



Notices

Looking for a way to keep up with all that is going on in Benson? Make sure to like the Town of Benson's facebook page and follow the town on twitter. Make sure you get all the up-to-date news. Like and follow Benson today!

Community Calendar-

Comm. Watch Meeting
Hedges Apt 3/20

Town Commissioners
Meeting 3/27

Museum Coffee Hour
10am 4/4

Town Commissioners
Meeting 4/8

Pajama Story Time
6:30 pm MDPL 4/14

Mayor's Message

This year we will embrace a commitment to family, quality and innovation. We will continue to make Benson a great place to raise a family by accepting only the best and finding new, innovative solutions to the complex issues our community faces.

William

Town Receives Tree City USA Designation

The Town of Benson is pleased to announce that it has received membership to the coveted Tree City USA program, a national network of communities focusing on "urban forestry" and natural areas within a municipality.

Trees serve a multitude of purposes including:

- Reducing energy costs
- Soil stabilization
- Noise and pollution reduction

The Tree City USA designation will help Benson obtain grants that will assist the town in developing a comprehensive and consistent urban forestry management program.



Church St. looking west during the fall

"This designation is recognition of all the great work our community is performing to ensure that Benson remains an attractive place to live, work and

play. However, trees are far more important than the shade they provide. Trees are a part of our town. Benson is known for its small town charm and tree lined streets. With this designation and our commitment to preserving Benson's character, our tree lined streets, landscaped parks and gathering spaces will last for generations to come," said Mayor Massengill.

Cook: Fireman of the Year



This past January at the Benson Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet a befitting title was placed on Fireman Allen Cook as Fireman of the Year. During his introduction a story was told of Cook's heroism as he with the help of another couple rescued a family from a rip current at North Topsail Beach this past summer. Mr. Cook's heroism that day can only be matched by the same dedication that he shows

while serving the Benson community as a volunteer firefighter. It is with great pleasure and honor that the Town of Benson along with the Benson community recognizes Mr. Cook for his service to our community

Brenda Harper Retires



As of March the first the Town of Benson will be saying farewell to Brenda Harper as she retires after serving the Town of Benson for nearly two decades. Brenda was well known for always putting customers first and meeting everyone with a smile. "Brenda will truly be missed. She has been a mainstay in the Benson Finance Department for over nineteen years. She was known as the official Town of Benson Happy Birthday Singer. Her service and loving personality will not soon be forgotten," said Town Manager, Matt Zapp. Mrs. Harper was honored for her service with a dinner at the Benson Conference Center on February 7th and proclamation that recognized her years of service. Everyone at the Town of Benson would like to wish Mrs. Brenda G. Harper a long and wonderful retirement.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Lineup For Line Dancing

Are you looking to learn how to hone your line dancing skills?

Whether you are wanting to impress a certain someone or just want to do

something to have fun, join Lisa Smith and the Benson Parks and Recreation Department for their Intermediate Line Dancing class. **Classes are held each Wednesday night from 6:30pm—8:00pm at the Benson Civic Center. A new session of classes will begin on Wednesday, April 2nd.** These classes will offer attendees the ability to learn more line dancing steps and terminology while getting exercise. Come join BPRD and burn some calories while learning how to do-si-do with the best of them! **For more information on how you can register to be a part of these classes please contact the parks and recreation department at 919-894-5117.**



Alkat Restoration



Business Booster

If you have traveled on Hwy 301 heading towards Dunn lately you probably have seen the Alkat sign. Alkat Wood Restoration is a company that specializes in onsite restoration, refinishing and repair of wooden furniture and detailing.

Al and Kathy Lopez started their wood refinishing and restoration business in 1994 in their garage in Atlanta, GA before moving to Benson. In Atlanta, Al and Kathy grew their small home based business into a large company where they held several franchises in multiple counties surrounding Atlanta. After Kathy received her PhD. she was hired by Campbell University and the family moved to Benson.

Although Alkat specializes in large scale commercial and corporate wood restoration and refinishing they **also do custom work for individuals** who might be looking to restore a family heirloom. **“I love working with people. I really enjoy taking a beautiful piece of furniture that has seen better days, that has a significant meaning to someone, and make that**

Schedule of Events

Adult Basketball and Volleyball

Registration for Volleyball is \$310/team and \$610/team for basketball. Contact BPRD for more info. 919-894-5117

Yoga Classes

A new session of Yoga Classes will begin on March 4th. Classes are held on Tues. mornings 9-10am. Fee: \$40-resident, \$55 non-resident. Pre-registration is required with a minimum of 6 participants.

Jo.Co. Senior Games/Silver Arts

Come and support Jo.Co. seniors during the Senior Games. Games will run from March 31st—April 11th. For more info. and a list of events contact BPRD 919-894-5117

Easter Eggstravaganza

Join BPRD on Sat., April 12th from 2-3pm in the Benson Singing Grove for the Easter Eggstravaganza. There will be egg decorating, balloon sculptures, games and of course an Easter egg hunt. Free hotdogs and drinks will be provided. If rain, event will be held at the Lee St. Gym

Please Donate

Please donate to our local food pantry and the clothing closet located at BPRD.



Al Lopez of Alkat Restoration

piece beautiful again,” said Al Lopez owner operator of Alkat.

Alkat also has gone green. **They have perfected their own water based finishing process. This process is less toxic and does not emit the obnoxious fumes**

that are associated with traditional wood refinishing and restoration work.

Whether you are looking to refinish a board room or a family heirloom, look not further than Alkat Wood Restoration.

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