



Notices

The election to be held on November 4th will take place at the American Legion building located at 605 North Wall Street. For more information on the election, visit the Johnston County Board of Elections website at www.johnstonnc.com/joconcelections/.

Community Calendar

Movie Night & Halloween Egg Hunt 10/17

Town Commissioners Meeting 10/30

Halloween 10/31

Comm. Watch Meeting (Eastwood) 11/6

Pajama Story Time at the Library 11/10

Veteran's Day—Town Offices Closed 11/11

Mayor's Message

Our American society is based upon the rights we have as citizens and the responsibilities we must uphold. One of those is the right to **VOTE**. We have an election on **November 4th**. Regardless of your party affiliation, make your voice heard. Exercise your right and responsibility.

William

Benson Harvest Festival—October 25th

The Benson Harvest Festival is back! Come out and join us in the **Benson Singing Grove on October 25th from 9am - 2pm for food, fun, entertainment and much more.**

The sweet potato pie eating contest is back for another year. This event is sponsored by the NC Sweet Potato Commission. **The winner of the pie eating contest will win \$500!** There will be a **27ft tall inflatable slide**, **34ft gaming trailer**, other games and inflatables. The **Eric Strickland Band**

will be performing along with other great live entertainers. The kids art zone will be on display. **Tina Seldin Cash will be emceeing the event.** And what would the event be without the **FREE health screenings?** Doctors and medical professionals will be on site offering exams for eyes, back and neck, mental health and more. Full Throttle Car club will also be having their annual car show at the grove. Families can participate in their trunk or treat as they view the vehicles.



To register for the Healthy Harvest 5k or to register for the Sweet Potato Pie Eating Contest or for **more information on the Harvest Festival event go to www.bensonharvestfestival.com**

Events and Entertainment

9am - 2pm - Food, games, inflatables, health screenings

9am - 5k Run/Walk - 103 W. Parrish Dr.

9am - Abby Stevens

9:30am - Justin West

10am - Alicia's Dancers

10am - 2pm - Car Show

10:30am - Cupcake Walk for Cancer

10:45am - 5k Awards

11:15am - Cross County Scuffers

12pm - Pie Eating Contest

12:30 - 2pm - Eric Strickland Band

A special thank you to our sponsors: TNT Fitness, Four Oaks Bank, Jenny's Sweet Creations, Isaac Parker Attorney at Law, Johnson Health, Professional Eye Care, Benton Card Co., BensonNCNow, PGI, Riccobene & Assoc., BN Printing, Behavioral Health & Wellness and the NC Sweet Potato Commission.

Leaf Collection Begins Nov. 3

The leaves will soon be changing colors in Benson. This colorful transformation will also lead to those leaves falling. As the leaves

begin to collect on the ground the Town of Benson would like to remind everyone of a few tips for leaf collection:

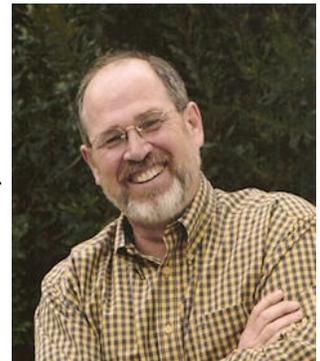
- **Place your leaves into a single pile at the edge of the lawn.**
- **Take extra care to not place leaves in the road. This can lead to the clogging of storm drains.**
- **Remove any and all debris for the leaf pile. Sticks and other debris can damage the vacuum used to collect leaves.**

The **Town of Benson will collect leaves on a weekly basis from November 3rd to January 31st.** If you have any question or concerns regarding leaf removal please contact Town Hall at 919-894-3553.



PJ Story Time

The Mary Duncan Public Library will be hosting their Pajama Story Time on October 13th from 6:30-7:30pm. The event will feature **internationally recognized bilingual story teller, Ron Jones**, who in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month will be telling stories in both English and Spanish. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend.



Ron Jones

“We hope the residents of Benson will take advantage of this education and cultural opportunity. We are glad to have an internationally recognized story teller come and provide this program in our library”, said Cultural Art Director Terry Hobgood.

For more information on the program contact Terry Hobgood at 919-894-3724.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Senior's State Fair Trip



Join the Benson Parks and Recreation Department on Tuesday, October 21 for a day of fun, fellowship and food as they take our community's seniors to the North Carolina

State Fair for Senior Citizen Day. Seniors will be admitted free but all other person will have to pay their fee. **Attendees will depart from the Benson Civic Center, located at 1204 N. Johnson St. at 8:30am and will leave from the fair grounds at 3pm. The transportation fee is \$5 for residents and \$6 for non-residents.** Registration will run until all seats are filled. The registration fee is non-refundable unless your seat is sold to someone on the waiting list within a week of the trip. To register or for more information contact the Benson Parks and Recreation Department at 919-894-5117.

Schedule of Events

Movie Night in The Grove (rescheduled)

Oct. 17th - Monster's University
(In the Benson Singing Grove)

Halloween Egg Hunt (rescheduled)

Join BPRD for the annual black and orange egg hunt in the Benson Singing Grove on Oct. 17th. (Held prior to the movie)

Youth Basketball Registration

The winter basketball season is for children ages 4-6 and 7-17 (by Jan.1, 2015). Registration will last from Oct. 3rd-24th. For ages 4-6: registration fee is \$20-residents and \$35-non-residents. For ages 7-17: registration is \$40-residents and \$65 non-residents. In the event that the age group you are registering for is full, your child will be placed on a waiting list. Participants will begin practice in Nov. with games starting in Dec. Ages 4-6 will begin games in Jan. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate if BPRD does not have one on file.

Please Donate

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

A Coin and Gun Shop Opens



Business Booster

Archie Bartlett, the owner of A Coin and Gun Shop, opened his doors on September first of this year.

Since then he has been offering his customers affordable prices on ammunition, firearms and coins.

Looking to sell a firearm? **At A Coin and Gun Shop you can buy, sell and trade.** Bring in your long gun or handgun and they will either quote you a price or trade for it our right. All those that want to purchase a firearm must provide proof of identity and either a permit or a concealed carry license. **A Coin and Gun Shop also specializes in carrying a wide variety of ammunition. Case prices are available on all ammunition.**

If you have old currency don't let it just sit around. You can bring it in to the store and they will give you real money you can spend that day. If you are



Shotgun, Pistols and Ammo on display

a collector you will not want to miss the selection of coin and paper currency that A Coin and

Gun Shop has to offer.

So, whether you are an avid firearm collector, coin collector or you have some old currency and firearms laying around the house you want to get rid of, come to A Coin and Gun Shop!

A Coin and Gun Shop

307 S. Walton Ave.
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Hours of Operation

Thurs.—Sat. 10am—6pm

Sunday 2pm—6pm

www.acoinandgunshop.com