



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, 2014. The average customer will see a \$5-\$10 increase. This is NOT a Town of Benson rate increase!

Community Calendar-

Business Watch Mtg. (Fire Dept.)	7/17
Town Commissioners Mtg.	7/24
Fri. Night Hoops	7/25
Comm. Watch Mtg. (Eastwood)	8/7
Fri. Night Hoops	8/8
Town Commissioners Mtg.	8/12

Mayor's Message

This 4th of July we focus our attention on the freedom and liberty we all so cherish. Each of these gifts are paid at a high cost. To maintain them, we have a responsibility to assure that justice, equality and respect for individual rights are upheld by our town, state and country. Each of us must pay our price to assure that freedom and liberty exists for generations to come.

Happy Birthday America

William

Stay Cart Smart This Summer

Did you know that **Benson is home to over 500 registered golf carts**? On any day you can see golf carts loaded down with groceries and families traveling on Benson roads. Golf carts have become a part of the Benson community.

This is why the Town of Benson would like to remind everyone of a few golf cart safety tips. These tips are not just for those that own and operate golf carts but those that must share the road the with the carts as well.

- Never Drive recklessly
- Only carry the number of passengers that there are seats for
- Avoid sharp turns at maximum speed
- Drive straight up and down steep slopes

- Use hand signals when turning if you do not have a turn signal
- Make sure everyone is buckled up before you start moving
- Always allow a safe distance between you and other vehicles and carts



These are just a few tips that can help you avoid costly and evenly deadly accidents.

Remember, driving a golf cart is just like driving a vehicle, you must obey all traffic laws.

BFD Receives New Fire Engine



BFD received their new fire engine on June 7, 2014 at the Benson Fire Station located on Elm Street. This

2014 Spartan ERV Metro Star Pumper is the newest addition to the fire department's fleet. **New Engine 4 will replace a 1990 model open cab engine that was deemed unsafe.** The new engine has a carrying capacity of 1000 gallons, 250 more gallons than the 1990 engine, will be able to transport one additional fire fighter and will include roll up doors, which are safer when responding to calls on highways and interstates than the traditional flip-out doors on the older engine. The new fire truck will cost the town \$425,000. The service life of the new engine is estimated at 20-25years. **The new engine will go into full service by the end of July 2014.**

Don't Over Heat This Summer



Summer is here and that can only mean that it will be getting hotter. Here are few tips you can try to help you beat the heat:

Drink cold water. Drinking cold water instantly cools your body and quenches thirst.

Dress appropriately. Wearing loose fitting light colored clothing can help you stay cool.

Stock up on frozen treats. Eating ice cream and popsicles can help keep your body temperature low.

*Mint refreshes the skin and leaves a nice cooling sensation. Try a few minty or menthol products to cool your skin.

Lie on the floor. Heat rises. The coolest places will be those closest to the floor.

These are just a few tips on how you might be able to keep cool this summer.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Memories of Elvis



Are you a big fan of “The King” of rock n’ roll? Maybe you just enjoy the classic songs of the 50’s, 60’s or 70’s. If so, join WPYB 1130 and the Benson Parks and Recreation Department for a tribute to Elvis Presley. **The festivities will be Friday, August 15th from 11-2pm at the Benson Civic Center.** There will be music, food, games and prizes along with an Elvis Impersonator to entertain you. **There will be a trip give away to Graceland too.** Come and celebrate the life of the “The King”. This is a free community event. For more information on this event please contact the Benson Parks and Recreation Department at 919-894-5117.

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Schedule of Events

Movie Night in The Grove

July 18th - The Lego Movie
August 15th—Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2
(In the Benson Singing Grove at dusk)

Back to School Drive

The drive will be held on August 9th from 9-11am at BPRD.

Sundown in Downtown

July 10th—Mighty Saints of Soul

Better Life

These informational sessions can help you live a better life with Diabetes. Next class will be held on July 23rd at 8am at the Civic Center

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 August 6th.

Please Donate

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

Office Building Opens in Downtown



Business Booster

Are you looking for a great office space in a downtown location? A new office building has opened on the corner of Market and Main Streets in Benson.

The new office building consists of **four office spaces with a shared waiting area, receptionist, conference room, kitchen nook, bathroom and copier/printer/fax room. All this including high speed internet, office furniture and utilities for only \$600/month.** Telephone lines are paid separately by the tenant. The office spaces are ideal for a new or seasoned professional.

The location of the building is ideal for professionals who will have meetings with clients. **125 E. Main Street sits on one of the most prominent intersections in Benson with easy access to I-40 and I-95. Clients**



Office building at 125 E. Main St.

and tenants will find the on street and rear parking convenient and easily accessible.

“I saw a need for updated 21st century professional office spaces in Benson. These are great offices for any professional,” said Larry Wood, owner.

For more information on the Benson Office Building contact Owner, Larry Wood at the number provided below.

Benson Office Building

125E Main St.
919-820-6770