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Monthly Spotlight on-Beaufort Realty



Beaufort Realty is a full service real estate company and we have been in business since 1987. We manage and sell commercial and residential property and have recently taken over property management of Olde Towne Yacht Club.

Beaufort Realty has a staff of experienced real estate brokers to assist you with almost any real estate need or concern. We are experienced in like kind (1031) exchanges, market-

ing, selling, short term and long-term property management, and development.

Beaufort Realty concentrates on a more personal approach to business. We find out the needs of our client and go to work to assist them.

Beaufort Realty does not view the real estate business as just showing houses. We are diversified and enjoy

putting people and property together. We deal with investors, homebuyers, and developers who want professional assistance with the real estate in their portfolio.

Most of our new business is referred to us from satisfied clients. If you are considering buying, selling, renting, or investing in real estate call Beaufort Realty. Let's sit down and discuss your situation and how we may be of assistance. We are located at 325 Front Street, Beaufort, NC 28516. Phone: 252-728-5462 or 1-800-548-2961.

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MAC'VIRUSES — YES, THEY HAVE VIRUSES TOO

Many people think that since they have a MAC they can't be infected with a virus, worm, Malware (New name for Spyware as of 2006). This was true, as Windows was the preferred OS, and many hackers pointed their target toward all flavors of Windows. From Windows 98 to Windows XP (home/professional).

Hackers have taken the bait and have written viruses for Macs. Below is a List of some of the new infections from October 2006 to be aware of... and the list will grow!!!!

What can I do if I have a MAC that has a virus??

For some people, the decision has been made by their company or organization, or by the free copy of McAfee Virex that comes with a .Mac subscription. For individual users, choices of virus protection software include Intego's VirusBarrier X 10.1.1, McAfee's Virex 7.5.1, Sophos's Anti-Virus 3.87, and Symantec's Norton AntiVirus 9.02. The bottom line is that MAC users also need protection, just like the Windows version PC's.

ACS works on MACS. If you have any questions, bring it in and we will help.

No.	Name	Type	Danger
1.	TR/Dldr.Delf.a	Trojan	Low to Medium Threat
2.	TR/Spy.Hacko.3	Trojan	Low to Medium Threat
3.	KeyBank 1	Phishing	Low Threat
4.	Banca Fideuram 1	Phishing	Low Threat
5.	BDS/Agent.FK.	Backdoor	Medium Threat
6.	Banca Mediolanum 1	Phishing	Low Threat
7.	TR/PSW.LdPinc.awl.2	Trojan	Medium Threat
8.	TR/Dldr.Swizzor.Gen	Trojan	Low Threat
9.	Worm/Rbot.97776	Worm	Medium Threat
10.	Lloyds TSB 2	Phishing	Low Threat 1
11.	Egg Security 1	Phishing	Low Threat
12.	TR/Click.VB.PF	Trojan	Medium Threat
13.	TR/Dldr.Adload.FV	Trojan	Medium Threat
14.	TR/Dldr.Banlo.acd.1	Trojan	Low to Medium Threat
15.	BDS/Hupigon.cia	Backdoor Server	Medium Threat
16.	TR/Dldr.Adload.NAQ	Trojan	Low to Medium Threat
17.	TR/PSW.QQShou.IF.1	Trojan	Medium Threat
18.	Sparkasse 6	Phishing	Low Threat
19.	TR/Drop.Zlob.adq.2	Trojan	Low to Medium Threat
20.	Lincoln Federal Savings Bank 1	Phishing	Low Threat

21.	TR/Delf.RB.1	Trojan	Low to Medium Threat
22.	TR/Spy.Banker.BAY	Trojan	Medium Threat
23.	TR/Drop.PSW.L.640.B	Trojan	Low to Medium Threat
24.	Marine Federal Credit Union 2	Phishing	Low Threat
25.	Bank of America 23	Phishing	Low Threat
26.	ADSPY/BaiduBar.P	Adware / Spyware	Low to Medium Threat
27.	Worm/VanBot.O	Worm	Medium Threat
28.	National Australia Bank 1	Phishing	Low Threat
29.	TR/Click.VB.FO	Trojan	Low to Medium Threat
30.	TR/Spy.Bancos.YT.2	Trojan	Medium Threat
31.	Del Norte Credit Union 1	Phishing	Low Threat
32.	Fairwinds Credit Union 3	Phishing	Low Threat
33.	Worm/Sdbot.51974	Worm	Medium Threat
34.	Ebay 71	Phishing	Low Threat
35.	TR/Proxy.Horst.HT	Trojan	Medium Threat
36.	TR/Proxy.Horst.HU.1	Trojan	Medium Threat
37.	TR/Spy.BZub.DG.1	Trojan	Medium Threat
38.	Tr/Dldr.Qucan.A	Trojan	Low to Medium Threat
39.	Worm/Feebs.AE	Worm	Medium Threat
40.	BDS/HacDef.FV.1.A	Backdoor Server	Medium Threat

Source
<http://www.macworld.com/2005/02/reviews/antivirussoftware/index.php>



"It's for Thanksgiving. Now, you won't have to talk with your mouth full."

ACS WELCOMES NEW CARETRET CHAMBER MEMBERS FOR OCTOBER

- Advanced Automotive of the Crystal Coast AmeriSpec
- Art Escapes & Frames, Inc.
- BeachCare Urgent Medical Care Center
- Bill Griffith - Kivett's Happy House Realty
- Blue Border Travel Trailers, Inc.
- Boardwalk Cafe Boats, Inc.
- Budget Blinds
- Carolina Mortgage Source, LLC
- Carolina Tailors / Piedmont Marketing
- Carteret Crossing, LLC
- Carteret Mortgage Company
- Coastal Investment Management Inc.
- Coastal Originals
- Conner Properties
- Countrywide Home Loans - Tim Jackson
- CruiseOne
- Custom Saltwater Taxidermy
- DJ Shooters
- Ed Mullis Insurance Agency, Inc.
- F & R Construction
- Garden Gate Cafe & Deli
- Great Southern Mortgage Corporation
- Great Windows
- Green Key Properties
- Gregory Poole Marine Power
- H A Coffee Co., LLC
- The Handyman Service
- Healthy Carolinians of Carteret County
- Institutional Interiors
- Island Inn of Atlantic Beach
- J Chalk Designs
- Jean Bell
- Jerri Builders, Inc.
- Jones Brothers Marine
- Longaberger Home Accessories
- Marine Federal Credit Union
- Michael Lincoln, P.A.
- Miss Marie's Gallery
- The Monkey Bar & Grill
- National Home Inspection Solutions
- NC Welcome
- Norstar Mortgage Group
- Oceanshore Design
- Office Fusion Solutions
- Parit Systems
- Paula King - Women's Clothing
- Pegi Davis Realty
- Potters for Parkinson's, Inc.
- Promised Hearts Wedding Planning
- Ram Jack Foundation Solutions
- Real Discount Drugs
- Rockwood Construction
- Rutherford Financial Group, Inc.
- Sign Central, Inc.
- Somerset Cellars, LLC
- The Sue Cruddas Real Estate Team
- Triton Marine Services
- US Cellular Authorized Agent Sunshine
- Wireless Inc
- Wade S. Dunbar Insurance Agency
- Walgreens
- Yoga Nurse Stress Management

ACS Welcomes New Havelock Chamber Members for October

Jean Preston

NOTABLE QUOTES

"Cooperation isn't the absence of conflict but a means of managing conflict."

Deborah Tannen

"Circumstances may cause interruptions and delays, but never lose sight of your goal. Prepare yourself in every way you can by increasing your knowledge and adding to your experience, so that you can make the most of an opportunity."

Mario Andretti

Skip easy-to-guess passwords

Computer users often use a basic password and just add the month in which they change it. If your secret word is eureka, the new word would be eureka12 for December, and eureka3 for March. It's easy for you to remember, but also easy for others to guess what a new password would be. Here are some other ideas.

* Never use the name of your dog or pet. This information is easy to get in online chats or in forwarded questionnaires.

* Combine letters with numbers and obscure keyboard characters.

* Use a string of at least six nonsense letters plus a number.

* Try mixing up the letters in a keyword.

* Use a capital letter. Remember that most password fields are case sensitive. Using one random capital letter can make your password harder to guess.

* Never use a word from the dictionary. A hacker can crack the password in a few seconds.

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Most computer users have several passwords to remember and some have many more. Writing them down in a list you leave in a convenient place can be a good idea, however, do not leave in a location that others can access. Some passwords can never be retrieved if they are forgotten so they must be backed up on paper. Use a small notebook that you can file or store out of sight and remember to update it.

If you must store your passwords on your computer, then name the file something

Explorer Update

In Mid November people that how have XP Home or Professional Service pack 2 installed will notice that they will be prompted to update their Internet Explorer 6 with Internet Explorer 7.

This update should be accepted. It is the latest generation of Internet Explorer with additional security features..

Top Ten + Threats of the Month

The following listing highlights the major threats to computer systems during the month of October 2006. If your anti-Virus program advises you that it cannot remove any of these threats, you should contact your IT department or ACS Computer Systems for help in removal as serious damage can be done to your system and some threats can e-mail themselves to others in your address book.

- W32.Stration.DD@mm
- W32.Stration.DB@mm
- W32..Annunc.A@mm
- W32.Stration.CX@mm
- W32.Wikedir@mm
- W32.Beagle.FN@mm
- W32.Lovena.A@mm
- Trojan.spamila.B
- W32.Mubler.B
- W32.Vidon.A
- Bloodhound.Exploit.93

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Veterans Day

Heroes from all services

As Veterans Day, November 11, dawns, the imagination's eye can visualize the legions of soldiers, sailors, flyers, marines, and coast guard as they march in a parade through history. They do not march in a straight line but they come on foot, on horseback, in tanks, and on camels. They fly in planes overhead and they sail on and beneath the sea. They are accompanied by their support staffs who "drive a desk" so that troop movements can go forward.

They are the brave men and women who have defended our country both in war and peace so that we can

enjoy the freedom of America.

Veterans Day honors all veterans but focuses on the contributions of living veterans. Various cities, though fewer than in the past, honor veterans by holding



parades or special ceremonies. Individuals can honor veterans in their own way by displaying the flag or placing decals on their vehicles.

Official ceremonies for Veterans Day take place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington

National Cemetery At 11 a.m. on November 11, a color guard made up of members of all the military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. A presidential wreath is laid and "Taps" is played.

In this time of turmoil, when we can no longer take our freedoms for granted, it is of the greatest importance that we acknowledge the men and women of the various services who have given up much to defend us. They may be our brother, sister, aunt, uncle, father, mother, grandfather, cousin, or neighbor. They deserve a heartfelt Thank You!

The Prez Says –NETWORK, NETWORK

Try to talk to most small business owners about setting up a computer network and their eyes will glaze over. Either they fear the complexity of the topic and the mysterious acronyms, or they simply fear the cost of setting up and maintaining one.

But computer networking isn't as expensive or as complicated as it used to be. Lower costs and "plug and play" devices have made it extremely easy for even small Mom and Pop shops to take advantage of the increased speed, accuracy, and ease of doing business offered by a computer network.

A computer network is nothing more than a system of computers and computer devices (like a printer or scanner) that are connected together to share files, information, and resources. If you connect your computer with another computer with a cable, you've got a small, peer-to-peer network in place.

The most common network for small businesses is the LAN or Local Area Network. This type of network is usually connected within the same building via cables. Another common small business network is a WAN or Wide Area Network, which is a LAN extended to other geographic locations using the Internet.

If you only have two or three computers, you may want to start off only with a simple peer to peer network where all machines are directly connected to one another. However, there are drawbacks to this set up.

Peer to peer networks make it difficult to backup and manage files because everyone has to store everything – software and data files – on their own machine.

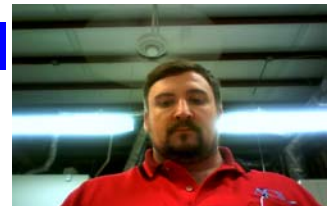
This type of network can also become sluggish and unstable causing unexpected downtime, and makes it difficult to adequately protect against viruses.

A better option is the client-server network where a powerful computer called a server stores and "serves up" the information and software applications (databases, word processing, accounting, etc) to all the machines in your network or office.

This type of network configuration is much faster, secure, and stable. Backups are not only easier to perform, but they are also far more reliable and accurate. Security is improved because virus protection and Internet access can be managed from one central location. Sharing software applications and large files between workers and offices becomes easier, and you can allow for remote access (people working from home).

There are other benefits such as lowered software costs, increases in productivity, and the ability to get practically any device (such as a printer or scanner) to talk to just about any other device, including your phone.

Of course, if the server goes down your entire network (and business) stops.



Therefore you want to make sure you have an emergency plan in place (like a second back-up server) and a fast-response service agreement with a local computer support firm like the ones I offer to my small business clients.

Thanks to major advances in wireless technology, now even small businesses on a small budget can benefit from the new wireless networks. If you're confused, just think of it as a computer that works like a cell phone (look Mom, no wires!).

The only difference between a wireless network and the "old fashioned" cable connected networks is that wireless networks communicate with other computers, devices, and the Internet without any messy cable installations.

This is especially popular in businesses that require mobile workers to enter and access data where wired devices would be inconvenient (or impossible) to carry around, such as a warehouse, a large store, or even in a hospital.

If your head is spinning from all this talk about networks and you just want all of this "computer stuff" to just work, then you can always give me a call and I'll make it all work for you.