



## Notices

**YOUR ELECTRIC TAXES ARE GOING UP!** The NC General Assembly passed a bill that will raise the tax on electricity state wide beginning on July 1. The average customer will see a \$5-\$10 increase. This is NOT a Town of Benson rate increase!

## Community Calendar

State Singing Convention	6/20-6/22
Comm. Watch Mtg. (Hedges Apts)	6/26
Town Commissioners Mtg.	6/26
Fri. Night Hoops	6/27
July 4th Holiday (Offices Closed)	7/4
Town Commissioners Mtg.	7/8

## Mayor's Message

"Tree City USA" and "Playful City". They are designation which point out things that have been important to people in Benson for years. Our tree lined streets and our Grove are things we protect and cherish. We have a long history of a commitment to our parks and recreation programs and activities for children. It is good to see that others also recognize these good things about Benson.

William

## 301 Endless Yardsale Comes Back to Benson

Johnston County, site of the first US 301 Endless Yard Sale has invited our neighbors along



US 301 in North Carolina to participate with us in 2014. We are excited to announce the second annual "301 Endless Yard Sale" to take place the weekend of **June 20-21, 2014**. Patterned after the long established 127 Longest Sale and inspired by the HGTV television show "Flea Market Flip", the communities along US 301 will join together with deals, antiques, collectibles and more along a 100 mile stretch of highway between Kenly and Benson, in Johnston County...and now sites will be found in Halifax, Wilson and Harnett Counties as well.

The US 301 Endless Yard Sale officially starts on Friday, June 20th and runs through Saturday, June 21st. Many sellers will be located along the stretch in well established visitor sites like Riverside Mill in Weldon, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, TWM Antiques in Selma...as well as families, churches and schools on the route with vendor spaces.

You are invited to explore the country roads of Johnston County and our partner counties every year looking for the unique collectible and rare find you have been dreaming about...it just may be along the US 301 Endless Yard Sale.

For more information on vendor spaces in Benson or the event itself go to [www.301endlessyardsale.com](http://www.301endlessyardsale.com) or contact Joe Stallings at 919-894-1606 or [jstallings@townofbenison.com](mailto:jstallings@townofbenison.com).

## Benson Named Playful City



The Town of Benson is pleased to announce that they have been awarded the coveted designation as a Playful City USA 2014. This designation is given to communities across the United States that have shown a commitment to improving the quality of life of their communities through providing quality play spaces.

"This designation is a sign that we are moving in the right direction as a community when it comes to providing opportunities for play," said Benson Parks and Recreation Director Matt Smith.

For more information on the Playful City USA program and the efforts the Town of Benson is taking to improve our public play spaces contact Matt Smith at 919-894-5117.

## Shop Local This Summer



Main Street Downtown Benson

The summertime for retailers in Benson can be troubling as many customers make their way to their favorite vacation destinations. This is why supporting your local retailers this summer is that much more important.

Did you know that nearly 68% of dollars spent in a local independently owned business will come back to the community compared to only 43% when those same dollars are spent in a national chain? These are staggering numbers when you begin to consider how many small locally owned businesses there are in our community. These locally owned business are normally the ones that sponsor little league baseball teams and other community programs. They support us and in turn we need to support them.



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# Parks and Recreation: News and Information

## July 4th Celebration Scheduled



Please join us for Benson's annual 4th of July celebration. Opening ceremonies will be held at 3pm on Friday, July 4th in the Benson Singing Grove and will feature local civic leaders. Entertainment will feature dancing from Benson's own Cross County Scuffers, local

band Lawless, and closing out the day's events will be the Attractions. There will also be a classic car show. What would 4th of July be without food? Cool off with snow-cones, ice cream and fill up with hotdogs and hamburgers. Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on and plan on having a great time. As always the day will conclude with our spectacular fireworks display, which will take place off of Hwy 301/Wall St. For more information contact the Benson Parks and Rec. Department at 919-894-5117.

## Schedule of Events

### Movie Night in The Grove

June 6th - Smurfs 2  
July 19th - The Lego Movie  
(In the Benson Singing Grove)

### Summer Reading Program

Held at the Benson Civic Center on Fridays. Starting June 20th through August 1st from 10am-11am. Sponsored by MDPL.

### Sundown In Downtown

The Band of OZ will be playing in the Grove on June 12th beginning at 6pm.

### Better Life

Join the monthly meeting on Diabetes. These informational sessions can help you live a better life with Diabetes.

### Line Dancers In Motion

Join instructor Lisa Smith for line dancing classes on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Registration is \$10-res. and \$15-non-res. New classes begin June 25th.

### Please Donate

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

## Neighbors and Associates



### **Business Booster**

Buying, selling or renting a home can be very stressful. Forget about all that stress and let the experienced staff at Neighbor and Associates Inc. take care of all your real estate needs.

Owner of Neighbors and Associates Inc., William Neighbors, a Benson area native, has years of experience in the real estate industry. He recently opened his first office in Benson on Market Street. **Neighbors and Associates offer FREE representation to anyone looking to buy real estate. They also specialize in residential listing, consultation services for real estate investors and full service property management.**

So what makes Neighbors and Associates stand-out from their competition? "Its our technology," said Neighbors. "We move at the speed of business. Many of our contracts and forms can be signed online. We produce virtual tours of our properties for online viewing as well. In the fast pace world of real estate your have to be mobile," stated Neighbors.



*Neighbor s& Assoc. Inc. for all your real estate needs*

This commitment to quick delivery of service to their clients has helped Neighbors and Associates establish themselves as a premier real estate firm in

the Benson area.

Whether you are looking to buy or sell your home or are an experienced real estate investor, Neighbors and Associates can provide you with the professional advice and insight that you need for your real estate transaction.

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