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Town Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. There will be no trash service on July 3rd. Household trash service will resume on Monday, July 6th with a double run. No recyclables are picked up on holidays.



The Town would like to wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July Holiday.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR STANLEY

As you read this newsletter, the Beaufort Old Homes Tour will be history. We have put on our best front during May and June as we hosted the Beaufort Sister Cities and our visitors and new friends from France, Luxemburg, Australia and Beaufort, SC. We have also hosted captains, crew and boats in the Big Rock, and many visitors to the Old Homes Tour. While we are thankful for our waterfront, history and culture, all parts of Town and all citizens are equally important. We are working toward a new Fire and police station project on US 70 near Food Lion, bike paths in many areas, and sidewalk and walking area connections. This severe downturn in our national economy has affected significantly the funding and completion of many projects.

The Board of Commissioners recently adopted the 2009-2010 Town Budget without raising taxes, cutting services or eliminating employees. This was done by eliminating new projects or purchases, changing employee insurance carriers to secure lower rates, and taking \$298,000 from reserves to balance the budget. We are thankful to Terri Parker Eakes whose last date was June 30 for being a prudent money manager as we still have 2 million in reserves to cover emergencies, hurricanes and disasters as recommended by the State Treasurer. On behalf of the Commissioners, staff and employees we thank Terri for her 8 years of service and wish her and her daughter well as they move to another position in furtherance of her career.

Leonard Barefoot is our new interim manager and is living in Beaufort Landing Village. After retiring from Sanford as city manger several years ago, we are indeed fortunate to secure him as interim manager. He has many abilities and a vast experience that will prove most helpful. We invite you to attend a town meeting and meet him or drop by town hall.

Lastly, I recommend that all attend one of the Thursday night Dine in Beaufort pot luck suppers as the guests and speakers have been most entertaining and enlightening as to our history and past. September brings two huge weekends of celebrations for the 300th anniversary with the parade, working boat flotilla and maritime events the second weekend, and dinner on the streets, music, the Embers, local choirs and the finale shrimp boat flotilla the 4th weekend. Make your plans and invite your family members and friends from "off" to visit as it should be a reunion for all of us.

YARD DEBRIS IN THE STORM SEWER

Please ask your yard service about blowing yard clippings & leaves into the storm sewer. Also, any trash such as plastic bags & cups, cans, bottles, clogs the storm sewer and pollutes.



Beaufort's 300th "Dine in Fishtowne with Beaufort's First Citizens"

07/23/09 – Stories of Home by Longtime Beaufort Residents

08/27/09 – Beaufort School Days

09/24/09 – Here's the Church, Here's the Steeple: Beaufort's Most Intriguing People

THERE'S A PARTY GOING ON IN THIS TOWN, and for those who have missed past events, the North Carolina Maritime Museum will again become "the place to be" on Thursday, July 23, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM as the Town's Tricentennial Team invites you to "Dine in Fishtowne with Beaufort's First Citizens". Sponsored by First Citizens Bank, the event is a community potluck dinner that features oral history panels comprised of long-time Beaufort residents. The price of admission is simply a covered dish to share with others who will come to hear about Beaufort's tremendous history from those who have shaped it and experienced it first-hand. "We welcome one and all to bring a dish to the Maritime Museum and enjoy a terrific homemade dinner and homespun stories," says Janet Grainge, Executive Director of Beaufort's 300th Celebration. Schedules are being arranged to include those elder citizens who may not have been featured on previous panels. "In May we hosted eight long-time residents of Beaufort, including the Grande Dame of them all, 106-year-old Ms. Theresa Hill. The stories these folks share are touching, funny, and amazing all at once as they tell us what life was like in Beaufort decades ago," states Grainge. Lockwood Phillips of The Talk Station WTKF 107.1 FM and the CCNT will moderate the informal conversations. The monthly celebrations are being broadcast by Time Warner Cable's Carolina 10, recorded by the Carteret County News-Times, and will be relived in this terrific little town for years to come. To view Carolina 10's schedule for the taped broadcasts, please visit the celebration's website at www.beaufortbythesea300.org, go to the "Sponsors" page, and click where designated. In August and September, organizers say "prepare to be wowed" by stories recounted from more of Beaufort's remarkable senior residents. For those who would like to see the events extended through the end of the year, please contact Ms. Grainge and let her know of your interest.

For more information, please visit www.beaufortbythesea300.org or call 252-241-1259.

Chris Price
Campbell University
Junior
Physical Education Major



Brittany Schubach
Michigan State University
Junior
Criminal Justice Major

Two Police Interns have begun working this summer in the Front Street Business District. The interns will be working through August. They will be walking, answering questions by visitors, helping direct people to businesses, helping people know where to park and where not to park. The team will be working Wednesdays through Saturday, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. to assist the public with information and directions. The team will not be working in any type of enforcement capacity.

Fire Extinguishers

The use of a fire extinguisher in the hands of a trained adult can be a life and property saving tool. However, a majority of adults have not had fire extinguisher training and may not know how and when to use them. Fire extinguisher use requires a sound decision making process and training on their proper use and maintenance. The following recommendations are provided by the US Fire Administration. For additional information, visit the US Fire Administration website at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov>

Should I Use a Fire Extinguisher?

Consider the following three questions before purchasing or using a fire extinguisher to control a fire:

1. What type of fire extinguisher is needed?

Different types of fires require different types of extinguishers. For example, a grease fire and an electrical fire require the use of different extinguishing agents to be effective and safely put the fire out.

Basically, there are five different types of extinguishing agents. Most fire extinguishers display symbols to show the kind of fire on which they are to be used.



Types of Fire Extinguishers



Class A extinguishers put out fires in ordinary combustible materials such as cloth, wood, rubber, paper, and many plastics.



Class B extinguishers are used on fires involving flammable liquids, such as grease, gasoline, oil, and oil-based paints.



Class C extinguishers are suitable for use on fires involving appliances, tools, or other equipment that is electrically energized or plugged in.



Class D extinguishers are designed for use on flammable metals and are often specific for the type of metal in question. These are typically found only in factories working with these metals.



Class K fire extinguishers are intended for use on fires that involve vegetable oils, animal oils, or fats in cooking appliances. These extinguishers are generally found in commercial kitchens, such as those found in restaurants, cafeterias, and caterers. Class K extinguishers are now finding their way into the residential market for use in kitchens.



There are also multi-purpose fire extinguishers – such as those labeled "B-C" or "A-B-C" – that can be used on two or more of the above type fires.

2. Is the fire at a point where it might still be controlled by a fire extinguisher?

Portable fire extinguishers are valuable for immediate use on small fires. They contain a limited amount of extinguishing material and need to be properly used so that this material is not wasted. For example, when a pan initially catches fire, it may be safe to turn off the burner, place a lid on the pan, and use an extinguisher. By the time the fire has spread, however, these actions will not be adequate. **Only trained firefighters can safely extinguish such fires.**

Use a fire extinguisher only if:

- You have alerted other occupants and someone has called the fire department;
- The fire is small and contained to a single object, such as a wastebasket;
- You are safe from the toxic smoke produced by the fire;
- You have a means of escape identified and the fire is not between you and the escape route; and
- Your instincts tell you that it is safe to use an extinguisher.

If *all* of these conditions are not present, you should **NOT** try to use a fire extinguisher. Alert other occupants, leave the building following your [home escape plan](#), go to the agreed upon meeting place, and call the fire department from a cell phone or a neighbor's home.

3. Am I physically capable of using the extinguisher?

Some people have physical limitations that might diminish or eliminate their ability to properly use a fire extinguisher. People with disabilities, older adults, or children may find that an extinguisher is too heavy to handle or it may be too difficult for them to exert the necessary pressure to operate the extinguisher.

Maintenance

Fire extinguishers need to be regularly checked to ensure that:

- The extinguisher is not blocked by furniture, doorways, or any thing that might limit access in an emergency.
- The pressure is at the recommended level. Some extinguishers have gauges that indicate when the pressure is too high or too low.
- All parts are operable and not damaged or restricted in any way. Make sure hoses and nozzles are free of insects or debris. There should not be any signs of damage or abuse, such as dents or rust, on the extinguisher.
- The outside of the extinguisher is clean. Remove any oil or grease that might accumulate on the exterior.

Contact the Beaufort Fire Department at 252-728-4325 for information on training.



"Preventing the loss of life and minimizing the damage to property from hurricanes are responsibilities that are shared by all."

Throughout the National Hurricane Center web site at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>, information is provided regarding actions that you can take based on specific hurricane hazards. Even though NOAA forecasters say a near-normal Atlantic hurricane season is most likely this year, Gerry Bell, Ph.D., lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center states, "Prepare for each and every season regardless of the seasonal outlook. Even a near- or below-normal season can produce landfalling hurricanes, and it only takes one landfalling storm to make it a bad season."

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) AND THE BEAUFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT.



Our Mission - Saving Lives

Securing our Most Precious Cargo

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children ages 2 to 14, due in large part to the nonuse or improper use of child seats and seat belts. Working with parents and our partners our goal is to ensure every child is properly secured and safe every trip, every time.

Parents - *Not Sure Which Car Seat to Use?*

Are you looking for a new car seat for your infant, toddler or 4-8 year old child but overwhelmed by the choices and worried about how to properly install your car seat? Our 4 Steps for Kids campaign will help you properly choose and install the correct car seat for your child. Simply click on the link below that best matches your child.

CPS Advocates - *Seeking Resources for your Local Efforts?*

Coming Soon! **2009 National Child Passenger Safety Week Planner** designed to help you promote, enhance, and enforce child passenger safety.

4 Easy Steps to Protect America's Children



REAR-FACING SEATS in the back seat from birth to at least 1 year old and at least 20 pounds.



FORWARD-FACING TODDLER SEATS in the back seat from age 1 and 20 pounds to about age 4 and 40 pounds.



BOOSTER SEATS in the back seat from about age 4 to at least age 8, unless 4'9" tall.



SAFETY BELTS at age 8 and older or taller than 4'9". All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat

For more traffic safety information visit the National Highway Traffic Safety www.nhtsa.gov or the NC Governors Highway Safety Program web site at www.ncdot.org/programs/GHSP/

Upcoming Events in Beaufort

July 3rd - Town Offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

July 4th - 4th of July Parade, 11 am

July 7th - Historic Preservation Commissioner Regular Meeting, 6 pm, Train Depot

July 13th - Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, 6 pm, Train Depot

July 16th - 18th - Barta Boys and Girls Club Fishing Tournament

The Town wishes Tred Barta a speedy recovery.

Over \$500,000 has been raised for the Boys and Girls Club of Coastal Carolina since 2004. Come support our kids.

July 18th - 30th Annual Historic Beaufort Road Race

July 20th - Planning Board Regular Meeting, 6 pm, Train Depot

July 23rd - Dine In Fishtowne Potluck Dinner, 6pm, NC Maritime Museum

July 25th - 3rd Annual Crab Cake Cook-Off, 6 pm - 8 pm, Watercraft Center, NC Maritime Museum

July 27th - Board of Adjustment Regular Meeting, 6 pm, Train Depot

August 7th - 8th - Pirate Invasion

Sea Scout Ship 98, with support from its sponsor, the Friends of the N.C. Maritime Museum, invites area youth to Tuesday Night Youth Sailing during the summer. On the second and fourth Tuesday of the month beginning at 6 p.m. today, June 9, Sea Scout Ship 98 will be small boat sailing at N.C. Maritime Museum's Gallant's Channel Expansion Site, West Beaufort Road, Beaufort. The Scouts and leaders will help participants develop sailing skills and answer any questions about sailing small boats. The Friends has boats available or those with boats are invited to bring theirs. As the summer progresses, they will be setting up sailing competition for those that would like to race. Ship 98 is looking for youth who live in the Crystal Coast area who don't necessarily have boats but enjoy boating, swimming and camping. This youth sailing program is designed to get more kids on the water and introduce local youth to the Sea Scouts. The group sails a variety of boats and is involved in outdoor sports such as diving, camping and backpacking. To join, a youth must be at least 14 years old and have graduated the eighth grade. No experience is necessary, all are welcome to participate

Call Brent Creelman at 728-1638 for more information on the Tuesday Night Youth Sailing or Ship 98.