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Town of Beaufort Newsletter

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June 2017

Mayor's Corner

Crossing the Bridge



Everyone is asking for information on the opening of the new bridge and US 70 Corridor so I visited with Paul Force, Vice President of Conti, in the Beaufort office. He anticipates that around the end of July the two westernmost lanes of the bridge, as well as, the two northernmost lanes of the Highway 70 Corridor will be open for two way traffic. Traffic will be limited to the two lanes because the causeway approach to the new bridge through the southernmost two lanes will need to be paved and connected to the bridge, and this can't be done until traffic is removed from the southern two lanes of the causeway. Likewise, the approach at the eastern end of Highway 70 where it intersects with existing US Highway 70 near Oakwood Acres still needs work and traffic needs to be rerouted to the northern two lanes of new Highway 70 so that the work can be done. The Turner Street Bridge and Turner Street improvements will not be ready until around Oct. 1, and demolition on the Grayden Paul Bridge will likewise begin around Oct. 1. All four lanes will be open to traffic around Oct. 1. The Turner Street Bridge and Turner Street improvements should be completed by Oct. 1. This means that during the summer months there will be no exit or entrance onto Turner Street from the new bridge and traffic including local residents will not be able to use the Turner Street exit until Oct. 1 but will be forced to enter and exit at Highway 101.

Four Legged Visitors

There have been reports of bears and other wildlife in unusual locations due to the clearing of wooded areas for the projects on Lennoxville Road. If you spot bears or other potentially dangerous animals, please avoid these and call the Police Department rather than shoot the animals. The police department will contact NC Wildlife for proper removal and relocation.

2017 Pirate Invasion

Due to the urging of the Town, the Pirate Invasion will occur this year. It is in the top three events in the county in the number of participants and visitors. Due to the late start on fundraising, they are way behind so join me in making a gift or donation to the organization.



Enjoy the summer and take advantage of the wonderful recreational opportunities we are provided in this Town.

- Mayor Richard Stanley



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Newsletter Submissions:

Due June 20 at 5 p.m.

Send to r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

Call 728-2141 to be added to the Sunshine List or email r.johnson@beaufortnc.org.

Town Business

Board of Commissioners

The regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting was 6 p.m. May 8 at the Train Depot.

A special use permit was approved for Beaufort Storage, LLC to put a climate controlled mini-storage facility at 1795 Live Oak Street.

Annexation of property at 132 Chadwick Road was approved.

Special event applications for the Olde Beaufort Farmer's Market and the Beaufort Pirate Invasion were approved.

Approval was given to provide funding for Harborside Park as well as a budget amendment for grant funds for the Beaufort Fire Department.

Minutes of the April 17 regular meeting, April 17 reconvened meeting, and April 24, 2017 work session were approved.

The board recessed the meeting until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2017. During this meeting the board members discussed the proposed FY18 budget.

Expected items to be on the June 12, 2017 regular agenda meeting include: additional funding for Harborside Park, Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary Road Race request, resolution regarding the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Grant from NCDOT, Waterfront Business District Solid Waste & Recycling, budget amendments and a Public Hearing for the FY18 Budget document.



Transportation Corridor Plan

On April 28, the Town of Beaufort received seven qualification proposals from design firms to undertake a Transportation Corridor Plan for the Town. The purpose of the plan is to examine future traffic patterns and limit impacts on existing neighborhoods while improving mobility and safety throughout Beaufort. The selection committee is in the process of reviewing qualifications and conducting interviews with a few select firms. Next they will submit their findings to the Board of Commissioners with the recommendation to enter into a contract with a qualified firm. It is anticipated that this project will start in July and be completed in four to five months. A copy of the RFQ is available on the town's website.

June Meetings

All meetings are in the Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, unless otherwise posted. The public is welcome at all meetings.

6 p.m. June 1—Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6 p.m. June 6—Historic Preservation Commission

6 p.m. June 12—Board of Commissioners

6 p.m. June 19—Planning Board

4 p.m. June 26—Board of Commissioners Work Session

6 p.m. June 26—Board of Adjustment

Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission meeting was May 4 at the Train Depot. The following items were discussed and approved:

- 219 Moore Street - A request to construct a "Beaufort-style" fence with gate in their side yard;
- 125 Ann Street - A request to revise existing COA in order to demolish and reconstruct a chimney; remove a Live Oak tree; reconstruct deteriorated porch framing and decking and reinstall porch columns and railings in original locations; and
- 217 Front Street - A request to construct a new two-story garage with external wood steps; new breezeway from second floor of new garage to second floor of house; new walkway; new concrete pad with brick border; new driveway from Orange Street; some landscaping; relocate HVAC unit and repair widow's walk.

Board members requested staff invite the Historic Preservation Planner from Washington, N.C. to the July HPC meeting to discuss their experience with demolition by neglect ordinances.

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

Harborside Park Project - Adjacent to the Watercraft Center on Front Street, the project has new sidewalk. The decking is being installed. Next, work will begin on the new ADA bathrooms. The project is still on schedule to be completed in Mid-June.

Old Burying Ground Update - Masonry repair as well as the cleaning and scraping of the masonry portion of the wall is complete. Fencing is next to be installed. Please stop by and check out the progress. This project is scheduled to be complete by the first week in June just in time for the Old Homes Tour weekend.

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



Randolph Johnson & Watertower Park

The selection committee interviewed four firms on May 22 & 23. They will recommend to the Board of Commissioners to enter into a contract with a qualified firm. It is anticipated that the contract could be approved in July with completion of design plans by November. Public participation will be key in the development of these plans so be on the lookout for future articles on upcoming meetings. This project is set to undertake the re-design for the existing Randolph Johnson park facility and a redevelopment/design park project for the existing Public Works yard that includes the potential closing of a portion of Pine Street. A copy of the RFQ is available on the town's website.

Planning Board

The Town of Beaufort Planning Board didn't meet in May. There are several items to consider in June to include a presentation on a new watershed plan for the Town.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Grant Project

The Town is currently working with NCDOT on an agreement to develop a new Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. A resolution will be on the June Board of Commissioners agenda for adoption. Once this occurs NCDOT will direct the Town to proceed with requesting proposals from design firms to develop a plan. Staff anticipates that requests for proposals will be advertised in June and due in Mid-July. The project should begin in September and be completed by spring 2018. This project is being funded by NCDOT through a grant to update the existing bicycle plan and develop a new pedestrian plan to accompany it.



Board of Adjustment

On June 1 members of the Board of Adjustment and Historic Preservation Commission participated in a training session in Wilmington on Quasi-Judicial decision making.

Around Town

What to do with your yard debris?

Yard Debris (tree limbs, grass clippings, leaves, brush, etc.) is collected in the Town on a weekly basis. Monday's is collection on the south side of town which is everything from Lennoxville Road and Mulberry Street to the south (towards town hall). Then Tuesday from Lennoxville Road and Mulberry Street to the north which is towards Beaufort Golf Club.

Permitted materials should be placed in acceptable containers or in piles curbside by 7 a.m. the day of collection. Any trash or construction material mixed in with yard debris will result in nothing being collected due to disposal guidelines.

Containers are not required but may be used. Acceptable containers include plastic or metal garbage cans no larger than 35 gallons and weighing no more than 50 pounds when full. Containers must have fitted lids and should be clearly marked "Yard Debris" or "YD" on the outside.



Plastic bags are prohibited.

Any yard debris placed curbside in a plastic bag will not be collected.

Individual limbs and branches must be smaller than 5 feet in length, 8 inches in diameter, and weigh less than 50 pounds. Piles must not exceed a total of 5 cubic yards (i.e. 4 feet high, 4 feet wide and 8 feet long) and will not exceed a total weight of 150 pounds. Yard debris will be collected from a point adjacent to the public streets and should not be placed in the street or curb line gutter.

Placing piles of leaves or debris in the roadway is strictly prohibited.

Refer to Town Ordinance Chapter 50, Sections .01, .15-.17, .30-.32 and .99 for additional information.

2016 Consumer Confidence Report

We recently printed in the newsletter links for the Water Quality Report for the Town of Beaufort and Eastman's Creek Subdivision. The website link provided did not provide direct access to the reports. Listed below are the direct links to the reports. We apologize for any confusion in this matter.

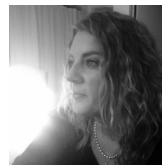
Town of Beaufort 2016 Consumer Confidence Report www.beaufortnc.org/home/showdocument?id=4100



Eastman's Creek Subdivision 2016 Consumer Confidence Report www.beaufortnc.org/home/showdocument?id=4200

New Face at Town Hall

The Town of Beaufort recently hired Rachel Johnson as the Parks Coordinator/Public Information Officer. Johnson began work on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.



Johnson brings with her a mixture of local government and journalism experience. She most recently worked as an Event Planner for Forsyth County Parks & Recreation at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons, NC. Johnson began her career in government as the Town of Shalotte's Parks & Recreation/Business Development/Media Coordinator.

A graduate of Appalachian State University, Johnson spent nearly a decade as a journalist. Her work has been recognized by both the North and South Carolina Press Associations.

"We're very excited to have Rachel on board - her experience aligns perfectly with the duties of her position here. She'll bring a heightened level of thoroughness and professionalism to the many special events in Beaufort, and as the Town's first dedicated parks coordinator, she's here just in time to oversee the planning and construction of new parks. Plus, her experience in journalism and social media allows her to step confidently into the role of public information officer," said John Day, Beaufort Town Manager. Johnson may be contacted at r.johnson@beaufortnc.org or (252) 728-2141 ext. 231.

FEMA Flood Insurance Reminder

Now that summer is upon us, there is no better time to start thinking about purchasing flood insurance for the rainy season. Flood insurance can come in handy when heavy rains come to our area. 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 website. Residents within special flood hazard areas of Beaufort should receive a 15 percent discount on Flood Insurance due to the town's participation in the National Flood Program.

If you have any questions pertaining to flood information, please contact Kyle Garner at (252) 728-2142 or email kgarner@beaufortnc.org

Pay to Park

The 2017 Pay to Park season began May 26.

Paid Parking Hours are 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Change & Credit Cards only.

Cost is \$1 per hour.

Tourism Ambassadors are available Wed.-Sun.



Community Events

BEAUFORT *Historical Association*

Old Homes Tour Kick Off Party and art opening for Stephen Moore June 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy food and drinks, as well as the 2nd Annual Bartender's Challenge featuring professional bartenders competing with the amateurs. Tickets \$30. New Coastal Art by Stephen Moore will be featured in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery.

Purvis Chapel Choir Concert 7 p.m. Thursday, June 22 at the Purvis Chapel AME Zion Church. The concert is free and open to the public with a reception following in the Parish Hall in honor of this year's Honorary Chairs, David and Shirley Pleace.

57th Annual Old Homes and Gardens Tours June 23 and 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Don't miss one of Beaufort's most exciting and charming weekends! Explore Historic Beaufort with tours featuring private homes (including the Hammock House), gardens, artists and more. Tickets cost \$18 in advance, \$20 the day of the tour. **Antiques Show and Sale** June 23 and 24, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and June 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in

Morehead City. Featuring a wide range of dealers and collectibles, as well as 3 "Tiny Houses" furnished with contemporary décor mingled with antiques.

Decoy Carving Demonstration June 24, 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Come learn the art of Decoy Carving during the Old Homes Tour Weekend.

Double Decker Bus Tours June 23 and 24. Special tours during the Old Homes Tour Weekend will be at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Tours begin at the Beaufort Historic Site. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

Old Burying Ground Tours June 23 and 24. Special tours during the Old Homes Tour Weekend will be offered from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. An experienced guide in period dress leads tours about the many colorful characters and fascinating stories of Beaufort's historic past.

For more information about all the June events at the Beaufort Historic Site, please call (252) 728-5225, stop by the Visitors Center at 130 Turner Street, or visit

www.beauforthistoricsite.org.

Carteret County Public Libraries

1702 Live Oak Street, Suite 100
(252) 728-2050
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Summer Reading Program begins June 12

Carteret County Public Libraries are holding the Summer Reading program from June 12-Aug. 5. This program is for all age groups. Please contact the library for full details.

The 14th Annual Storytelling Festival will be 10 a.m. on July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City and at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Methodist Church in Bogue. **Preschool Storytime** - Wednes-

days at 10 a.m.

Time for Tots - Fridays at 10 a.m.

LEGO NIGHT! Last Tuesday of the month—6-7 p.m.

Book Exchange & Sale: Paperback Book Exchange/Trade for free paperbacks. Friends of the Library hosts an in-house book sale.

Teen Programming

Gateways: a place for teens to explore, create & imagine—Mondays at 6 p.m.—Sign up required

Teen Film Club: A Club for making films—Thursdays 5 -7 p.m.—sign up required

Attention Non-Profits

The Cru is looking for a non-profit organization to operate a bingo night. The Cru's only involvement would be to offer space for no charge. The non-profit would operate the event and could store their equipment. Once or twice a month on a weeknight would seem optimum for these events. If interested call Don Main, the Cru General Manager, at (703) 402-4905, or email at dkm.ontheisland@gmail.com.

Olde Beaufort Farmers Market

Everything from the farm, the sea, the kitchen and the studio! That's what you'll find at the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market! Eggs, honey, fish, shrimp, greens, tomatoes, beets, jewelry, photographs, bread, buns, tomato pies, music, coffee, paintings, yard art, onions, peas, squash, scallops, wind chimes, soap, lotions, candles, glow bowls, plants, face painting, baskets, dryer balls, sausage, pork chops, pottery, cupcakes, rocks, starfish ornaments, kettle corn, children's clothes, pallet art and more! Come join your neighbors at the courthouse on the corner of Turner and Broad Streets on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Find out more at: oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org.



North Carolina Maritime Museum

315 Front Street, Beaufort
ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com
252-728-7317, Ext. 31

Boat-in-a-Day Course—June 3, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Each team assembles a prepared kit for a small flat-bottomed plywood boat suitable for paddling. The boat is 12 ft. long, 32' wide, and weighs about 40 pounds. By the end of the class each boat will be completed to a watertight condition. Teams are limited to 4, including one adult. (6 hours). Course Fee: \$600. Friends of the NC Maritime Museum: \$540. Min. age: 8. Course size limited. Advance registration required.

Build Your Own Stand-Up Paddle Board Course—June 10-13, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Build your own Stand-up Paddle Board from cedar and Plywood. Boards are custom fit to your size. This course runs for four days from June 10-13 or on two consecutive weekends on June 10-11 and June 17-18. Course fee: \$1,000. Friends of the NC Maritime Museum: \$900. Min. age: 16. Course size limited. Advance registration required.

North Carolina Maritime Museum's Maritime Day—June 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sail in the Museum's fleet of traditional wooden boats, cast a line with a cane pole, join in games or just relax and enjoy the music and spectacular view of Gallant's Channel. Activities are free and open to the public. Free lunch and free boat rides for Friends of the NC Maritime Museum. Event organized by the Traditional Small Craft Association, The Friends of the NC Maritime Museum Chapter. The event takes place at Gallant's Channel, 172 West Beaufort Road.

Summer Science School: Boats & Models (Trawler) - June 12-14, 9 a.m. - Noon

Build a model of a fishing boat at the Museum's Watercraft Center. During this 3-day class, students will use museum exhibits and

field trips to learn about coastal waterways, local boats and the skills needed to work on and around the water. Fee \$95. Entering grades 3 & 4. Advance registration required.

Summer Science School: Preschool Storytime and Crafts—June 14, 9-10 a.m. Includes a story, estuarine critter observation and a related craft. Free Admission. Entering preschool. Advance registration required. Program by NC Coastal Reserve/National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum 40th Anniversary Celebration—June 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m. The Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum will celebrate with a 40th Anniversary party and fundraiser. Party will be in the museum auditorium, on the museum patio and the new Harborside Deck on Front Street. Reservations are \$50 for Friends' members and \$75 for non-members and includes a one year membership to the Friends. Food provided by Olea Mediterranean Kitchen of Swansboro. Music by New Bern's Lewis n Clark. Space is limited. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Museum Store or online.

Summer Science School: Pirates!—June 20-21, 9 a.m. - Noon Become part of a pirate crew on this 2-day class and choose how best to prepare for work, ready for battle and divide any prizes that come your way. Fee: \$60. Entering grades 1 & 2. Advance registration required.

Summer Science School: Seashore Life I—June 21 & 22, 9 a.m. - Noon

Investigate coastal marine life of the tidal flats, salt marshes and sounds on local islands on this 2-day class. Field-based classes include ferry ride, barrier island hiking and animal identification. Program by NC Coastal Reserve/National Estuarine Research Reserve. Fee: \$60. Entering grades 1 & 2. Advance registration required.