

Beaufort Highlights

Town Manager's Work Program



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Cedar Street Work To Begin

The Town of Beaufort has been notified that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will commence work on Cedar Street on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023. Crews will be working to remove existing curb, asphalt and sidewalk at several intersections along Cedar Street starting at the Cedar Street and Orange Street intersection and working towards the Cedar Street and Marsh Street intersection.

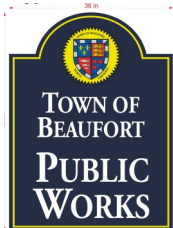
NCDOT anticipates being able to complete this work with the assistance of flagmen to help with traffic control during most of the work. However, Cedar Street will be closed periodically so that cross drainage lines can be placed across the street. Additionally, there will be times that lane closures span several days. The first one of these planned closures will be Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Craven and Cedar Streets. It will be closed for two weeks. Future road closures are to be determined based on weather and availability of materials.

Cedar Street Pervious Parking Project

Design plans for the "Cedar Street Pervious Parking Project" stand at 60%. The constructed project is to result in the placement of pervious pavement that will be constructed along the parking lanes of Cedar Street from its intersection with Orange Street to the one with Marsh Street.

Live Oak Water/Sewer Extension

Permitting applications for the planned work to extend water and sewer to the 1809 Live Oak Street tract were submitted by Town staff to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality at the beginning of the new year.



Wayfinding

Staff has ordered all of the signs in phase 1 of the project. The park signs have been picked up by Public Works and will be installed in the near future. Staff is preparing signage for phase 2 which will include parking and directional signage.



Water & Sewer

Staff has been repainting fire hydrants as well as replacing corroded bolts and repainting the piping in the high service room of the Pine Street Water Plant.

Repairs to the generator at the Glenda Drive Treatment Plant are underway.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

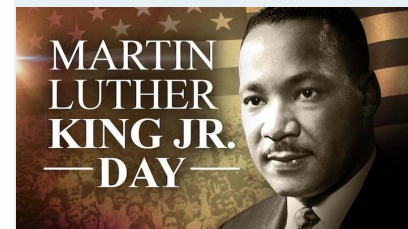
The replacement motor for one of the oxidation ditch aeration brushes/rotors has been received and is set for installation this week.

A technician is scheduled to arrive on Jan. 10 to determine and correct communication issues between several areas of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) monitoring devices at the WWTP administration building.

Board of Commissioners' Upcoming Meetings

6 p.m. Jan. 9 Regular Meeting

4 p.m. Jan. 23 Work Session



Town Hall Closed

Jan. 16, 2023



The Challenger

Jan. 28, 2023 marks the 37th anniversary of the explosion of the space shuttle "Challenger" that claimed the life of Beaufort native Captain Michael J. Smith. Smith was the pilot onboard the Challenger on Jan. 28, 1986.

For more information visit
[www.beaufortnc.org/
calendar](http://www.beaufortnc.org/calendar).

VOLUNTEER BOARD VACANCIES

The Town is now accepting applications for the following Volunteer Boards and Commissions:

Board of Adjustment- (2) ETJ Members

Historic Preservation Commission- (2) In-Town Members

Planning Board- (3) In-Town Members; (1) ETJ Member

This information is online at: <https://www.beaufortnc.org/bc>. The deadline to submit an application is Jan. 10, 2023.

Ongoing Items of Business

- ▶ High-Rate Infiltration Basin
- ▶ Water & Sewer Subcommittee
- ▶ Wastewater Pump Station Improvements Pre-Planning Grant
- ▶ Harbor & Waterways Master Plan
- ▶ Comprehensive CAMA Land Use Plan
- ▶ Space Needs Study
- ▶ ARPA Funded Projects
- ▶ Oceanview Cemetery
- ▶ USDA Funded Utility Projects
- ▶ Ongoing Project Updates Dashboard

Public Works

Staff has replaced or refastened several of the Front Street boardwalk decking boards that dislodged because of recent storms.

Brick pavers are being installed between the sidewalk along Turner Street and the nearby outdoor wall of The Vault. The work will also include the installation of pavers along Middle Lane to the rear of The Vault.

Police

The Police Department is moving forward with portable radio replacement funded by FEMA grant and Town match funds.

All applicants have completed their background and hiring process requirements. Paperwork has been sent to State for certifications.

All staff has successfully completed 2022 mandated training requirements. Officers have completed over 2,500 hours of advanced training.

Human Resources

Diversity Training was held on Nov. 14 & 17 with facilitator Vickie Moseley Jones. The training was mandatory for all employees.

A safety grant from the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) was awarded for security cameras at Town Hall and for traffic control items. The submitted estimate for the cameras is \$4,371.41. The NCLM will reimburse the Town \$2,048. The estimated cost of traffic control items is \$7,048. The Town will be reimbursed \$3,524.53 by the NCLM.

Planning & Inspections

For the year 2022, Planning Staff presented 61 cases/projects to the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment & Historic Commission the breakdown is as follows:

Planning Board – 25 Cases

10 – Rezoning Cases

10 – Subdivision Cases

3 – Special Use Permits

2 – Site Plans

Board of Adjustment – 6 Cases

6 – Variance Request

Historic Commission—37 Cases

37—Certificates of Appropriateness

For the year 2022, the Inspections & Code Enforcement Staff were involved in the following activities:

Issued 740 permits

Conducted 3,590 inspections

4 dilapidated structures demolished

Continued ongoing involvement in 10 active renovations of dilapidated structures.