

Beaufort Highlights

Town Manager's Work Program

Cedar Street Work

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) continues to work on Cedar Street with intermittent lane closures. The Town received bids for the work to construct pervious pavement at the parking lanes of Cedar Street on March 30. Unfortunately, only two bids were received. The project has been readvertised and the date for opening of bids rescheduled for April 17.

SCADA System

Proposals were received on March 21 for the cloud-based cellular supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system for monitoring of the Town's sewer pump stations. Bids were evaluated by a selection committee comprised of staff members from Engineering and Public Utilities. The evaluation process resulted in the committee inviting three vendors to follow-up interviews during the week of April 17.

Tidal Check Valve at Queen Street Outfall

Utilities staff assisted Engineering with the clearing of the run of Queen Street stormwater piping which discharges to Taylors Creek at Front Street. Staff flushed the line with high velocity water from the Town's jet/vacuum truck. This work was performed in advance of the coming installation of a tidal backflow preventer in the line.

Dredging

Bulkhead Channel Range 1, the main water entrance into the Beaufort Harbor, was dredged by the Army Corps of Engineers March 27-31. The depth is now between 15- 17 feet.



Wayfinding

Plaques have been installed by Public Works staff at each of the Town's entryways into Beaufort to include the Turner Street bridge, Hwy 101 and 70, as well as at 70 near Pearl Drive. An additional plaque has been installed next to the Old Town Gate at the intersection of Lennoxville and Live Oak Streets. These are a part of the ongoing Way-finding project.

Budget

Board of Commissioner's budget meetings have been scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 17. A public hearing regarding the 2023/24 Fiscal Year budget will be held at the June 12 Regular Board of Commissioners meeting.

Grant Writer

The Town Manager has reached out to a grant writer with experience in State and Federal funding projects and is in the process of reviewing qualifications.

George Street

The manager is currently working with Beau Coast on a solution to connect Beau Coast West to George Street and Fairview Drive.

Professional Park Drive Area Grant/Meeting Street

The Town's application for a Stormwater Planning Grant for the area of Professional Park Drive has been approved. The Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII) grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will be 100% of eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$394,815.

Ongoing Projects

- ▶ High-Rate Infiltration Basin
- ▶ Wastewater Pump Station Improvements Pre-Planning Grant
- ▶ Comprehensive CAMA Land Use Plan
- ▶ Space Needs Study
- ▶ ARPA Funded Projects
- ▶ USDA Funded Utility Projects
- ▶ UDO/160D
- ▶ Waterfront Asset Project
- ▶ Pump Station Replacement Projects
- ▶ Comprehensive Street & Sidewalk Plan
- ▶ Oceanview Cemetery



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Board of Commissioners' Upcoming Meetings

6 p.m. April 10 Regular Meeting

4 p.m. April 24 Work Session

April/May Events:

Olde Beaufort Farmers Market Opening Day: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 15

Music in the Park: 5-8 p.m. Thursdays April through the end of October in John Newton Park

Olde Beaufort Farmers Market: Open every Saturday through the end of November from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the courthouse lawn.

Chat with the Chief: 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 at the Train Depot

Earth Day/County wide Clean-up: 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22, meet at Grayden Paul Park

Arbor Day Celebration: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at Louis Randolph Johnson Jr. Park

Wooden Boat Show: All day Saturday, May 6

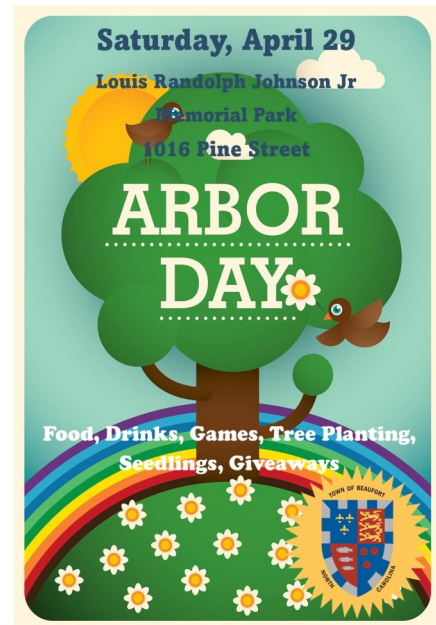
Crystal Coast Half Booty Triathlon: All day, Saturday, May 13

Beaufort Music Festival: Friday & Saturday, May 19 & 20 at Gallant's Channel

Miles 4 Music 5K Run: 9 a.m. Saturday, May 20

In-Depth Project Updates Available

Project updates may be accessed via the Town website under the "Residents" tab or from the direct link at <https://www.beaufortnc.org/publicservices/page/ongoing-project-updates>.



Public Utilities—Water & Sewer Sections

- Utilities staff repaired several water service lines.
- The Glenda Drive water plant generator was repaired; however, it is not able to power the facility due to a possible issue with the automatic transfer switch. A vendor is scheduled to troubleshoot the issue during the upcoming week.
- A quotation for ¾-inch diameter residential water meters was received. The pricing received represented a 12% increase. Staff will recommend an increase in the fee charged for meters as part of the FY2024 budget process to account for the increased pricing.

Public Works

- The splash pad has been prepared for inspection by the Carteret County Health Department. The inspection is scheduled for April 19. The splashpad is set to officially open on Saturday, April 29.
- An additional camera focused on the playground has been installed at Louis Randolph Johnson Jr. Park. It was installed due to vandalism of playground equipment.
- Public Works staff replaced a sizeable area of boardwalk decking near the National Park Service ferry booth on Front Street.
- The Town's contractor resumed seasonal mowing and related maintenance at the Town cemeteries.

Police

- Chat with the Chief is scheduled for 2 p.m. April 19 at the Train Depot.
- Several staff members have volunteered to play in the Boots vs. Badges softball game in Morehead City at 2 p.m. April 16. The team is made up of members from local Police and Fire Departments. This is a fundraiser for a local high school student who is battling cancer.

Planning & Inspections

- Registration for the Old Burying Ground Cemetery Workshop will begin later this week and will be online. Offered by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) the workshop will be Thursday, May 11 and is an all-day event.
- 104 Chestnut Street: The new owner is in the process of applying for a permit for demolition.

Parks

- Staff applied for and was awarded \$5,000 to incentivize a Walk with Ease self-guided program through the Arthritis Foundation. Program details to be announced in May.
- The splashpad at Louis Randolph Johnson Jr. Park will open for the season on April 29, 2023 and will remain open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily (weather permitting) through September.
- Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 29 from 1-3 p.m. will feature a tree planting, seedling giveaway, tree themed crafts, games, food and the opening of the splashpad for the 2023 season. Free.
- Staff is working with Carteret County Litter Free Land & Sea to facilitate a county-wide cleanup on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Sign-in for Beaufort is at Grayden Paul Park.

Employee Service Awards



Captain Troy Edwards and Ryan Springle were recognized by the Town Manager Todd Clark, Mayor Sharon Harker and Commissioners Melvin Cooper, Bucky Oliver and John Hagle for their years of service to the Town. Edwards has served 30 years with the Town of Beaufort Police Department and Ryan Springle has worked for the Town for 5 years. Other milestone awards were presented to Richard Hunnings and James Steelman, each with 10 years of service.