



Mayor's Message

May is Mental Health month. We all know of someone suffering from mental illness. Many have suffered because of the stigma of their mental illness when in fact it should be seen no differently than diabetes or heart disease. Help is available. Call - Johnston County Mental Health - **919-989-5500**

Community Calendar

- Museum Coffee Hour 5/1
- Community Watch-Eastwood Subdivision 5/7
- Benson Community Day 5/9
- Pajama Story Time at The Public Library 5/11
- Town Commissioners Meeting 5/12
- Sundown Concert 5/14
- BRPD Movie Night at the Singing Grove 5/15
- Community Watch—Benson Church of God 5/21
- Memorial Day—Town Hall Closed 5/25
- Town Commissioners Meeting 5/28
- Friday Night Hoops at the Lee Street Gym 5/29



Receive a FREE I Love Benson vehicle decal! Decals are available at Town Hall or the Chamber of Commerce Offices.

Friday Night Hoops Starts in May

Looking for a great program to get your 13-16 year old in this summer? The Benson Police Department along with the Benson Parks and Recreation Department invite all 13-16 year olds to participate in Benson's Friday Night Hoops.



These events will take place at the gym located on South Lee St. at P.K. Vyas Community Park. Each event will begin at 8pm. Participants will get to listen to various guest speakers who will relay information on numerous topics related to life events and athletics. Participants will also be fed dinner.

The first Friday Night Hoops event will be on May 29th. However, if you miss one of the events you

can still attend the other events throughout the summer. All participants must register at the Benson Parks and Recreation Department building located on North Johnson St. or they can register at 8pm the same day as the event at the Lee St. gym.

Friday Night Hoops Event Schedule

- May 29th 8pm-11pm
- June 12th 8pm-11pm
- June 26th 8pm-11pm
- July 10th 8pm-11pm
- July 24th 8pm-11pm
- August 7th 8pm-11pm

For more information on this great program or how you can get your child involved, become a guest speaker or volunteer, contact COPS Officer K.E. Caldwell with the Benson Police Department at 919-894-2091.

Cool Off This Summer At The Benson Pool



Business Booster

Looking for a great place to spend the summer with your kids? Look no further than the Benson Pool. Since the 1950's the Benson Pool, a non-profit organization, has given their members a place to go to beat the heat of the summer.

The Benson Pool is known for their 3-9ft pool however, there is much more. Their facilities include the following amenities: a gated baby pool, diving board, pool slide, lounge chairs, picnic tables, large sandy area, pool building, concessions, games and American Red Cross certified lifeguards.

The pool opens on May 23rd with limited hours. The pool will be open with regular business hours starting June 12th through Labor Day weekend: Monday—Saturday 11am-7pm and Sundays 2pm-7pm. Physical Address: 211 West Martin St. Phone number: 919-894-8713.



Memberships are now available for the 2015 season. The first year rental is only \$350! The rental or membership covers all family members that reside at the same physical address.

The Benson Pool is also a great place to have a pool party. You don't have to be a member to book your package, so call today!

If you have additional questions or would like to receive an application – please email bensonpool@yahoo.com or send a letter to PO Box 851 - Benson, NC 27504 – be sure to include your contact phone number and email address. Check out Facebook for summer updates.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Benson Community Day: May 9th Schedule of Events

The fifth annual Benson Community Day is right around the corner. Make sure to mark your calendars for May 9th. This great family oriented event will be held from 10 am - 2 pm in the Dr. P.K. Vyas Community Park located on Lee St. There will be games, vendors, music and more for the entire family. Also, there will be helicopters on display along with a special display from the National Guard. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, sponsor of the event or would just like more information on the event please contact COPS Officer K.E. Caldwell at the Benson Police Department at 919-894-2091 or by email at kecaldwell@bensonpd.org. We will see you on May 9th!



Movie Night In The Grove

May 15th - Paddington

June 5th - Big Hero 6

Sponsor Benson's 4th of July

Sponsors are needed for the annual 4th of July Celebration. Please contact BPRD for info.

Intermediate Line Dance

Join instructor Lisa Smith at the Benson Civic Center on Wed. nights for line dancing. Registration is \$10-res. and \$15-non-res for each six week class. Please Call BPRD for details 919-894-5117.

Better Life

Need help with living with Diabetes? Better Life will be held on May 27th at 8 am. Please contact BPRD for more details.

Please Donate

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

Hannah Creek Veterinary Hospital opens in Benson



Dr. Matt Frazier has been in the veterinary business for 15 years. When a property recently became available on Wall Street, Matt and his wife, Jana, had an opportunity to expand their mobile equine business.

The newly renovated Hannah Creek Veterinary Hospital opened its doors to clients on Monday, March 2nd and the Frazier's look forward to being a part of the community for many years to come.

Matt and Jana reside in Benson and are excited to expand their business to include a permanent location to meet the growing needs of

their practice. Hannah Creek Veterinary Hospital provides the following services, to name a few: pet wellness and vaccination, diagnostics and treatment, dental cleanings, surgery, equine sports medicine, mobile veterinary services, online patient portals, and more. Dr. Frazier's clinic has state-of-the-art medical equipment for your pet's care and two ambulatory trucks for equine, or large animal, emergencies.

Before the renovation process for their building began, the Frazier's had an energy audit conducted. The audit indicated several strategies for improving energy efficiency to incorporate with the building's renovation. After installing the new technology, the couple is now saving close to \$1,000 a month in electric costs. "The business has grown faster than expected," said Matt, also an adjunct professor at NC State University's Veterinary School.

Hannah Creek Veterinary Hospital is located at 375 N. Wall St. The Clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Their phone number is 919-207-2800 and website is <http://hannahcreekvethospital.com/>



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