beaufortnc.org/for-the-people/departments/public-utilities).

This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about the source(s) of water, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

## Transportation Corridor Plan

### Request for Qualifications sought

The Town has requested that design firms submit qualifications to undertake a Transportation Corridor Plan for Beaufort.

The purpose of the plan will be to examine the future traffic patterns and limit impacts on existing neighborhoods while improving mobility and safety throughout Beaufort. Other elements

may include a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan as well as improvements to existing intersections.

Firms have been asked to submit by the end of April. The selection process will be in May, the project will begin in June and should be completed in five months. The RFQ is available on the Town website.

## Randolph Johnson & Water Tower Park

### Request for Qualifications sought

Beaufort has requested that design firms submit qualifications to undertake the redesign of Randolph Johnson Park, an existing neighborhood park in need of a total redesign and up fit to include new playground equipment, restrooms, splash area and special needs activity area for toddlers to adolescents.

The second phase is a design project of

an existing Public Works yard that includes the potential closing of a portion of Pine Street to be combined with Randolph Johnson Park.

Firms have been asked to submit by the end of April. The selection process will be in May, the project will begin in June and should be completed in five months. The RFQ is available on the Town website.

## Bicycle & Pedestrian Grant Project

### Town awarded \$36,000

Beaufort was recently awarded a bicycle & pedestrian plan grant of \$36,000 to update the existing bicycle plan and develop a new pedestrian plan to accompany it.

Staff is in the process of working on

the contract with the Department of Transportation and hopes to have it included with the Corridor plan so work can begin immediately.

Updates will be provided in the newsletter and on the website.

## Chat with the Chief

### Learn more about your Police Department April 11

As part of the Beaufort Police Department's ongoing commitment to outstanding customer service, Chief Paul Burdette encourages all residents and local business owners to attend his "Chat with the Chief" at 6 p.m. April 11 in the Train Depot, 614 Broad St.

"Chat with the Chief" is a program

Chief Burdette has developed to provide the community with statistics, trends, and information on the operations within the Police Department. It is also gives citizens a chance to discuss neighborhood issues, identify problems, discuss police and community relations, as well as to establish community partnerships.

## A Note From Public Utilities

### Be kind to your wastewater collection system

Many overflows, or SSOs, 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, an excess of fats, oils and greases in the system can cause clogs and result in an overflow, especially after high-flow events.

Dumping fats and oils derived from animal and vegetable sources, including meats, nuts, cereals, and beans, down a drain in either a home or a 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.

# Boards & Committees At A Glance

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 13 MEETING

The Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. March 13, 2017, in the Train Depot.

Carteret County League Of Women Voters President Carol Geer spoke about Women's History Month and the role LWV plays in the county. Mayor Stanley presented her with a resolution that declared March Women's History Month in the Town.

Items of Consent approved were the following:

- Resolution Amending 71.08 Metered Parking Of The Town Code Of Ordinances.
- Resolution Directing the Town Clerk to Investigate a Petition for Annexation Under G. S. 160A-31 (Chadwick Road).
- Special Event Applications for Beaufort National Boatbuilding Challenge

And Barta Boys And Girls Club Billfish Tournament.

- Appropriation of \$52,420 for the spring dredging of Bulkhead Channel and FY17 Budget Amendment No. 9.

- Feb. 13, 2017, regular meeting, Reconvened Feb. 13, 2017, regular meeting, and Feb. 27, 2017, regular work session minutes.

- Gift of two tracts of land from NC State Ports Authority.

- Resolution Supporting Seasonally-Adjusted Population Estimates for Purposes of Distributing State Revenues.

- Request For Qualifications for Professional Services For Asset Inventory Assessment Project Public Water System.

A public hearing to review the update of the Town's Coastal Area Management Act

(CAMA) Land Use Plan was held. The update was approved.

The Board opted to resubmit a grant request for \$1.6 million to NC DEQ, Water Infrastructure, with a few adjustments to the previous application.

The Board tabled the request of the Beaufort Music Festival organizers to waive ABC laws and close a section of Turner Street 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. May 20. The Board was to resume discussion at the reconvened meeting March 27. This is to give organizers time to speak to the business owners on Turner Street.

The Preliminary Plat for Beau Coast Phase II was approved as well as a resolution amending Chapter 116 of the Town Code of Ordinances that prohibits horse-drawn carriages in the Town of Beaufort.

## PLANNING BOARD MARCH 20 MEETING

The Town Planning Board held its regular meeting March 20 in the Train Depot to hear a rezoning request for 132

Chadwick Road.

A request to rezone the property from R-8 to RS-5 to match the adjacent

properties and which are part of the subdivision development. Recommended approval. A public hearing will be April 17.

## BEAUFORT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MARCH 7 MEETING

The Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting March 7 in the Train Depot to hear the following requests:

- 326 Front St. A request to extend an approved COA for a new commercial structure for an additional six months to expire September 2017. Approved.

- A request made to use brick pavers for a new driveway at 210 Ann St. was approved.

- A request for a hanging sign at 220 Front St. was tabled due to applicant requesting different size and colored sign.

- A request for a new window to match existing window on same side of structure at 101 Broad St. was approved.

- A request to paint an existing fence, add a

sign on the fence and installation of a new shed at 311 Turner St. was tabled until the April meeting so Commission could see a scaled version of the sign and the material.

- A request for new landscaping, HVAC, new exterior lighting and doors on the rear of the structure at 101 Ann St. was approved.

- During the meeting, representatives from the State Historic Preservation Office discussed proposed changes to the existing Historic Guidelines. The Commission decided to review the State's recommendations and discuss other changes to be incorporated to bring the guidelines up-to-date.

- The State Historic Preservationist also

gave a presentation on the pro and cons of demolition by neglect ordinances and their applicability to properties in the local Historic District. After the presentation, the Historic Commission expressed their desire to review the information that was provided and have it as a discussion item at the April meeting.

- Old Burying Ground Update. The work began in late March and should be completed by the end of May. The new wall repairs and fencing will be a huge improvement.

Contact Stacy Allen, Town Planner, at 252-728-2142 or at [s.allen@beaufortnc.org](mailto:s.allen@beaufortnc.org) for more information.

## STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARCH 15 MEETING

The Stormwater Advisory Committee met March 15 in the Train Depot.

The committee heard from the N.C. Department of Transportation about the Highway Stormwater Program, which funds stormwater control measures. Town staff will explore opportunities to work

with this program.

The committee is in the process of reviewing the Beaufort Watershed Restoration Plan (WRP) being developed in partnership with the NC Coastal Federation. An approved WRP will make the Town eligible for funding from the

Environmental Protection Agency to implement stormwater control measures. It is anticipated the WRP will be completed this summer and the Town will host a public meeting before finalization.

The next meeting will take place 3 p.m. May 4 in the Train Depot.

## Beaufort Garden Club

This month's garden club meeting will be April 6 in the Eure Building of Ann Street Methodist Church. The breakfast buffet begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at 10 a.m. The staff of the Rachel Carson Reserve will talk about the "Flora & Fauna on Carrot Island."

The next meeting of the Garden Club is May 4 and is the 15th annual tour of local gardens.

## County Parks & Rec Programs

- Archery Class at Fort Benjamin Park in Newport. \$65 per participant. Pre-registration required. To be offered in May.
  - Carteret County Senior Games are April 10-May 5.
  - Crystal Coast Sports & Recreation Expo 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 29, Crystal Coast Civic Center.
  - 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, in the Old Beaufort Elementary cafeteria.
  - Ballroom dancing classes with Patti Freeman, 252-422-2519.
  - 2017 Beach Run Series at the Atlantic Beach Circle for all ages and skill levels. 1M, 5K and 10K offered May 16, May 30, June 15, June 29, July 13, July 27, Aug. 15. \$7 per race.
- For details on any program or to register, visit [ccpr.recdesk.com](http://ccpr.recdesk.com).

## Carteret County Public Library

- Easter Closing: April 14-April 16
- 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 Night is from 6 to 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month.
- 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.
- The gallery will feature the work of photographer Cecil Jordan, owner of East Coast Photography. The display case will hold a History of the Library.

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).

## Beaufort Music Festival

This year's Beaufort Music Festival is May 19-20 at the Beaufort Historic Site. Follow BMF on Facebook or visit [www.beaufortmusicfestival.com](http://www.beaufortmusicfestival.com) for details on the free festival.

## Boatbuilding Challenge

The Beaufort National Boatbuilding Competition is set for May 6 in downtown Beaufort.

Eighteen two-person teams go at it full speed to build a 12-foot Carolina Bateau rowing skiff in less than four hours under a tent on the waterfront. For more information, call Susan Sanders at 252-241-4485.

## Beaufort Woman's Club

Join the Woman's Club at 6 p.m. April 20 in the Train Depot for a light supper followed by a program with Dan Krautheim on Craftsman Style Bungalows and Precut Homes of Beaufort.

Enjoy supper followed by a program at 6 p.m. May 11 in the Train Depot about Jennings Wright's Uganda foundation, Ten Eighteen, Inc., "How to really help ... a third world project that works."

## NC Maritime Museum Schedule

- Junior Sailing Program and Summer Science School registrations are available online now at [www.ncmaritimemuseums.com](http://www.ncmaritimemuseums.com).
  - Brown Bag Gam: Traditional Boatbuilding in North Carolina April 5
  - Conservation Wednesdays: Blackbeard's Ship, Queen Anne's Revenge April 5, April 12, April 19 and April 26.
  - North Carolina Whales & Whaling Symposium April 7
  - Lift Half-Model Making Course April 8-9
  - Merry Time for Tots: Shark Tales! April 12
  - Shackleford Banks: Horses, Hiking and History April 13
  - Introduction to Wooden Boat Building Course April 21 & 22
  - Brown Bag Gam: Early Ferry Crossings in North Carolina April 26
  - Kayak the Salt Marsh April 27
  - Carolina Maritime Model Society Meeting April 29
- To register, 252-728-7317 & [www.ncmaritimemuseums.com](http://www.ncmaritimemuseums.com).

## Beaufort Historical Association

- The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery welcomes Jimmy Black as the featured artist in April and May. Opening reception 5-7 p.m. April 6.
- Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. April 15 for ages 7 and younger. Prizes, refreshments and lots of eggs. Free. Bring a basket.
- Pre Book Launch Party 6:30 p.m. April 21 for author Kristy Harvey's latest book, "Slightly South of Simple" at 217 Front St. Food by Vivian Howard of Chef and The Farmer. Call 728-5225 for tickets, \$100, which include a copy of the book.
- Publick Day 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 22 is an old-fashioned flea market on the Beaufort Historic Site with vendors that sell antiques and collectibles, art, crafts, handmade jewelry, books, food and more. Free to attend. To become a vendor, call 728-5225 or visit [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org).

## Beaufort Wine & Food

Mark your calendars for April 26 through April 30, as Beaufort Wine & Food brings talent from across the country and beyond together for five days of cuisine and beverages, with funds raised for nonprofit organizations. Tickets are available by calling 252-515-0708 and online at [beaufortwineandfood.com](http://beaufortwineandfood.com).

## Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market

The opening day of the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market is right around the corner. The market will kick off with its fifth season on courthouse square April 22 with an Earth Day celebration: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. There will be an array of vendors with homemade, homegrown, locally caught, and handmade goods filling the market. So come join in the excitement and the fun this and every Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. where life slows down so neighbors can catch up. For more information, visit [www.oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org](http://www.oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org).