

**Beaufort Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2025**

Refreshments were served from 9:30-10:00 am at the Ann Street United Methodist Church Eure building. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. President Mary Kathryn Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Beaufort Garden Club Collect. She recognized guests, lifetime members, new members, and board members.

From the Town of Beaufort:

Mayor Sharon Harker kicked off the meeting by recognizing Front Street boardwalk projects done by the Pretty Ladies this summer. She issued a Proclamation declaring September 4 as Beaufort Garden Club Appreciation Day.

Matt Zapp, Town Manager, followed with brief updates:

- He will help BGC to find funding. For example, GFL has a grant opportunity for up to \$10K
- Roads: Projects are one year in, and will be over the original timeline due to issues with contractors and unexpected underground pipe discoveries.
- The town is exploring various communication strategies to reach different constituencies

Announcements:

- There are signup opportunities
- Don't forget to volunteer for monthly meeting refreshments. Each member is responsible for bringing a dish to at least one meeting
- Susan McDonald was recognized for spearheading the New Name Badges project
- Chairs of committees were announced
- Penny Holland needs help for next month's plant swap

Monthly Speaker

- BJ Vincent, leader of Art in Beaufort, gave a presentation about creative ways to incorporate art into our gardens

Meeting Adjourned 10:45