



Notices

The Town of Benson needs you! Positions are now available on various town advisory boards. If you are interested in serving and helping make a difference in your community contact Town Clerk, Connie Sorrell for more information at 919-894-3553.

Community Calendar

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| MLK Day | 1/19 |
| Chamber Banquet | 1/22 |
| Town Commissioners Meeting | 1/29 |
| Comm. Watch Mtg. Eastwood Subdivision | 2/5 |
| Museum Coffee Hour | 2/6 |
| Town Commissioners Meeting | 2/10 |

Mayor's Message

A new year is a great time to assess the past, learn from our successes and failures and plan for how we will move forward in a new year. We have been blessed with many resources. As we look toward the future, our challenges are only opportunities for success. Happy New Year William

Curbside Service Changes to Come in 2015

With the new year comes new changes to the curbside services that will be provided to Benson residents. New carts will be provided to customers for recycling and yard debris. All three services, trash, recycling and yard debris pick-up will be provided for \$22 per month. These changes will take place February 1, 2015.

Curbside service customers will keep their current 95 gallon grey trash receptacle. The new recycling and yard waste cans, like the current receptacles, are designed to allow for easy movement from your home to the curbside.

The new **BLUE** cans are for recycling materials only. The Benson recycling program keeps 200 tons of reusable materials from being placed in landfills each year. Recycling items will be picked-up every other Thursday.



The new **GREEN** cans are for yard debris only. Yard debris consist of: limbs, leaves, grass trimming, brush and other plant materials. Place these items in the green yard debris cart. Yard debris will be picked-up weekly on Wednesdays.

For more information on the change to curbside services please contact Town Hall at 919-894-3553.

Artists Needed for Art Exhibit

The Benson Small Town Main Street Committee is seeking a new artist to exhibit artwork in downtown. This program aims to bring attention to downtown, local artist (s) and enhance the beauty of the Benson Downtown District.



In order for an artist to be considered for the program they must submit two pieces of artwork they wish to exhibit to the Benson Small Town Main Street Committee and abide by the adopted guidelines. There is no age requirement and there is no restriction on the medium used by the artist. Deference will be given to those artists that are from the Benson area.

For more information on the Empty Storefront Art Exhibit Program or if you would like to exhibit your artwork, contact Joseph Stallings at 919-894-1606 or at jstallings@townofbenison.com.

Smart Meter Q & A

Below are a few questions that you might be asking yourself as the town makes the conversion to smart meter technology.



Will my bill go up because of the new meter?

No, your monthly bill will be reflective of the energy you use.

Will the new meter cost me anything? No, new meters will be purchased and installed at no additional cost to the customer.

Will the new meter interfere with my home electronics? No, the new meters are designed not to interfere with your home's electronics.

Will my energy use information remain confidential? Yes, your energy consumption will be safely transmitted on secure servers and will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions about the smart meter conversion please call Town Hall at 919-894-3553.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Exercise Renewals

Many people will make a resolution this year to lose weight. There is no place better to exercise and fulfill that resolution than the BPRD Exercise Room. If you already have a membership make sure to renew it. All current members of the BPRD Exercise Room must renew their membership by 4pm on January 30th. Any renewing memberships not paid by this date will be voided. Also, family packages are no longer available. If you had a family package in the past and wish to rejoin, each family member will be required to pay for an individual membership. So, whether you are a new member or a returning one, get in shape in 2015 at the BPRD exercise room. If you have any questions on exercise renewals or would like to become a member please contact Benson Parks and Recreation Department at 919-894-5117.



Schedule of Events

Daddy Daughter Dance

Will be held on February 7th from 7 - 9 pm. This event is for children ages 5 and older and their parents. Deadline for pre-registration is January 31st. Photos and concessions will be available at the event.

Self-Defense Classes

This course emphasizes child safety awareness. Next registration is Feb.5th.

6-6:45pm New Students

6:45-7pm Returning Students

Cheerleading

Cheer America is a program for children ages 4-18. The next registration is Feb. 2nd.

6-6:45pm ages 4-6

6:45-7pm ages 7 and older

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

Benson Mart Opens



Business Booster

There is new life over on the east side of I-95 with a new business moving into the former Citgo next to Waffle House. The new Benson Mart opened its doors in Benson on December 1st of this year.

“The visibility of the location and traffic on I-95 just made sense to us to have a convenience store here.”, said co-owner Kasem Qassem. Kasem went on to say, “Coming to Benson has been great. We are excited to be a part of the community”.

The Benson Mart is a family owned business that prides itself on excellent customer service and being able to offer convenience items at a competitive prices; often cheaper than other similar stores. Benson Mart also carries several home items.

If you need to make a quick run to an ATM, Benson Mart has one ready for your use. Want to try



Shawn of Benson Mart

your luck playing the lottery? They can help you with that as well.

So whether you are needing to fill-up your vehicle or just need a few items and don't want to have to stand in long lines, stop by the Benson Mart.

Benson Mart

903 E. Main St.

919-207-1622

7am - 8pm Mon. - Sun.