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Mayor Shares Update On Town Happenings

It is with some sadness that I report that our Public Information Officer and Town Clerk Jennifer Allen is leaving to take a position with Coastal Review Online. She has done an excellent job and will be hard to replace. We wish her well in her new position.

With new housing on the way and the area along Highway 101 and the airport available for mixed use, together with other areas of town that are appropriately zoned for business, I believe it is time to start an initiative to attract new jobs to the Beaufort area.

I have talked with our town manager about forming a committee to explore business and industry growth here, whether it is marine or maritime construction trades, marine tech, aquaculture, or technology trades. With the EDC being defunded, there appears to be a void and a strong effort needs to be made to first determine if there is interest in industries and businesses locating or expanding here. Secondly, if we have an adequate workforce. We will be putting together a committee and hopefully working with the County and Carteret Community College. Our high school graduates and youth need well-paying jobs to keep them here. We are fortunate to have tourism as an industry in the area but it is seasonal and provides wages on the low end in some instances.

Waste Industries becomes our new trash contractor May 1. There are sure to be some hiccups and problems and we request your patience as the kinks get worked out. Smaller rollout containers are available if the big cans are too bulky, and please remember that garbage will only be picked up once a week with recyclables being picked up every two weeks. While the Town will still pick up leaves, limbs and debris, there is a limit to what we can handle, so please call Town Hall or Public Works if you have questions.

I believe there is some hope in finding the money to make a huge dent in our street repair and paving needs. Stay tuned for further developments here. Enjoy the spring!

Mayor Richard Stanley

TRASH COLLECTION UPDATE

WASTE INDUSTRIES BEGAN COLLECTION MAY 1 • CALL TOWN HALL AT 252-728-2141 FOR INFORMATION

TOWN MEETINGS

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

May Jun **PARKS & REC
ADVISORY BOARD**
04 01 First Thursdays

May Jun **HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION**
02 06 First Tuesdays

May Jun **BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**
08 12 Second Mondays

May Jun **PLANNING BOARD**
15 19 Third Mondays

May Jun **BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT**
22 26 Fourth Mondays

WORK SESSION

This month's work session for the Board of Commissioners is at 4 p.m. May 22 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. Paid parking 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 Eastman's Creek subdivision is posted on the website at 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 update

The Town received on April 28 submittals of qualifications from design firms 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.

Randolph Johnson & Water Tower Park

Request for Qualifications update

The Town of Beaufort received nine submittals for qualifications in mid-April to undertake the design for the current neighborhood facility Randolph Johnson Park and a redevelopment/design park project from an existing Public Works yard that includes the potential closing of a portion of Pine Street and combining it with Randolph Johnson Park.

The selection committee is in the

process of reviewing the qualifications and then will conduct one-on-one interviews with the few select firms. The committee will then submit its findings to the Board of Commissioners with recommendations.

It is anticipated that this project will start in June and be completed in four to five months. A copy of the Request For Qualifications is on the Town Website.

Other elements may include a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan as well as improvements to existing intersections. The process to select a qualified firm will begin in early May with an anticipated project starting time in June and completion in four to five months. A copy of the Request For Qualifications is on the Town Website.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Grant Project

Town awarded \$36,000

The Town of Beaufort has recently been 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. As more is learned, updates to the newsletter and website will be forthcoming.

Old Burying Ground

Project underway

The Old Burying Ground is currently undergoing an update. The cleaning and scraping of the masonry portion of the wall began in mid-April and new fencing began the week of April 24.

Stop by and check out the progress

that has been made. Another positive is that the project is on schedule and should be completed by the end of May. Staff is very appreciative of the community support of this project and anticipate the finished product.

Harborside Park

Downtown gets new public space

Adjacent to the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center on Front Street, the Harborside Park project has begun and maintained great momentum.

If all goes according to plan, decking will be installed the last week of April and the construction of the public restrooms

will take place in early May.

Once completed, it will become a true showpiece and heavily used public water access facility.

Kudos to the Friends of the Museum, and Randy Mann and staff of the NC Maritime Museum for this great project.

Boards At A Glance

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting April 17 in the Train Depot.

A rezoning request from R-8 to RS-5 for 132 Chadwick Road was approved contingent on the approval of the property's annexation during the regular meeting set for May 8.

The Resolution Fixing a Date of Public Hearing on the Question of Annexation Pursuant to G.S. 160A-31 for 6 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2017, in the Train Depot, 614 Broad St., Beaufort was approved.

Also approved was the ordinance amendments accommodating the changes of method of trash collection from the Town Public Works department to a contracted service. This ordinance is available on the Town website for review.

Commissioner Marianna Hollinshed was reappointed to serve on the Eastern Carolina Council Board.

Also approved was a Resolution Clarifying and Redefining Water and Sewer Fees, which is available on the Town website for review.

Items of Consent approved were the following:

- Budget amendment for the construction of a dock and installation of a boat lift at the Town's boat slips at Eury Park. The funds for this project are from a \$25,000 grant from NCDOT.
- Minutes for March 13, 2017, meeting; March 13, 2017, reconvened regular meeting; and March 27, 2017, work session.
- Corrected Board of Commissioners 2017 Work Session Schedule.
- Professional services agreement for the Water Asset Inventory and Assessment.

The regular meeting was recessed for 4 p.m. April 24 to take up a closed session for personnel before the regularly scheduled work session.

Reconvened April 17 meeting & April 24 Work Session

During the reconvened April 17 meeting held before the regular work session on April 24, a closed session was held. After the closed session, two sections of the personnel policy were addressed.

At the regular work session, the Board discussed the May 8 regular meeting.

Expected to be on the draft agenda includes the following: Harborside Park funding; Budget Amendment For Grant Funds; public hearings for a request by Beaufort Storage, LLC for a special use permit and site plan at 1795 Live Oak St. for a 36,400 square foot, one-story, controlled climate mini-storage facility, and a request for annexation for 132 Chadwick Road an undeveloped parcel totaling 15,760 square feet; and the town manager will present the preliminary budget.

The public is encouraged to attend.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held its monthly meeting April 18 in the Train Depot to hear the following items:

- Special Use Permit/Site Plan for 132 Live Oak/US 70. A request to construct a 36,400 square foot, one-story, climate controlled mini-storage facility at 1795 Live Oak St. was recommended for approval. A public hearing during the Board of Commissioners regular meeting will be held at 6 p.m. May 8.
- The Planning Board also received an update on the draft subdivision

ordinance and schedule for review, public hearing and recommended adoption.

Planning Board Workshop

The Town of Morehead City on March 29 hosted a presentation for area Planning Board members and County and Town staff about the role the Planning Board serves.

Dave Owens from the School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill gave the presentation held in the Municipal

Chambers in Morehead City on the role of Planning Board members and what is expected from them as advisory members on land use matters representing the local jurisdictions.

Other items included the frame work of boards and what their role is in the decision making process.

This was a great opportunity to partner with other neighboring Planning Boards and staffs and learn more about how different jurisdictions handle land use issues.

BEAUFORT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting April 4 in the Train Depot to hear the following requests:

- 213 Orange St.: A request to install front gutters on an existing front porch was approved.
- 912 Ann St.: A request to construct a new, single-car garage in the rear yard was approved.
- 220 Front St.: A request for a 6.68-square-foot hanging sign was approved.

- 510 Front St.: A request for a 16-square-foot attached sign was approved.
- 311 Turner St.: A request to paint an existing fence, add a sign on the fence and installation of a new shed was approved.
- 806 Ann St.: A request to revise the name on an existing historic plaque was approved.

During the meeting, the Board members requested staff to invite the Historic Preservation Planner from

Washington, N.C., to discuss their experience with demolition by neglect ordinances.

The Board also discussed potential changes in the Historic District Guidelines and asked that the State Historic Preservation Office provide comments before moving forward with public hearings.

For information on the Historic District, contact Stacy Allen, Town Planner, at 252-728-2142 or at s.allen@beaufortnc.org.

Beaufort Garden Club

The Beaufort Garden Club will have its 15th annual tour of local gardens May 11 in place of the monthly meeting.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Beaufort Historical Association and the tour will begin from there.

Downtown Development Association

The Downtown Beaufort Development Association's Spring 2017 Public Meeting will be in the NC Maritime Museum's auditorium 5:30-7 p.m. May 17. This is an open discussion for all businesses and organizations interested in downtown Beaufort. There will be refreshments and door prizes. For details, contact info@beaufortnc.com or Susan at 252-241-4485.

County Parks & Rec Programs

- Archery class at Fort Benjamin Park in Newport. \$65 per participant. Pre-registration required. Offered in May.
 - 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 May 19, 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 and Aug. 15. \$7 per race.
- For details on any program or to register, visit ccpr.recdesk.com.

Carteret County Public Library

- All branches in the Carteret County Public Library system will be closed May 29 for Memorial Day.
- 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 to trade for free paperback books. The Friends of the Library also hosts an in-house book sale.

For more information, call 252-728-2050 or visit carteret.cplib.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 for details on the free festival taking place in downtown Beaufort.

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

The Beaufort Woman's Club will meet 6 p.m. May 11 in the Train Depot, 614 Broad St. Supper will be served followed by the program, "How to really help...a third world project that works." Jennings Wright will talk about her journey and Uganda foundation, Ten Eighteen, Inc., and how the foundation supports education and women living in the slums. All women are invited.

NC Maritime Museum Schedule

- Summer Science School, Junior Sailing Program Registration open
 - Conservation Wednesdays: *Queen Anne's Revenge*
 - May 4: Explore Rachel Carson Reserve
 - May 4-6: Go Sailing on a Traditional Wooden Boat
 - May 5: 43rd Annual Wooden Boat Show Kick-off Reception
 - May 5-7: Boating Skills Virtual Trainer
 - May 6: 43rd Annual Wooden Boat Show, Carolina Maritime Model Boat Exposition, Wooden Boat Kids, the Art of Nautical Knot Tying, *Cricket II*, Maritime Music, Awards Reception.
 - May 7: Round the Island Race
 - May 10: Merry Time for Tots: Whale of a Time
 - May 11: Kayak the Salt Marsh
 - May 19: Shackleford Banks: Horses, Hiking and History
 - May 20: Carolina Maritime Model Society Meeting
 - May 20-21: Introduction to Wooden Boat Building Course
 - May 23: Sea Turtles of North Carolina
 - May 26: Kayak the Salt Marsh
- To register, 252-728-7317 & www.ncmaritimemuseums.com.

Beaufort Historical Association

The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery is featuring artist Jimmy Black and his collection of oil paintings, titled "Near and Far" through May. The collection reflects his travels to Cuba, Italy, Beaufort and more. To see his work visit www.beauforthistoricsite.org or the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery's Facebook page.

Be Here En Plein Air Competition

The third annual Be Here En Plein Air Competition and Wet Paint Sale is at John Newton Park May 13.

Open to ages 16 and older, artists will paint in downtown from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with judging from 12:30-1 p.m. The wet paint sale ends at 2:30 p.m. There are cash prizes for the winners.

Sponsored by the Downtown Beaufort Development Association and the Arts Council of Carteret County, for more information and to register visit beaufortnc.com or call Heather at Craving Art Studio, 252-728-0243.

Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market

Head down to the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market at Courthouse Square Saturday mornings for a cup of coffee, a pastry, fresh veggies, unique art and crafts and more. May 6 will be Strawberry Day, there will be a Mother's Day raffle basket, and May 20 is Gardening/Plant Swap Day. The market will gather on Middle Lane on Memorial Day weekend. Also, get your ticket at the market for OBFM's Farm to Table Dinner May 25 where you will be treated to the freshest local food with all the fixings and entertainment too. Visit the website at oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org for more info.