



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

National Day of Prayer	5/5
Community Watch-Eastwood Subdivision	5/5
Museum Coffee Hour	5/6
Pajama Story Time at the Library	5/9
Town Commissioners Meeting	5/10
Sundown Concert	5/12
Benson Community Day & Power Paw 5k Race	5/14
BRPD Movie Night at the Singing Grove	5/20
Community Watch—Benson Church of God	5/26
Town Commissioners Meeting	5/26
Friday Night Hoops at the Lee Street Gym	5/27
Memorial Day—Town Hall Closed	5/30



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

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.

Mayor's Message

"There have been reports recently concerning the fact that so many children today are living in poverty. Statistics show that it is very difficult for those born in poverty to leave it behind as adults. But there is one thing that clearly makes a difference in escaping poverty, and that is education. We all have concerns about the future, but there is one thing that we as parents can do, which is completely within our control. And that is to actively use our role as our child's "first teacher."

The Town of Benson offers programs and partners with other agencies to provide programs for parents to help their children be prepared for a life of learning. As parents, we all want the best for our children. What is increasingly known is that the future will require that people not only have education past high school, but that education and training will be a life-long journey.

Let's make sure that every child that enters kindergarten in Benson is prepared to learn and that they have been exposed to books and reading. And let's make sure that every child after entering kindergarten is learning and growing in knowledge and wisdom so that when they finish high school, they have open to them any opportunity they may wish to pursue. We owe our children nothing less.

Some programs offered in Benson:

- Mary Duncan Public Library (Preschool Story Time/Pajama Story Time/ Books/ Computers)
- Partnership for Children
- After School Tutoring Program
- Science in the Summer

I expect to see great things from *our* Benson children."

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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Friday Night Hoops Starts in May



Looking for a great program to get your 13-16 year old in this summer? The Benson Police Department along with the Benson Parks and Recreation Department invite all 13-16 year olds to participate in Benson's Friday Night Hoops.

These events will take place at the gym located on South Lee St. at P.K. Vyas Community Park. Each event will begin at 8pm. Participants will get to listen to various guest speakers who will relay information on numerous topics related to life events and athletics. Participants will also be fed dinner.

The first Friday Night Hoops event will be on May 27th. However, if you miss one of the events you can still attend the other events throughout the summer. All participants must register at the Benson Parks and Recreation Department building located on North Johnson St. or they can register at 8pm the same day as the event at the Lee St. gym.

Friday Night Hoops Event Schedule

May 27th: 8pm-11pm
June 10th: 8pm-11pm
June 24th: 8pm-11pm
July 8th: 8pm-11pm
July 22nd: 8pm-11pm
August 5th: 8pm-11pm
August 19th: 8pm-11pm
September 2nd: 8pm-11pm

For more information on this great program or how you can get your child involved, become a guest speaker or volunteer, contact COPS Officer K.E. Caldwell with the Benson Police Department at 919-894-2091.

Benson Community Day & Power Paw 5k: May 14th!



The sixth annual Benson Community Day is right around the corner. Make sure to mark your calendars for May 14th. This great family-oriented event will feature a NEW dog-friendly 5k race at 9am (all dogs must be on a leash at all times) followed by activities from 10am to 2pm in the Dr. P.K. Vyas Community Park located at 1204 N. Johnson St. Activities include games, vendors, music and more for the entire family. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, sponsor of the event or would just like more information on the event please contact Benson Parks and Recreation at 919-894-5117. To register for the 5k, please visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Benson/PowerPaw5K9> or call 919-894-3553 for more information. Race proceeds will go to the Benson Bark Park project. See you on May 14th!

"Caught Ya' Doing Good!" Award



Photo from left to right: Jenny Campbell; Hannah Edgerton; Casey Adams; Erin King; Award Winner Anita McLamb; Lisa Eatmon; April Johnson; Kristina Sandy; and Connie Sorrell

Anita McLamb, owner of Salon 219, and her staff were the May recipients of the new "Caught Ya' Doing Good!" program. Salon 219 has been in business for over 20 years. The stylists were nominated because of their care and attention toward the needs of their clients. Clients leave the salon satisfied and with a fresh new cut. McLamb said she and her team were very surprised and thankful for the award.

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!