



Volunteers Needed...

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

Comm. Watch Mtg.
Eastwood Subdiv. 2/5

Museum Coffee Hour 2/6

Daddy/Daughter Dance
at the BPRD 2/7

Town Commissioners
Meeting 2/10

Comm. Watch Meeting
Benson COG 2/19

Black History Month
Celebration 2/22

Town Commissioners
Meeting 2/26

Comm. Watch Ridgecrest
Apartments 3/5

The Town of Benson's
128th Birthday 3/7

Town Commissioners
Meeting 3/10

Comm. Watch Meeting
Hedges Apartments 3/19

Town Commissioners
Meeting 3/26

Easter Eggstravaganza in
the Singing Grove 3/28

FREE CALENDARS...
If you haven't picked up your 2015 Town of Benson Hometown Calendar, stop by Town Hall, the Library, Museum or Parks Departments.

New Services Added To Benson's Curb-Side Pickup



GREEN: YARD DEBRIS

Green carts are designed for yard debris only. Please place all yard limbs, grass clippings and other plant material in this receptacle. Items placed outside of the yard debris container will not be collected.



BLUE: RECYCLING

Recycling items include: brown, green, or clear glass, plastics, chip board, cardboard boxes, metals and paper products. Benson's recycling program diverts 200 tons of material from reaching our landfill every year!



GREY: SOLID WASTE

Solid waste collection will remain a weekly service, collected on Wednesday or Thursday as designated. Large bulk item collection will also occur on these days. Simply place residential items such as couches, chairs, or tables at the curb.

Picked Up Weekly On Wednesday **Picked Up Every-Other Thursday** **Picked Up Weekly On Wednesday or Thursday**

Mayor's Message: Keep Benson Beautiful



By: Mayor William Massengill, Jr.

People often comment that we have a clean and beautiful town. The reason for that is the pride that you take in your homes, businesses and property. Let's do one thing that will help improve the looks of our town. Just remember to push to trash, recycle or yard waste container to the rear of your property. Don't leave it at the street for everyone to have to look at for a week. Keep Benson Beautiful.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Senior Games/Silver Arts

The 28th Annual Johnston County Senior Games are scheduled for March 31-April 11, 2015. Senior games is open to all Johnston County residents 55 years of age or older who have been a resident for at least three consecutive months. Participants compete in their own gender and age categories, divided into five-year increments: 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, etc. The age group that you will be competing in is based on your age as of December 31, 2014. The official sports for this years local games are as follows: bocce, basketball throw, cycling, corn-hole, billiards, bowling, tennis, croquet, football throw, golf, horseshoes, racquetball, shuffleboard, spin casting, softball throw, swimming, table tennis, pickle ball, track and field events and 3 on 3 basketball. The entry fee of \$10.00 per person covers most athletic events and Silver Arts. There is an additional fee for golf (\$10), billiards (\$2), and bowling (\$5 per event). **The deadline to enter is March 13, 2015.**

The 21st Annual Silver Arts will cover Heritage, Literacy, and Visual Arts and entries must be the original work of the artist, must be a work created after the artist turned 55 years old, and

must be completed within two years of the local Silver Arts qualifying date of March 2015. Performing Arts entries must be live performance by the participant. There is a \$10.00 entry fee to compete in the Silver Arts.

Registration Continues

Baseball and softball will begin practice in March with games beginning in April. T-all and Wee-ball will begin practice in April with games beginning in May. T-ball is for ages 5-6 and Wee-ball is for ages 3-4 and the cost is \$20.00 for residents and \$35 for non residents. Softball is for girls ages 7-15 and the cost is \$40 for residents and \$60 for non residents. Coach pitch, midget, little, junior, and senior league baseball is for children ages 7-17. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$65 for non residents. The cut-off date for T-ball, wee-ball, coach pitch and baseball is May 1, 2015. Register early to avoid being put on the wait list. Please bring your child's birth certificate if we do not have a copy.

For more information about the Parks and Recreation department, call (919) 894-5117.

Chamber Launches "I Love Benson" Campaign



The Town of Benson is excited about the new "I Love Benson" campaign that was recently announced by the Benson Chamber of Commerce. Over 100 window signs now greet customers shopping along Main Street in the historic business district. The new promotion helps to display the hometown pride that is found in Benson.

In addition to the new "I Love Benson" window signs, vehicle decals will be coming soon. Residents, business owners and guests will be provided free oval decals for the rear window of their vehicle.

"I think the I Love Benson program is a great concept," said local resident Bob Johnson, Jr. "I hope to see the I Love Benson vehicle decals on cars traveling from Maine to Florida."

Sharing the power of the Benson story is a key concept in the community's marketing strategy for 2015. Benson is a wonderful place to work, play and live. Join in and help share the good news about Benson, North Carolina!