



Mayor's Message

There is excitement and opportunity with the sale of the electric generating assets and the opportunity for lower electric rates in Benson. We will be communicating to you the details of this deal as they are available for release. Our goal is to be transparent about how it affects you as a purchaser of electricity from the Town of Benson. If you have questions we have not answered, please ask.

Community Calendar

Museum Coffee Hour	6/5
BPRD Movie Night at the Singing Grove	6/5
Town Commissioners Meeting	6/9
Community Watch—Ridgecrest Apartments	6/11
Sundown Concert	6/11
Friday Night Hoops—Lee St. Gym	6/12
MDPL Summer Reading Program Begins	6/15
Hwy 301 Endless Yard Sale	6/19-6/20
Town Commissioners Meeting	6/25
Community Watch—Hedges Apartments	6/25
Friday Night Hoops—Lee St. Gym	6/26
Singing Convention	6/26-6/28

301 Endless Yard Sale Comes Back to Benson

We are excited to announce the third annual "301 Endless Yard Sale" to take place the weekend of June 19-20, 2015. Patterned after the long established 127 Longest Sale and inspired by the HGTV television show "Flea Market Flip", the communities along US 301 will join together with deals, antiques, collectibles and more along a 100 mile stretch of highway between Benson and its neighbors in Johnston County to Roanoke Rapids. Sites are now located in Halifax, Nash, Wilson, and Harnett Counties as well.



The US 301 Endless Yard Sale officially starts on Friday, June 19th and runs through Saturday, June

20th. Vendors choose their own hours, but typically are active from 7AM to 5PM each day. Many sellers will be located along the stretch in well established visitor sites like Riverside Mill in Weldon, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, TWM Antiques in Selma...as well as families, churches and schools on the route with vendor spaces.

You are invited to explore the country roads of Johnston County and our partner counties every year looking for the unique collectible and rare find you have been dreaming about...it just may be along the US 301 Endless Yard Sale.

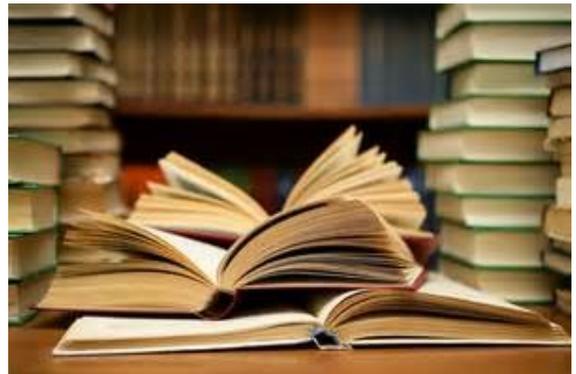
For more information on vendor spaces in Benson or the event itself go to www.301endlessyardsale.com or contact Karissa Bergene at 919-894-3553 or kbergene@townofbenison.com.

MEET YOUR *New* ELECTRIC METER
Say hello to Benson's newest resident...

S. Marty Meter!

If you have any questions about your new meter, contact **Kim Pickett** at **(919) 894-3553**.

Mary Duncan Public Library to Have Summer Intern



Mary Duncan Public Library (MDPL) will welcome Library Intern Rebecca Hash just in time for the start of the Summer Reading Program. Rebecca is a 1st Grade teacher at South Smithfield Elementary and is enrolled in the Masters of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program at UNC Greensboro. She will work at the library from May until August. Rebecca said she is excited to have an internship at a library, such as MDPL, "so early in my program...it's a blessing." She will also be working with the Lunch in the Park program.



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



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

July 4th Celebration



Please join us for Benson's annual 4th of July celebration. Opening ceremonies will be held at 3pm on Saturday, July 4th in the Benson Singing Grove and will feature local civic leaders. Entertainment will start around 3:30 pm and closing out the day's events will be the Attractions. Kids can bounce on an inflatable and Sybil the clown will provide face painting.

Your family and friends can enjoy snow-cones, ice cream, hotdogs, and hamburgers. Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on and plan on having a fun-filled afternoon. As always, the day will conclude with our spectacular fireworks display at dusk, which will take place off of Hwy 301/Wall St. For more information contact the Benson Parks and Rec. Department at 919-894-5117.

Schedule of Events

Movie Night in The Singing Grove at 8 pm
June 5th - Big Hero 6
July 17th - Dolphin Tale

Summer Reading Program
Starting June 15th through July 31st from 10am-11am. Held at the Mary Duncan Public Library Mondays and Wednesdays. Friday sessions at Parks and Rec Dept.

Sundown In Downtown
The Band of OZ will be playing in the Grove on June 11th beginning at 5:30 pm.

Better Life
Join the monthly meeting on Diabetes on June 24th at 8 am. These informational sessions can help you live a better life with Diabetes.

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.

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

Royal Boutique & Co. Opens on Main St.



Inside Royal Boutique & Co.

Lindsay Tart Royal, a native to Benson, opened her business doors at 114 E. Main St. on Friday, May 1, 2015. Lindsay and her sister, Kendall, grew up in downtown Benson with their family and are excited to provide a service that Benson "hasn't seen since the days of Woodall's." Royal Boutique & Co. provides women and children's clothing with timeless looks, as well as monogramming and custom embroidery services with a 24 to 48 hour turnaround on most items.

Beyond strong family ties, Lindsay has connections to Downtown through her church and previous work experience with the Benson Area

Chamber of Commerce. "I have enjoyed forming relationships with other downtown businesses," said Lindsay. Kendall agreed that Benson was the perfect place to open the boutique, "Small businesses are the lifeblood of the community...Benson is an open-minded community." The two young ladies look forward to a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, June 3rd at 12:30pm. Royal Boutique & Co. is open Monday through Saturday from 10am-6:30pm. Phone: 919-820-1155

Shop Local This Summer!

Summer is a wonderful season to stroll Main Street in Benson! Bring your family and friends out to enjoy the summer weather and visit our community's blooming local shops with one-of-a-kind goods and services in Downtown.



Main Street Downtown Benson