



## 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 by calling (919) 894-3553 to speak with our customer service staff.**

## Spring yard debris and stick collection program!



The Town of Benson is making every effort to Keep Benson Beautiful. In addition to the weekly curbside collection of your Green Yard Waste Can, the Town has contracted with Waste Industries to provide for the collection of loose yard debris and sticks twice per year (spring and fall).

The spring curbside collection includes any loose sticks, limbs and general yard debris. Pick-up will take place the last week of April 2016.

### Spring Yard Debris & Stick Collection Guidelines:

- Place all yard debris on your property between the sidewalk and the curb.
- Sticks must be no larger than 4-inches in diameter
- Sticks should be cut to 5-feet in length or less.
- All material must be placed near the curb by **Sunday April 24, 2016**

**If you have questions related to this program, please call Town Hall at 919-894-3553 for more information.**

### Mayor's Message

"Why are we investing in water and electric meter and load management switches? Because, to do nothing will result in higher future costs for everyone. There is a movement called "smart cities." These are the cities/towns that invest in technology and plan for their future. To do nothing is to leave our fate to others and to higher costs. I am proud that Benson has a history of being a leader in many things and we are working to continue that proud history." -William, Phone: 919-464-3960

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### 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!

### Community Calendar

Museum Coffee Hour	4/1
Antique Tractor Show	4/8-4/9
BPRD Movie Night at the Grove	4/8
Sundown Concert	4/14
Pajama Story Time	4/11
Town Commissioners Meeting	4/12
Pre-School Story Time	4/13
BPD Business Watch Meeting	4/21
Keep Benson Beautiful Town Wide Clean Up	4/23
Pre-School Story Time	4/27
Town Commissioners Meeting	4/28



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

## 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.

# McDonald's Rebuild Underway



Starting in March 2016, McDonald's started to demolish its former building. An old Mobil sign was removed from the property and the building has been leveled. The new McDonald's is expected to be completed in 90-110 days, just in time for summer.



## "Caught Ya' Doing Good!" Award



Photo from left to right: Jenny Campbell; Karissa Bergene; Lisa Eatmon; Award Winner Trevor O'Neal; Erin King; Sistie Wells

Trevor O'Neal, a Pharmacy Technician and Book Store Manager at Warren Drug, is the April recipient of the new "Caught Ya' Doing Good!" program. O'Neal has worked with Warren Drug for over six years. He was nominated because of his exceptional service skills and going above and beyond for clients. A nomination was sent in from a client

that remembers O'Neal's attention to detail with her orders each time she visits. The client reflected that O'Neal is always very friendly and helpful. O'Neal was surprised by the award and explained that, "I love the small town community in Benson. I've worked in big retail stores and you don't get the same great experience." In O'Neal's spare time, he enjoys reading, visiting with friends, and playing sports.

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!