



Mayor's Message

"Our health is something that we cannot take for granted. While environment and genetics play a role, our choices of food and exercise are critical in determining our level of health. Join us for Healthy Harvest and learn about the resources which are available to help you take an active part in managing your health. If not for yourself, do it for someone you love."

-William

Benson Healthy Harvest on Saturday, October 24, 2015



Crossing the Finish Line

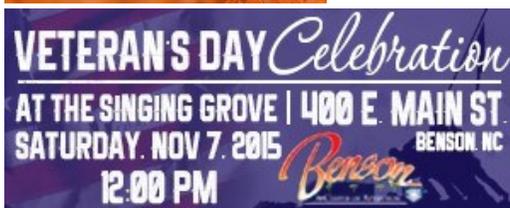
You're invited to the Benson Healthy Harvest! The Healthy Harvest Planning Committee would like to thank its 2015 Sponsors, Partners,

Vendors, Volunteers, and Race Participants! The committee prepared a variety of activities and amusements for all ages this year from 9:00am to 2:00pm, free to the public. Registration fees only for 5k, Pie Eating Contest, and Car Show. If you are interested in learning more about event donations, vendors, volunteering, and 5k registration, please contact (919)894-3553 or email kbergene@townofbenison.com. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE** at www.bensonhealthyharvest.com

Join us October 4-10 in celebration of Public Power Week and National Fire Prevention Week as we thank our local electric linemen and fire fighters!



Upcoming Events



Healthy Harvest Events & Entertainment

- 9:00am - 5k Run/Walk - (103 Parrish Dr. near TNT Fitness)
- 9:00am - 2:00pm - Vendor Village, Inflatables, Food, & Games
- 9:00am - 2:00pm - Car Show sponsored by Full Throttle Car Club and benefiting the Autism Society of North Carolina (Parrish Dr. behind Singing Grove)
- 9:00 am - 12:00pm - Walgreen's Shred & Protect Event (403 E. Main St., Walgreens parking lot)
- 9:00am - RENDancE Academy Dancers (Singing Grove Stage)
- 10:00am - Alicia's Dancers (Singing Grove Stage)
- 10:30am - Cupcake Walk sponsored by Jenny's Sweet Creations and benefiting the American Cancer Society (Begins at the Singing Grove)
- 10:45am - 5k Awards (Singing Grove Stage)
- 11:15am - Cross County Scuffers (Singing Grove Stage)
- 12:00pm - Sweet Potato Pie Eating Contest sponsored by the NC Sweet Potato Commission (Singing Grove Stage)
- 12:30pm - 2:00pm - Live Music from Tim Hair (Singing Grove Stage)

A Special Thank You to Our Sponsors: TNT Fitness, Four Oaks Bank; Jenny's Sweet Creations; Riccobene & Associates Family Dentistry; Benton Card Co.; AVINTIV, Country Clean, Inc.; NC Sweet Potato Commission; R. Isaac Parker, Attorney at Law; Johnson UNC Health, and Walgreens of Benson.

Mary Duncan Public Library Hosts Pajama Story Time!



Kali Ferguson

Join us at the Mary Duncan Public Library on Monday, October 12th from 6:30-7:30pm for Pajama Story Time! In October we will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a bi-lingual program from storyteller Kali Ferguson! Ferguson's program is entitled *Across the Waters: Connecting Latin American and African-American Cultures*. In this program we will travel from the U.S.A to Latin America, Africa and back home with story, song, and poetry. A celebration of the humanity of the art and people of the African Diaspora.

Ferguson is a cultural educator that performs and does workshops at libraries and schools that promote a better understanding of Latin American and African Culture.

Pajama story time is held the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm at the Mary Duncan Public Library. Please call 919-894-3724 for more information.

Community Calendar

Museum Coffee Hour	10/2
BPRD Fall Fun Festival	10/3
Optimist's BPRD Raffle at American Legion	6pm to 10/9
Pajama Story Time at Library	10/12
Town Commissioners Meeting	10/13
BPD Business Watch	10/15
BPRD Movie Night & Halloween Egg Hunt at Singing Grove	10/16
NC State Fair Senior Trip with BPRD	10/20
Benson Healthy Harvest 5k & Festival	10/24
Town Commissioners Meeting	10/29
Halloween Trick-or-Treating	5:30-8:00pm 10/31



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

Senior's State Fair Trip on October 20th



You're invited to join the Benson Parks and Recreation Department on Tuesday, October 20 for a day of fun and food at the North Carolina State

Fair's Senior Citizen Day. The van will leave BPRD at 8:30am and return to Benson around 4:30 pm. Breakfast will be provided by Bojangles. Registration is open until seats are filled, transportation fee is \$6 for residents, \$8 for non-residents. Free admission to State Fairgrounds. To register or for more information contact the Benson Parks and Recreation Department at 919-894-5117.

Schedule of Events

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.

Movie Night in the Singing Grove at 8 pm

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.

Please Donate

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

Benson awarded DEED grant for Fall Intern

The Town of Benson was recently awarded a \$4,000 DEED internship grant from the American Public Power Association. North Carolina State University student, Greg Flinn, has been selected to digitally map the Town's electric system assets (poles, transformers, lines, etc.). He is scheduled to complete the project by December 2015.

Flinn currently holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Supply Chain Management and a minor in International Studies. He is pursuing a Master's Degree in Geospatial Information Science and Technology (MGIST) at NCSU in Raleigh.

For the past three weeks, Flinn has used a GPS device to locate electric poles and transformers. To maximize his time, he utilized a golf cart to get from point to point. Victory Lane Golf Carts (of Godwin) provide the 2012 EZ-Go gas powered cart at no cost for the project's field work.

Born in Falkirk, Scotland, Flinn has lived stateside in New Jersey and North Carolina. He personally enjoys golf, soccer, and travel. His future plans include practical research and application of the rapidly expanding world of geospatial science.

Thank you to the APPA, NCSU, and Electricities of North Carolina for assisting the Town of Benson in this worthwhile project. Each and every electric customer in Benson will benefit from the data being collected.



Intern Flinn mapping light poles in the Victory Lane Golf Cart