



Mayor's Message

How have we paid for these water and smart grid projects? Hard work by our town staff to get \$1.8 million in grants has paid for many of these expenses plus a zero % loan. By putting these projects forward we have assured good water flow for fire protection, better quality drinking water and ways to reduce our electric rates in the future. WE are investing in OUR future because *We Love Benson* and want a better community for ourselves and our children.

Community Calendar

Town Hall Closed	7/3
July 4th Celebration in Downtown Benson	7/4
Sundown Concert	7/9
ComFriday Night Hoops—Lee St. Gym	7/10
Town Commissioners Meeting	7/14
BPD Business Watch Meeting	7/16
BPRD Movie Night at Singing Grove	7/17
Friday Night Hoops—Lee St. Gym	7/24
Town Commissioners Meeting	7/30



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

Stay Cart Smart This Summer



Did you know that Benson is home to over 500 registered golf carts? On any day you can see golf carts loaded down with

groceries and families traveling on Benson roads, especially in the summer.

The Town of Benson would like to remind residents of a few golf cart safety tips. These tips are not just for those that own and operate golf carts, but also those that must share the road the with the carts:

- Only carry the number of passengers that there are seats for
- Make sure everyone is buckled up before you start moving
- Drive responsibly and obey all traffic laws
- Use hand signals when turning if you do not have a turn signal
- Avoid sharp turns at maximum speed
- Drive straight up and down steep slopes
- Always allow a safe distance between you and other vehicles and carts



Main Street Downtown Benson

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 blooming local shops with one-of-a-kind goods and services in Downtown.

Stay Cool This Summer



Summer is here, and the temperatures continue to rise. Here are some tips from Medicinenet.com to help you stay cool:

- Alter your exercise schedule to take advantage of the coolest times of day—early morning and late evening.
- Wear loose fitting clothing made from lighter fabrics, such as cotton, with lighter colors that won't attract heat from the sun.
- Combat dehydration by drinking plenty of water. Try freezing a water bottle to take with you to your outdoor sports or leisure activity. As the ice melts, you'll have a supply of cold water with you.
- Always protect your skin by applying UVA and UVB sun screen at regular intervals and wear a hat, sunglasses, and appropriate clothing. Limit exposure to direct sunlight, and take breaks in an air conditioned area.
- Visit the local pool or lake to stay cool, but remember to always supervise your children and have CPR-certified adults around when children are swimming.

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**.



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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. The festivities will start around 3:30 pm.

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. Kids can bounce on an inflatable and Sybil the clown will provide face painting. Later on, live music will be provided by Ron Ross and the Magic Pipers.

As always, the day will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at dusk, which will take place off of Hwy 301/Wall St. For more information, please contact the Benson Parks and Rec. Department at 919-894-5117.

B&B Barber Shop Opens in Downtown Benson



Billy Burgess opened B&B Barber Shop at 102-A N. Railroad St. in March of this year. Burgess is a Benson native and has been in the barber business for 14 years. He was eager to get back to his roots and open his own shop in downtown after working in the Capital City for several years. B&B offers services in brush cut, fade, special cuts, edge up (with or without razor), beards, mustaches, shampoo, eyebrow waxing and specializes in a classic razor shave with steamed towel and hot lather. Walk-ins are welcome, or schedule an appointment by calling 919-207-2031. Hours: Tues-Fri 8:30am-6:30pm; Saturday: 7:30am-4pm. Closed Sundays. Monday by appointment only.

Schedule of Events

*****Parks and Recreation Dept. will be closed July 3rd and July 4th*****

Youth Sports- Fall Soccer, Baseball, Softball, and Girls Volleyball

Registration for fall soccer (ages 3-12 by Nov. 1 2015) & girls volleyball grades 4 & 5 will be held until Aug. 31st. Baseball and softball for ages 7-14 will also be held until Aug. 31st. Please call BPRD at 919-894-5117 for more information and registration fee rates.

Basic Music Instruction

This adult class will cover beginning guitar and music theory (other instruments are welcome). This is a monthly class and a new session will begin Monday July 6th, 2015. Class is held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Benson Civic Center. The registration fee is \$10.00 for residents and \$15.00 for non-residents. Please call Dewayne at 919-820-1921 after 6pm for more information.

Sundown In Downtown

The Attractions will perform in the Grove on July 9th beginning at 5:30 pm.

Movie Night in The Singing Grove. at 8 pm

July 17th - Dolphin Tale 2

August 14th - Earth to Echo

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.

Better Life

Join the monthly meeting on Diabetes on July 22nd 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.

Pure Serenity Therapeutic Massage Now Open



Reshauna McArthur, a Benson native, opened her studio at 102 N. Market St. in April. McArthur

is licensed by the NC Board of Massage and Body Work Therapy. She specializes in Swedish, Prenatal, Sports, and Deep tissue. She is proud to bring affordable luxury to Benson and promotes the health benefits of regular massage therapy. Please call 910-985-3027 to schedule an appointment.