



Community Calendar

Leaf Collection Begins (& runs until 1/31)	11/2
Community Watch at Eastwood Subdivision	11/5
Museum Coffee Hour	11/6
Veterans Celebration in the Singing Grove	11/7
Pajama Story Time at Library	11/9
Town Commissioners Meeting	11/10
Town Hall Closed for Veterans Day	11/11
Career Day at American Legion	11/12
Movie Night at Civic Center	11/13
Community Watch at Benson Church of God	11/19
Benson Foundation for the Arts Christmas Show	11/20-11/22
Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving	11/26-11/27

AVINTIV Ribbon Cutting



NC Department of Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry

Congratulations to AVINTIV (formerly PGI) on the official ribbon cutting of its new spin lace line at the Benson plant. AVINTIV has been a key driver of economic advancement and job growth in Benson for decades. The plant's recent expansion exemplifies AVINTIV's commitment to Benson and Johnston County! Commissioner of the NC Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, and many AVINTIV executives spoke at the October 14th event to

Food Lion Ribbon Cutting



Food Lion employees getting ready for ribbon cutting

Congratulations to Food Lion of Benson! Food Lion recently received a makeover both inside the store and on the store front. The store renewed its commitment to customer service and gave away 100 bags of free groceries the morning on October 14th before the ribbon cutting ceremony. Visit Food Lion to see the new renovations and expanded fresh produce section. Food Lion is located at 700 E. Parrish Dr.

Reminder: Seasonal Leaf Collection: November 1st through January 31st



Pile of leaves at the edge of the lawn

Town of Benson would like to remind everyone of a few tips for leaf collection:

- Place your leaves into a single pile at the edge of the lawn.
- Take extra care to not place leaves in the road. This can lead to the clogging of storm drains.
- Remove any and all debris for the leaf pile. Sticks and other debris can damage the vacuum used to collect leaves.

Questions/ Concerns: Please contact Erika Simoni at 919-894-3553 or esimoni@townofbenison.com if you have a service related question.



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



Mayor's Message

"As a small town, Benson has produced some notables. The first t Johnston County school superintendent was from Benson. Howard Benton set up the first \$1 million local high school scholarship endowment in N.C. Dr. Algeania Warren Freeman is a university president and Ray Tanner was recently inducted into the national baseball coaches' Hall of Fame. And there are many others. Good things grow in Benson." - William



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Letters to Santa!



Santa Claus has contacted the Benson Parks and Recreation Department to let us know he will be sending personalized letters to local children (ages 3 to 8) during the Christmas season. Please contact Parks and Recreation at 919-894-5117 or stop by to learn more and pick up a form. If you would like Santa to send your child a letter, please return the form by November 17th.



Santa's Schedule

Location: Christmas on Main - Jenny's Sweet Creations (221 E Main St.)

* **Friday, December 4 ~ After Parade - 9:00 pm**

Location: Benton Square (corner of W. Main St. & Hwy 301)

* **Saturday, December 5 ~ 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

* **Friday, December 11 ~ 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

* **Saturday, December 12 ~ 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

* **Friday, December 18 ~ 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Schedule of Events

BPRD Holiday Closings

Wed. Nov. 11th—Veteran's Day
Thurs. Nov. 26th—Thanksgiving
Fri. Nov. 27th—Thanksgiving
Sat. Nov. 28th—Thanksgiving

Thanks For Giving Luncheon

The annual Thanks For Giving Luncheon will be held on Friday, November 20th at noon in the Benson Civic Center. Participants are invited to bring a side dish of their choosing. Please call 919-894-2370 to let someone know what you will be bringing.

Christmas On Main

December 4th ~ 6:00pm to 9:00 pm

Please Donate

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

"Caught Ya' Doing Good!"



Caught Ya' Doing Good Recipient Bob Johnson (pictured middle)

Bob Johnson, a customer service representative at Walgreens, was the second recipient of the new "Caught Ya' Doing Good!" program. Johnson was nominated for his superior customer service skills and friendly demeanor. Johnson exemplifies a front line employee spreading Benson's positive

message to all those he encounters while working at Walgreens. Jenny Campbell of Jenny's Sweet Creations on Main St. (pictured top right) donates a box or basket of sweet treats to each new recipient as a thank you for excellent good service. Share your story of exceptional customer service with us on the Town of Benson's Facebook page as we search for our next "Caught Ya' Doing Good!" recipient! (Photograph Top Row: Connie Sorrell, Town Clerk; Jenny Campbell, Jenny's Sweet Creations; Bottom Row: Karissa Bergene, Economic Development Director; Bob Johnson, "Caught Ya' Doing Good!" recipient; Robin Wulf, Walgreens Pharmacy Manager).