



Notices

Help get a student prepared for school by donating school supplies for those less fortunate in our community. Drop off your supplies at the Benson Parks and Recreation building by August 6th at noon. Call 919-894-5117 for more details.

Community Calendar-

- Comm. Watch Mtg. Benson COG 8/21

- Town Commissioners Mtg. 8/21

- Town Hall Close For Labor Day 9/1

- Comm. Watch Mtg. Ridge Crest Apts. 9/4

- Town Commissioners Mtg. 9/9

- Movie Night 9/12

Mayor's Message

School starts this month. We can all do something to better the future of our town and country. Volunteer or contribute to our schools. Take a child to the library. But most of all tell every child that we expect them to learn and excel. It is part of being a good citizen and making their contribution to Benson and America.

William

Benson To Host Entrepreneur Academy

The Town of Benson will play host to Johnston County's first Entrepreneur Academy this fall. This ten course program is designed to give those folks looking to start a business or current business owners looking to improve their business, the ability to gain insights in how to open/run a successful business.

The Academy is a partnership between the Town of Benson and the Johnston Community College's Small Business Center. **Classes will begin on September 8th and will be held at the Benson Conference Center or the Workforce Development Center (see schedule for details). Applications are due by August 25th.**

Participants will write a business plan as they receive practical information on running a business throughout the program. Participants must also complete a counseling session with the Small Business Director. **At the conclusion of the program students will have the opportunity to pitch their business plans to a group of potential investors at the Investors Roundtable.**

Program Dates and Classes

- Sept. 8th *How to Start a Business (Benson)*
- Sept. 16th *Business Structure 101 (WDC)*
- Sept. 23rd *Labor Issues for Small Bus. (WDC)*
- Oct. 2nd *Financing Your Business (Benson)*
- Oct. 6th *Beginning Bookkeeping (Benson)*
- Oct. 13th *How to Write a Business Plan (Benson)*
- Oct. 20th *Marketing/Advertising (Benson)*
- Oct. 23rd *IRS Tax for Small Business (Benson)*
- Oct. 28th *NC Tax for Small Business (WDC)*
- Nov. 3rd *Investor Roundtable (Benson)*

This free program is open to the public. All participants must be 18 years old by the time the program begins and fill out a Entrepreneur Academy application. For more details and to receive an application please contact Joe Stallings at 919-894-1606 or jjstallings@townofbenison.com.

BFD Receives \$853,631



The Benson Fire Department is at it again. They have once again secured grant funding. This time **BFD secured over \$850K to purchase radios for 13 fire departments in the county.** Other departments include: Smithfield, Meadow, Elevation and others. This grant will help to ensure a smooth transition as the county updates their radio system. The official date for the switch to the new radios is October 1st, 2016. The radios will be split up between the departments based on the number of officers, engines and stations.

"We were happy to act as the host for this grant and get the opportunity to work with several other fire departments. These grant funds will go a long way in preparing us for the radio transition", said Fire Chief Alan Johnson.

Bicycle Helmet Program Begins



Benson Police are looking at giving out a different kind of Citation lately. **BPD is on the lookout for kids riding their bikes. Children caught riding a bike will receive a voucher for a free scoop of ice cream at Glenda's on Hwy 301. Those kids that do not have a**

helmet on will receive one for free.

"Bicycle accidents can be devastating. We don't want to see any of our community's children hurt. We are hoping to catch kids doing the right thing by wearing their helmets when riding their bikes and rewarding them for it", said Police Chief Kenneth Edwards.

This program could not have been possible without a generous donation by PGI and Glenda's.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Senior Day Slated For Sept.

Join the Benson Parks and Recreation Department for fun, fellowship and food as they recognize the seniors in our community. **The festivities will be held on Friday, September 5th from 10:30am - 1pm.**

Activities Include:

- Shuffle board
- Corn hole
- Horseshoes
- Games
- Entertainment



Lunch will be served at 12:00pm. You must **RSVP at the Parks and Recreation building or sign up at the Benson Senior Center no later than noon August 29th. There will be a \$10 charge if you are not an active member of the Benson Center for Active Aging or Benson Parks and Recreation.** If it rains the event will be held in the Benson Civic Center. **This is a FREE event for adults 55 or older.** For more information and to reserve your spot call 919-894-5117.

Schedule of Events

Movie Night in The Grove

August 15th - Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
(In the Benson Singing Grove)

Line Dance Classes

The next registration for Line Dance classes is Wed. Aug. 6th. Classes are every Wednesday from 6:30pm-8:00pm. For more info. call BPRD at 919-894-5117

Fall Soccer and Girls Volleyball Registration

Registration for fall soccer (ages 3-12) and girls volleyball (grades 5 and 6) will be held until Aug. 31st. Fees: \$20 resident, \$35 non-resident for ages 6 and under. Ages 7 and up \$40 for resident, \$65 non-resident.

Baseball and Softball Registration

Registration will be held for ages 7-14 until Aug. 31st. Fees are \$40 resident and \$65 non-resident. Please bring a birth certificate to registration if one is not on file at BPRD

Please Donate

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

Days Inn Gets New Facelift



Business Booster

The Days Inn in Benson has been offering guests a place to stay for years. Recently the hotel has undergone a face lift. The appearance caught our eye and we decided to find out more about Benson's local hotel.

The Days Inn was purchased by Rita and J.P. Zalavadia back in 2005. **This 103 room hotel has just about everything a visitor could want including: continental breakfast, free HBO and movie channels, free high-speed internet, free microwave and micro fridge in every room and a swimming pool all for a very affordable rate. They even open their pool up to local residents for \$10/person for the day.**



Days Inn Benson

So what has kept the doors open at the Days Inn for so long? In the words of

Rita, **"We offer excellent customer service. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff are here to ensure our guests have a great stay while they are in Benson".**

So whether you are looking for a hotel for a family member or friend remember the Days Inn is just right down the street.

Days Inn Benson

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