



Notices

The Benson Public Works Department will be performing a smoke test of the sanitary sewer system from Dec. 17th to Jan. 17th. The smoke is non-toxic and will allow defects in the system to be seen. For more info, contact Public Works at 919-894-3553.

Community Calendar

Comm. Watch Meeting (Hedges Apts.)	12/18
Christmas—Town Offices Closed	12/24-26
New Year's Day Town Offices Closed	1/1
Museum Coffee Hour	1/2
Town Commissioners Meeting	1/13
MLK Day	1/19

Mayor's Message

Christmas is a time of gift giving. So I encourage you to think about our local small businesses when you shop this Christmas. 48% of sales at independent stores stay in the community versus 14% for chains. So think about where you buy your gifts. Not only do you help our neighborhood stores, you help our community and the vibrancy of our town. Shop small, Shop local. Merry Christmas

William

Shop Downtown Benson This Holiday Season

As the holiday season begins and shoppers fill the stores to grab those special gifts for friends and loved ones, think about how you can help make a difference in your community by doing your holiday shopping locally.

This year support your neighbor by shopping in a locally owned business. Downtown Benson is home to several locally owned businesses that support our community everyday. There are stores that sale everything from antiques and appliances to musical instrument and clothing.

You might ask yourself, how does shopping in a locally owned store make a difference in the community? The money that you spend in a locally owned business is more likely to be put back into the community versus spending your money in a big box retailer. Quite often locally



owned businesses are those that sponsor little league ball teams and provide donations and support to local civic organizations.

Even if you missed Shop Small Saturday

this year it is not too late to support your community and shop in a locally owned store. Ask yourself before you head out to do your holiday shopping whether you can get what you are looking for in Benson. So remember to shop small this holiday season. You might just find that perfect gift you have been looking for along in Downtown Benson.

Do Your Part Return Your Cart

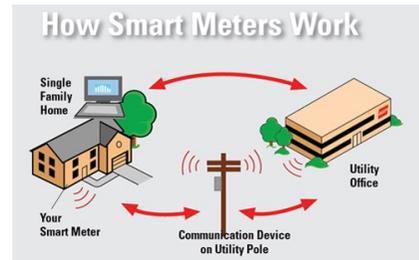


In an effort to better serve our customers the Town of Benson, starting February 1st of 2015, will be using carts for trash, recycling and yard waste. Trash carts will be grey, recycling blue and yard waste will be green. The cart change out will take place the week of January 19, 2015.

Large bulks items will be collected each week as well. Simply place your large bulk items beside your trash can on the day your trash is collected and crews will remove your large bulk item at no charge. Recycling items will still be collected on a bi-weekly basis.

The Town of Benson will be sending out further information regarding the change in services. If you have any questions please call 919-894-3553.

Meter Changes To Come In 2015



As part of Benson's commitment to improve utility services, the town will begin replacing existing electric and

water meters with new "smart meter" technology early next year. Benson is one of the first public power communities in North Carolina to introduce this new technology.

This new technology will enable the town to identify and respond to power outages more quickly, and provide customers will additional information to better monitor their energy usage. This project will not disrupt your current service and no action is necessary to receive a new smart meter. The only change for customers involves the introduction of a new account number.

We will continue to keep you updated about this exciting project that will enhance our utility services.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Adult Basket & Volleyball Signups



Calling all basketball and volleyball players! Are you 18 years old or older and want to play basketball or volleyball? Benson Parks and Rec. will be offering both adult basketball and volleyball this winter with registration starting in January. Games will be played at the Lee Street Gym in Benson with nights to be determined. The registration fee is \$310 per team for volleyball and \$610 per team for basketball. If you are interested in participating but do not have a team or just need more information, please contact Tim Messer at 919-894-5117.

Schedule of Events

BPRD Holiday Closings

Fri. Dec. 5th—Closed at 5pm
Thurs. Dec. 11th—Closed at 5pm
Dec. 24-28th—Christmas
Thurs. Jan. 1st—New Year’s Day

Exercise Renewals

All current members of the BPRD Exercise Room must renew their membership by 4pm on January 30th. Any memberships not paid by Jan. 30th will be void.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes will be held starting Tues. Jan. 6, 2015 from 9-10am. Yoga sessions last for six weeks. Registration is \$45/res. and \$55/non-res. You must bring your own towel or mat. A 6 person minimum registration is required.

Line Dance Classes

Classes are on Wed. nights from 6:30-8pm starting Jan. 7th. Registration is \$10/res. and \$15/ non-res.

Widowed Persons Association

Meets every 4th Tuesday at 7pm at the BPRD building

C.A Candle Company



Business Booster

Few people probably know that Benson is home to a candle company. That is right, C.A Candle Company is located in Benson and has been offering their customers high quality candles for almost two years.

Owners, Chris and Angel, take great pride in their business and have seen it grow since its inception. So what makes C.A candles stand apart from all the other candles out there? C.A Candles are made from all natural soy, a renewable product that is made right here in the United States. Also, at C.A Candle Company there are no large assembly lines. Each candle is hand poured by either Chris or Angel.

C.A Candle Company also takes special and custom orders. Whether you are getting married, having a birthday or just want a candle specially made for you, you can design a candle and Chris and Angel will make it for you. Candles are a great way to memorialize any special occasion.



Chris and Angel of C.A Candle Company

To order a candle from C.A Candle Company or to get more information about the company go to their website www.cacandlecompany.com or contact them at the number below. This holiday season give the gift of warmth and light, give a candle from C.A Candle Company.

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919-915-5400

