



Utility Billing Message: Keep your eyes open for a letter from the Finance Department that will inform you of the upcoming changes to your bill! Bills will be coming to you sooner with new due dates!

Load Management Program will save Residents \$180 per year!



As one of our valued electric customers you are eligible for our Load Management Program, which will save you \$180 per year on your electric bills.

Enrollment into this program is completely free and optional for each customer, and is an easy way to reduce your power usage and help to keep Benson's power rates low.

Load management helps reduce Benson's energy demand during the infrequent times when everyone is using higher amount of electricity at once. Usually this occurs just a few days each month during the warmest and coldest times of the year. By lowering demand from our electric grid during these occasional peak periods, load management helps us save money and then pass those savings onto you.

Once you enroll in the Load Management Program, a trained technician will install a small device at your home that communicates with the hot water tank, heat strips, and/or central air conditioner. Then, during times of exceptionally high demand, the device can signal these appliances to use less energy. The effect of Load Management is so minimal that most customers don't even notice, at least until they see the lower rate on the power bill.

The Load Management Program is free and effortless. It helps us use resources more efficiently, which positively impacts our community and keep your rates low. **And did we mention that you will save \$180 each year as our thank-you?**

Join our Load Management Program today through this easy method:

1. Call (919) 894-3553 to speak with our customer service staff

In the South, we were always taught not to "toot" our own horn... but a few notes of praise never hurt anyone.

Only minutes from Raleigh NC and located at the crossroads of I-95/I-40 and the CSX/Norfolk rail, Johnston County is in an enviable position for recruiting new, high-tech companies with close proximity to the RTP, RDU and three renowned research universities.

2014-2015
Announced
Investments



novo nordisk®
\$1.8 Billion

GRIFOLS
\$375 Million

pgi
\$30 Million

IOWA 80
GROUP
\$4 Million

3C
\$3 Million

ARI
\$1.5 Million



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Mayor's Message

"Peak demand, it is that time during the month when we all consume the most electricity. And when the electric system is in overdrive, we have to pay more for electricity because all other electric customers are doing the same across our state. In fact in one hour last July 21st, 53% of the cost of electricity for that month occurred during a one hour peak period. It is hard to believe, but true. If we can work together to reduce that peak, we can all save money. The good news is that there is a very simple way to reduce the peak and it is called a "load management switch." About 500 people in Benson already have a switch but we need even more to get one so we can all save. You will be hearing a lot more about the effort to roll out load management switches and how we can continue the effort to drive down electric costs." -William, Phone: 919-464-3960; Email: Wwmassengill@embarqmail.com



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

Easter Eggtravaganza 2016!



The Benson Parks and Recreation Department is hopping and jumping for joy. Everyone is excited because the infamous BPRD Easter Eggtravaganza is right around the corner.

Children and families are invited to Benson Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday March 19, 2016 from 2:00—3:00 PM. Games, food and fun are scheduled to occur.

How can we forget... there is an Easter Egg hunt too! The entire event is FREE of charge. Call the BPRD for more information at 919-894-5117.

Schedule of Events

Adult Basketball and Volleyball
Registration for Volleyball is \$310/team and \$610/team for basketball. Contact BPRD for more info. 919-894-5117

Johnston Co. Senior Games/Silver Arts Come and support Johnston Co. seniors during the Senior Games. Games will run from April 6-22, 2016. For more info and a list of events, please contact BPRD at 919-894-5117

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

“Caught Ya’ Doing Good!” Award



Photo from left to right: Jenny Campbell; Lisa Eatmon; Karissa Bergene; Scarlett Parrish; Tracey Helms; Award Winner Paul Lambert; JoAnn Helms; Kelli Tyndall; Jean Stewart

Paul Lambert, a floral designer at Four Seasons Florist, is the March recipient of the new “Caught Ya’ Doing Good!” program. Lambert has been with Four Seasons since January 2016. He was nominated because of his exceptional service skills and going above and beyond for clients. A nomination was sent in from a client who needed a funeral arrangement for out of town on the Friday before Valentine’s Day this year. The client noted that even during one of the Florist’s busiest days of the year, Lambert was very friendly and helpful. Four Seasons owner, Tracey Helms, said this about Lambert’s award: “I’m excited for Paul to win the award. I first saw his design work at a client’s house and was impressed with his skills. Since he started with us in January, clients rave about his work and customer service.” Lambert is originally from Clinton and has worked the last five years in floral design. In Lambert’s spare time, he coaches contestant interviews for Miss North Carolina pageants and enjoys exercising.

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!” award winner!