



Mayor's Message

"I haven't missed a Mule Days in my 56 years. It is a part of me and my extended family. It is also a part of this community. Agriculture made this community and it instilled values of honest labor, team work, community and respect for one another. Mule days celebrated the work of the farmer, farm workers, local merchants, local workers and the Mule. It marked a time of harvest and celebration for everyone who was a part of the larger Benson community. So this Mule Days, join me in celebrating our past but also celebrating our present and everyone who together makes Benson a great place to live."

Happy Mule Days

-William

Community Calendar

Community Watch at Ridgecrest Apartments	9/3
Museum Coffee Hour	9/4
Town Hall Closed for Labor Day	9/7
Town Commissioners Meeting	9/8
BPRD Movie Night at Singing Grove	9/11
Pajama Story Time at Library	9/14
Community Watch at Hedges Apartments	9/17
Mule Days Golf Tournament at Reedy Creek Golf Club	9/18
Sundown Concert	9/24
Mule Days	9/24-9/27



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

Benson Mule Days

Join us for the Benson Mule Days from September 24-27th! This family friendly event brings nearly 50,000 people to the Benson community every year. Below is a snapshot of some great events that will take place during Mule Days. Visit <http://www.bensonmuledays.com/> for more information.

Schedule Highlights:

Thursday, September 24th

6pm - 11pm: Carnival Begins (500 S. Market St.)
 6pm: BacTrax Band followed by Russ Varnell and His Too Country Band At 7pm (Singing Grove)

Friday, September 25th:

3pm - 12am: Carnival Rides (500 S. Market St.)
 7pm - 12 am: Music/Entertainment (Parrish Dr. behind Singing Grove)
 7:30pm: Rodeo (Chamber Park)



Mule Days Parade

Saturday, September 26th:

12pm - 12am: Carnival Rides (500 S. Market St.)
 10am: Mule Days Parade (Main St.)
 7:30pm: Rodeo (Chamber Park)

Sunday, September 27th:

1pm - 5pm Carnival Rides (500 S. Market St.)
 2pm: Youth Rodeo (Chamber Park)



Mule Days Rodeo

Golf Cart Permitting



Inspection Station

September is a popular time for golf cart permitting in Benson. Typically during the month of September over 500 golf carts are inspected and permitted. In an effort to provide better customer service, the Benson Police Department will have a drive-through golf cart inspection area. Drivers should bring their golf carts to the Elm St. side of the Benson Electric Department. Signs will be posted to direct golf cart owners where to go. The inspection fee is \$35. "We are constantly trying to find ways to be more customer friendly. The pull-through cart inspection station is an example of how we are trying to reduce the time and hassle of getting a golf cart inspected," said Police Chief Kenneth Edwards. Additional Permit hours: Sept. 17-18 from 8am-5pm, Sept. 19. from 9am-12pm, Sept. 21-25 from 8am-7pm. Please call 919-894-2091 for more information.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Pre-Registration Available for Benson Healthy Harvest on Saturday, October 24, 2015



Crossing the Finish Line

The Benson Healthy Harvest Planning Committee would like to thank its 2014 Sponsors, Partners, Vendors, Volunteers, and Race Participants! The committee aims for this year's event to host the following activities: 5k, 1 mile Cupcake Walk, Vendor Village, Auto Show, and amusements for all ages. If you are interested in learning more about event sponsorship, donations, vendors, volunteering, and 5k registration, please contact (919)894-3553 or email kbergene@townofbenson.com. **PRE-REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE** at www.bensonhealthyharvest.com

El Potosino Mexican Restaurant Opens

Miguel Dominguez opened the doors to his new restaurant at the end of June. El Potosino offers a variety of favorite Mexican dishes and specials such as "Kids Eat Free Sundays" (ages 0-12), military and public service discounts. The restaurant is located at 202 N. Honeycutt St. Hours of operation: Sunday 11am-8pm, Monday-Friday 11am-10pm, and Saturday 11am-11pm.

Schedule of Events

BPRD Closings

BPRD will be closed on the following dates: Sept. 7th and Sept. 26th

Sundown In Downtown in the Singing Grove
September 24th: Russ Varnell and his Too Country Band beginning at 5:30 pm.

Movie Night in the Singing Grove at 8 pm
September 11th: Alexander and the Terrible Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
October 16th: BoxTrolls

Youth Basketball Registration for Girls and Boys Register through Oct. 26th, ages 4-17. Please Call BPRD for details 919-894-5117.

BPRD Fall Fun Fest

October 3rd: 2:00-3:00pm at Singing Grove

Halloween Egg Hunt

October 16th: 7:00pm at Singing Grove. Annual black and orange egg hunt before the movie.

State Fair Senior Trip on October 20th

Van leaves BPRD at 8:30am and returns to Benson around 4:30 pm. Breakfast provided by Bojangles. Registration open until seats are filled, transportation fee is \$6 for residents, \$8 for non-residents. Free admission to State Fairgrounds.



Inside the restaurant

