



Notices

Mule Days is right around the corner! The Town of Benson would like to remind everyone that Mule Days Campground permits are due no later than 5pm on Wednesday, September 17th. For more information contact Town Hall at 919-894-3553.

Community Calendar

Comm. Watch Mtg. Hedges Apt. 9/18

Mule Days 9/25-9/28

Movie Night & Halloween Egg Hunt 10/10

Library's Pajama story Time 10/13

Town Commissioners Mtg. 10/14

BPD Business Watch Meeting 10/16

Mayor's Message

It's that time in September. Little boys want to be cowboys and little girls want to be cowgirls or beauty queens. A time to celebrate with family and friends. And there are lessons to be learned from that ole mule. Slow and steady hard work does win the race.

Happy Mule Days

William

Dispose of Fats, Oils, and Grease Properly

An easy and important way we can have a positive impact on the environment is by properly disposing of **fats, oils, and grease** also known as **FOG**.



The Town of Benson would like to encourage you to **dispose of your fats, oils and grease properly**. Do not dispose of FOGs in sinks and toilets. Rather **capture these substances in a separate container and dispose of them according to landfill and environmental standards**.

FOG includes animal fats, vegetable fats, and oils used to cook and prepare food. It also includes any solid or viscous substance that might create an obstruction in the sewer system if not properly disposed of.

The **improper disposal of FOGs can cause sewage blockage, leading to spills and overflows that are hazardous**. They can also result in an **increase of operation and maintenance costs** for our local sewer department, bringing about higher bills for the customer.

Let's all do our part in keeping our sewer system running great by disposing of FOG properly. **For more information contact the Town of Benson Public Works Department at 919-894-3553.**

Benson Harvest Festival Oct. 25

As October draws near so too does the Benson Harvest Festival. The festival is in it's fourth year and has been growing since it's inception. **This year will have all the great activities, food and entertainment that last year had including, the Sweet Potato Pie Eating Contest, Healthy Harvest 5k, kids art zone, amusements, car show and the One Mile Cupcake Walk for Cancer.** There will also be a **rock-a-thon** this year to help raise money for the Benson Area Ministerial Association's **Benevolence Fund**. So mark your calendars and join us in the **Benson Singing Grove on October 25th from 9am - 2pm for the Benson Harvest Festival**. To register for the 5k or to be a vendor at the Harvest Festival event go to www.bensonharvestfestival.com.



Golf Cart Permitting

September is a popular time for golf cart permitting in Benson. **During the month of September over 500 golf carts will be inspected and permitted.**



The Benson Police Department in an effort to provide better customer service will have a drive-through golf cart inspection area. Drivers should bring their golf carts to the Elm St. side of the Benson Electric Department. Signs will be posted to direct golf cart owners where to go. The inspection fee is \$35. **"We are constantly trying to find ways to be more customer friendly. The pull-through cart inspection station is an example of how we are trying to reduce the time and hassle of getting a golf cart inspected,"** said Police Chief Kenneth Edwards.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Benson Mule Days

Join us for the **Benson Mule Days** event from **September 25-28th**.

This family friendly event brings nearly 50 thousand people to the Benson community every year. Below is a snapshot of some great events that will take place during Mule Days.



Schedule Highlights:

Thursday

6pm - 11pm Carnival Begins (Market St.)
7pm Eric Strickland in Concert (Singing Grove)

Friday

3pm - 12am Carnival Rides (Market St.)
7pm - 11pm Music/Entertainment (Parrish Dr.)
7:30pm Rodeo (Chamber Park)

Saturday

12pm - 12am Carnival Rides (Market St.)
10am Mule Days Parade (Main St.)
7:30pm Rodeo (Chamber Park)
9pm - 1am Street Dance (Market St.)

Sunday

1pm - 5pm Carnival Rides (Market St.)
2pm Youth Rodeo (Chamber Park)

Schedule of Events

Movie Night in The Grove

Sept. 12th - The Muppets Most Wanted
Oct. 10th - Monster's University
(In the Benson Singing Grove)

BPRD Closings

BPRD will be closed on the following dates:
Sept. 1st and Sept. 27th

Halloween Egg Hunt

Join BPRD for the annual black and orange egg hunt in the Benson Singing Grove on Oct. 10th. (Held prior to the movie)

Fall Fun Fest

Kids ages 3-8 are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun and games on Sat. Oct. 4th from 2-3pm in the Benson Singing Grove. Thanks to our sponsors BAWO, BPRD, MDPL, and WPYB. For more info. call 919-894-5117

Please Donate

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

Shelly's XV Opens in Benson



Business Booster

Finding the perfect dress is a daunting task. People in Benson now have another place to look when searching for that special dress.

Shelly's XV opened in April of 2014 on S. Market Street. Since then they have been providing the Benson area with great apparel for all those special occasions.

Shelly Vivas, owner and operator, chose to come to Benson for its centralized location. For several years she and her husband, Juan, had been looking to open a business.

Shelly's XV sells more than just dresses. **They also sell accessories to go with dresses such as shoes and tiaras and rent tuxedos and a banquet hall. Whether it is prom, a wedding, sweet sixteen or any other special occasion, Shelly's XV has what you are looking for.**



So, don't waste your time with online shopping, go where you can try on your dress or tuxedo before you buy it. Support a local business owner and come to Shelly's XV for all your special occasion needs.

Shelly's XV

117 S. Market St.
919-701-1031

Hours of Operation

Mon.—Sat. 11am—7pm