



Notices

Please note that Town Offices will be closed on Friday, April 18th. This closure is in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

Community Calendar-

Bus. Comm. Watch Meeting	4/17
Town Commissioners Meeting	4/24
Keep Benson Beautiful Cleanup	4/26
Museum Coffee Hour	5/2
Town Commissioners Meeting	5/13

Mayor's Message

I saw recently where Edenton was recognized as one of the prettiest small towns in the South. I think Benson could be included but it is going to take work. Join us in making it happen on April 25-26 for the Keep Benson Beautiful/Love Benson campaign. Show how much you love Benson.

William

Community Cleanup Day April 26th

Roll up your sleeves and come help keep Benson beautiful! The Town of Benson will be joining together for the **annual Keep Benson Beautiful Day on April 26th from 8:30am - noon**. Participants will be **served breakfast and lunch**. Those wishing to be a part of this great event can **meet at the Lee Street Gym on the morning of the 26th**. From there teams will be formed and cleaning assignments will be given out. Last year **nearly 200 people joined together to help clean up Benson**.

“This is a great opportunity to come out and do good in your community and meet your neighbors. This event shows us every year how much of a difference people can make when they come together to accom-



Volunteers at Keep Benson Beautiful

plish a common goal,” said Matt Zapp, Town Manager.

Let's make sure this year is the best one yet! **For more information on the Keep Benson Beautiful clean-up event or how you can get involved as a sponsor or participant please contact Town Hall at 919-894-3553 or go to lovebenison.com**. Together we can continue to keep Benson

Police Corner

The Benson Police Department partnered with Waste Industries Hope Mills branch on February 26th to provide narcotics detection training to a group of 50 Waste Industries employees. They focused on what drivers should look for at the curb: suspicious debris, odors and indicators of drug activity. The training session also covered topics associated with safe driving techniques. “We are pleased to have the ability to partner with Waste Industries to train their employees on public safety matters. These types of relationships are extremely helpful in ensuring that Benson remains a safe community to live in,” said Police Chief Kenneth Edwards.



BPD with Waste Industries Employees

Movie Night Is Back



Wait no longer. Movie Night in the Grove is back! Movie Night in The Grove started several years ago and has been entertaining Benson area audiences ever since. These free outdoor movies are a part of the great programming that the Benson Parks and Recreation Department provides the Benson community. But wait! The movies aren't the only free thing. Movie goers will also enjoy free popcorn courtesy of BRPD. All movies will start at dusk and goers are encouraged to bring their own towels and chairs.

Movies and Dates

- April 11th—Despicable Me 2
- May 16th—Planes
- June 6th—The Smurfs 2
- July 18th—The Lego Movie
- August 15th—Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
- September 12—The Muppets
- October 10th—Monsters University



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Easter Eggstravaganza

Grab your baskets and children and join **BPRD on Saturday, April 12th from 2-3pm in the Benson**



Singing Grove for the Benson Easter Eggstravaganza. This event, for **children from 3-8 years old, will have egg decorating, balloon sculptures, a jelly bean guess and lots of fun and games followed by an Easter egg hunt. Free pizza, drinks and chocolate bunnies will be provided while supplies last.** These items were provided by WPYB, Carlie C's IGA and the Benson Area Women's Organization. In case of inclement weather the event will be held at the Lee St. Gym. Thanks also goes to Dominos of Benson and the Mary Duncan Public Library. **For more information on this event contact the Benson Parks and Recreation Department at 919-894-5117.**

Schedule of Events

Yoga Classes

Classes are held on Tues. mornings 9-10am. Fee: \$45-resident, \$55 non-resident. Pre-registration is required with a minimum of 6 participants. Participants need to bring their own mat or towel. Call Cindy Johnson for details 369-8184

Intermediate Line Dance

New line dance classes will begin April 2nd at the Benson Civic Center. Registration is \$10-res. And \$15-non-res for each six week class. Call BPRD for details 919-894-5117.

Easter BINGO

Get your dabbers ready for Easter BINGO. BPRD will be hosting this event on Monday, April 21 at noon at the Center for Active Aging. This free event is for anyone 55 years or older. Play will continue until all prizes have been won.

Better Life

Need help with living with Diabetes? Better Life will be held on April 23rd at 9am at the Benson Civic Center. Come get useful information on improving your life with diabetes

Please Donate

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

Benson News in Review



Business Booster

Many of us look forward to Wednesdays when the Four Oaks Benson News In Review hits the stands. For well over 100 years the Four Oaks Benson News In Review has been providing our area its local newspaper and with it the stories and memories of our community.

Like many of the businesses in Benson the Four Oaks Benson News In Review is family owned and operated. Ralph and Mickey Delano purchased the paper in the mid 1950's. Their son, Norman, took over the daily operations of the paper in the mid 1990's. Now the third generation is working at the paper, Norman's daughter, Letitia.

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The Delanos of the News In Review

itself on delivering the news about our community to those who live in our community".

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