



Notices

Town offices will be closed on May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Have a safe Memorial Day weekend!

Community Calendar-

Comm. Watch Meeting
Church of God 5/15

Town Commissioners Meeting
5/22

Town Offices Closed—
Memorial Day 5/26

Museum Coffee Hour
10am 6/6

Town Commissioners Meeting
6/10

Mayor's Message

May is Mental Health month. We all know of someone suffering from mental illness. Many have suffered because of the stigma of their mental illness when in fact it should be seen no differently than diabetes or heart disease. Help is available. Call - Johnston County Mental Health - **919-989-5500**

William

Friday Night Hoops Starts in May

Looking for a great program to get your 13-16 year old in this summer? The Benson Police Department along with the Benson Parks and Recreation Department invite **all 13-16 year olds to participate in Benson's Friday Night Hoops.**



These events will take place at the **gym located on South Lee St.** at P.K. Vyas Community Park. Each **event will begin at 8pm.** Participants will get to listen to various guest speakers who will relay information on numerous topics related to life events and athletics. Participants will also be fed dinner.

The **first Friday Night Hoops event will be on May 30th.** However, if you miss one of the events you can still attend the other events throughout the summer. All participants must register at the Benson Parks and Recreation Department building located on North Johnson St. or they can register at 8pm the same day as the event at the Lee St. gym.

Friday Night Hoops Event Schedule

May 30th 8pm-11pm

June 13th 8pm-11pm

June 27th 8pm-11pm

July 11th 8pm-11pm

July 25th 8pm-11pm

August 8th 8pm-11pm

For more information on this great program or how you can get your child involved, become a guest speaker or volunteer, **contact Jeff Young with the Benson Police Department at 919-894-2091.**

Prepare for Severe Weather

June the first will mark the official beginning of Hurricane season here in North Carolina. There is no time like the present to go ahead and prepare yourself for the possibility of severe weather this year.



- **Develop a plan** for the instance of severe weather and discuss it with everyone you live with.
- **Create a severe weather kit** with batteries, a radio, first aid kit, food, water, flashlight and can opener
- **In the instance of severe weather move all your yard items indoors**
- **Monitor your radio for weather updates**

Lets all do our part to make sure our families are well prepared for severe weather this hurricane season.

How to Beat The Heat This Summer



Energy Edge

With warmer months approaching it is not too early to begin thinking about how you can reduce your energy costs. Here are a few ideas you can use around your home or business:

Keep your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher. You can save an additional 6-7% on your cooling cost for every degree above 78.

Close your blinds and shades. Keeping the sun out will help keep your space nice and cool.

Use counter top appliances to cook with instead of the oven or stove.

Dry your clothes outside. Using a close line will help reduce your energy cost and the heat produced by your dryer.

These are just a few tips on how you might be able to avoid those high energy bills this summer.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Benson Community Day

The third annual Benson Community Day is right around the corner.

Make sure to mark your calendars for May 10th. This great family oriented event will be held from 10 am - 2 pm in the Dr. P.K. Vyas Community Park located on Lee St. There will be games, vendors, music and more for the entire family. Also, there will be helicopters on display along with a special display from the National Guard. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, sponsor of the event or would just like more information on the event please contact Officer Jeff Young at the Benson Police Department at 919-894-2091 or by email at jayoung@bensonpd.org. We will see you on May 10th!



Schedule of Events

Movie Night In The Grove

May 16th - Planes

June 6th - Smurfs 2

Sponsor Benson's 4th of July

Sponsors are needed for the annual 4th of July Celebration. Contact BPRD for info.

Intermediate Line Dance

Join instructor Lisa Smith at the Benson Civic Center on Wed. nights for line dancing. Registration is \$10-res. and \$15-non-res for each six week class. Call BPRD for details 919-894-5117.

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.

Better Life

Need help with living with Diabetes? Better Life will be held on May 28th at 9am at the Benson Civic Center.

Please Donate

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

Cool Off This Summer At The Benson Pool



Business Booster

Looking for a great place to spend the summer with your kids? Look no further than the Benson Pool. Since the 1950's the Benson Pool, a non-profit organization, has given their members a place to go to beat the heat of the summer.

The Benson Pool is known for their 3-9ft pool however, there is much more. Their facilities include: a gated baby pool, diving board, pool slide, lounge chairs, picnic tables, large sandy area, pool building, concessions, games and American Red Cross certified lifeguards.

The pool is open Monday—Saturday 11am-7pm and Sundays 2pm-7pm from June 14th through Labor Day weekend.

Memberships are now available for the 2014 season. The first year rental is only \$350! The rental or membership covers all family mem-



A Picture of the Benson Pool

bers that reside at the same physical address. Guests cost \$5.00 each. (Ask about payment plans).

The Benson Pool is also a great place to have a pool party. You don't have to be a member to book your package, so call today!

If you have additional questions or would like to receive an application – email ben-sonpool@yahoo.com or send a letter to PO Box 851 - Benson, NC 27504 – be sure to include your contact phone number & email address. The President, Chris McGee, can be reached at 919-625-4098.