



Mayor's Message

"We want to hear from you and we are available to listen. Each town board meeting has a period of PUBLIC COMMENT. It is one opportunity for you to speak about your concerns to all of our Commissioners. Another way is to give us a call, text or email. Your ideas and suggestions of ways to make Benson better are appreciated."

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Benson Commissioners Lower Electric Rates



Current and new residents will see cost savings in electric



Businesses will also realize a reduction in electric expenses

BENSON, NC: The new (lower) electric rates were reflected in bills beginning December 1, 2015. Residential customers will receive an 8 percent reduction in their electric and save an average of roughly \$150 per year.

"The Town of Benson is extremely pleased to lower electric rates for our customers," said Mayor William W. Massengill, Jr. "Our Board and staff have worked very hard to get us to this point. The economic impact of this decision will be felt across the community. Lower power bills in Benson will help residents and businesses alike."

As an example of how these lower electric rates will positively impact Town of Benson electric customers, currently a customer who uses 1,000 kwh per month is now paying \$138.58. As of December 1, 2015, the same bill will be lowered by \$11.88 per month (to \$126.70) and save a customer \$143 on average a year. A 2,000 kwh per month customer would see a rate reduction around \$22.38 a month or about \$268 per year.

Deana's Dog House Moves to Dunn St.



McLamb with a freshly groomed puppy

Owner Deana McLamb moved Deana's Dog House to 203 S. Dunn St. and opened her new doors on December 1, 2015. McLamb's business has seen significant growth over the past couple years and needed a larger space.

McLamb loves Benson because "of the small town feel and the schools." "It's a cute little town," said McLamb when asked about Benson. Deana's Dog House is a full-service grooming salon for dogs, cats, chickens, and is accepting new clients. Deana's Dog House is open Tuesday-Friday 7:30am to 5:00pm and Saturday by appointment only. Phone number: 919-894-4200.

Community Calendar

Museum Coffee Hour	1/8
Pajama Story Time at Library	1/11
Town Commissioners Meeting	1/12
Town Hall Closed for MLK, Jr Day	1/18
Senior day at NC Museum of Art	1/19
Business Watch Meeting	1/21
Benson's Got Talent Show	1/22-1/23
Town Commissioners Meeting	1/26
Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet	1/28



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

Fitness Membership Renewals



Inside the Parks & Rec. Weight Room

Many people will make a resolution this year to improve their health and fitness. There is no place better to exercise and fulfill that resolution than the BPRD Exercise Room. If you already have a membership, please remember to renew it. All current members of the BPRD Exercise Room must renew their membership by 5pm on January 15th. Any renewing memberships not paid by this date will be voided. Also, family packages are no longer available. If you had a family package in the past and wish to rejoin, each family member will be required to pay for an individual membership. So, whether you are a new member or a returning one, get in shape in 2016 at the BPRD exercise room. If you have any questions on exercise renewals or would like to become a member please contact Benson Parks and Recreation Department at 919-894-5117.

Exotic Image Moves to Downtown



Jackson in the salon

Owner Rhonda Jackson moved Exotic Image to 108 W. Main St. and opened her new doors on November 10th. Jackson described moving to downtown as “a blessing, I always wanted to be on Main St.” Jackson hopes to help others have a successful business in the downtown as well.

With 13 years of business ownership in Benson, Jackson said she loves Benson because “of the good community, everyone is loving and caring.” Exotic Image is a full service hair salon featuring coloring services, waxing, and make-up. Exotic Image is open Tuesday-Saturday by appointment only. Phone number: 919-524-7086.

Schedule of Events

Elvis's Birthday Celebration

January 8th from 11am to 2:00pm at Civic Center

Benson Center for Active Aging Senior Trip

Jan. 19th to the NC Museum of Art. Bus leaves at 12 pm

Daddy Daughter Dance

Event on Feb. 13th from 7:00-9:00 pm. This event is for children ages 5 and older and their parents. Deadline for pre-registration is Jan. 30th. Photos and concessions will be available at the event.

Self-Defense Classes

This course emphasizes safety awareness. Next registration is Feb. 4th. Open time from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Classes will start on Feb. 11th.

Cheerleading

Champions in Motion is a program for children ages 4-18. The next registration is Feb. 1st.

6:00-6:45pm ages 4-6

6:45-7:30pm ages 7 and older

Line Dance Classes

Classes are on Wed. nights from 6:30-8pm starting Jan. 6th. Registration is \$10/res. and \$15/ non-res.

“Caught Ya’ Doing Good!”



After the big surprise

Lisa Maul, a Customer Lead at Food Lion, is the January recipient of the new “Caught Ya’ Doing Good!” program. Maul was nominated because of her exemplary service skills and going above and beyond for customers. Customer Service Manager Sharon Digman said this about Maul’s award: “When Food Lion created this position, they envisioned a person just like Lisa. She does Food Lion proud.” Maul said customer service is easy for her because she fell in love with the Benson community.

Jenny Campbell of Jenny’s Sweet Creations on Main St. donates a box of sweet treats to each new recipient as a thank you for excellent service. Remember to 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! (Photo from left: Jenny Campbell, Jenny’s Sweet Creations; Karissa Bergene, Economic Development Director; Police Chief Kenneth Edwards; Lisa Maul, Award Recipient; Connie Sorrell, Town Clerk; Sharon Digman, Food Lion Customer Service Mgr.)