



Notices

Leaf collection provided by the Town of Benson will end on January 31st. If you are in need of leaf collection please contact Town Hall at 919-894-3533. Leaves are normally collected Tuesday through Friday.

Community Calendar-

- MLK Day (State Holiday) 1/20
- Town Commissioners Meeting 1/30
- Comm. Watch Mtg. Eastwood 2/6
- Museum Coffee Hour 10am 2/7
- Town Commissioners Meeting 2/11

Mayor's Message

A new year brings with it new challenges and opportunities. I am reminded of the words of President Kennedy – “There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction”. This year we are planning on how to best use the old middle school property at Vyas Park. Be a part of making a big impact and weigh in with your opinion.

William

Community Visioning To Be Held Jan. 16th

In order to develop a community vision for the former middle school property located along Lee and Elm Streets, the Town of Benson has contracted with the NCSU School of Design. **The meeting will be held in lieu of the regularly scheduled Benson Business Watch meeting. On Thursday January 16, 2014, three separate meetings will be held at the site. Specific meeting times are:**

- 11:30am-1:00pm** (Businesses, Lunch Available)
- 4:00pm-5:30pm** (After School Youth)
- 7:00pm-8:30pm** (Civic Groups, Citizens, etc.)

Current uses at the site include the Benson Fire Department, the Dr. PK Vyas MD Park, the community gymnasium, outdoor recreational fields, a playground, two picnic shelters and a walking trail. Programs housed under roof in-

clude the Not Just Another Community Center (NJACC) and the Partnership for Children.

Residents, civic groups, community leaders, town staff and other interested parties are encouraged to participate. Help the Town of Benson plan for the best use and design of the 10-acre property. Input will be gathered from all attendees. So mark your calendar to participate on January 16, 2014.

Museum Coffee Hour Continues Volunteers Needed For Boards

The Benson Museum of Local History will be continuing their Museum Coffee Hour on the first Friday of each month at 10am through the 2014 year. This is a great opportunity to get together with friends enjoy a cup of coffee and learn about Benson's heritage. The coffee, doughnuts and fellowship are complimentary.



Coffee Hours will be held on:
January 3rd, February 7th, March 7th,
April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, August 1st,
September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th & December 5th

For more information contact the museum at 919-894-1266.

The Town of Benson needs your help! **The Town of Benson is currently seeking volunteers to sit on a variety of advisory boards.** These boards report to the Benson Board of Commissioners and help influence town policy. Openings are available on the following boards:

- Board of Adjustment
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Benson Museum of Local History
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Police Advisory Board

Appointments to each of the above positions are made by the Benson Town Board of Commissioners, and each position carries different year terms with possible reappointment when term expires. A member may serve two consecutive full terms, however after serving two consecutive full terms the member cannot be appointed for one year.

Please pick up an application at Town Hall at 303 East Church Street or email Connie M. Sorrell, Town Clerk at csorrell@townofbenson.com for an application. If you should have any questions please call 919-894-3553.



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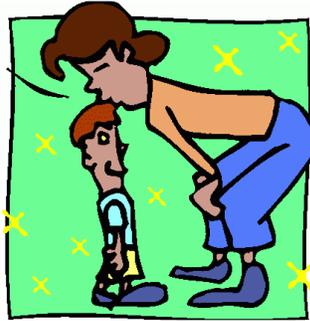
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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Mother-Son Night Out

Join the BPRD for a night of fun, games and dancing and create memories that will last a lifetime. **Mothers and sons are invited to come to the Benson**



Civic Center to enjoy the evening with one another. The cost to attend is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Children must be at least 5 years old to attend. Registration deadline is January 13th. There must be a minimum of 20 registered couples for the event to be held so don't delay in getting registered. **There will be a photographer at the event to capture the special moment. Photographs are \$5.** All funds generated by the event will go towards the Field House Fund at the Dr. P.K. Vyas Community Park. **For more information and to register for the event contact Benson Parks and Recreation Department at 919-894-5117.**

Schedule of Events

Exercise Renewals

Renewal of exercise memberships is due by 5pm on Friday, January 31st.

Self Defense

Reg. is Jan. 23rd classes begin Jan. 30th
6:00-6:45pm ages 4-6
6:45-7:30 Returning Students

Cheerleading

For children 4-18. Registration is January 27th.
Contact BPRD for registration times.

Adult Basketball and Volleyball

Registration will begin in Jan./Feb. Volleyball is \$225/team and \$425/team for basketball Contact BPRD for more info. 919-894-5117

Youth Sports

Baseball, softball & tee-ball registration begins Jan. 27th-Feb. 22nd.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Feb. 15th. Pre-registration will begin in January

Senior Valentine Social

Feb. 14, 6-7pm Civic Center. Free for BPRD and Active Aging members \$10 for non-members. Register by Feb. 7th at noon.

White Swan Under New Ownership



Business Booster

is now under new ownership.

The new owner, Bobby Creech, grew up in the McGee's Crossroads area and after spending over two decades in the pharmaceutical industry decided to try his hand at the restaurant business. **"I knew the Dunn's who owned the store before me for many years. I have big shoes to fill. I look forward to continuing to serve the Benson community some of the finest BBQ and home style cooking around"** said Creech.

Even under new ownership White Swan will still be providing the Benson community their well known specials. Whether it is turkey and dressing or their famous ribs and chicken and pastry **customers can still take advantage of the great daily specials and homemade fresh desserts** like banana pudding, cobblers and ten layered cakes that have kept loyal custom-



Bobby Creech, Owner

ers coming back for years. They are also looking in to offering new healthier options as well.

In need of catering? You need not look any further than White Swan. **Let their experienced always smiling staff cater your next corporate event, wedding or family reunion.** For information on pricing and menus you must contact the store.

So, whether you are looking to get a quick bite to eat or you need to feed an army go to White Swan. You won't be disappointed.

White Swan

105 N. Honeycutt St.
919-894-4446
Open Tues—Sat. 11am - 8pm
Sun 11am-3pm