



Mayor's Message

"It is the season for graduations with the marking of milestones and the start of new plans and dreams. Celebrating achievement and success is important because this success has come from hard work and perseverance. These are the lessons of life, things which are worthwhile do not come easy. But, when we achieve them, we need to celebrate. Congratulations, Class of 2016."

-William
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Community Calendar

Museum Coffee Hour	6/3
BPRD Movie Night at the Singing Grove	6/3
Community Watch—Ridgecrest Apartments	6/9
Sundown Concert	6/9
Friday Night Hoops at the Lee Street Gym	6/10
MDPL Summer Reading Program Begins	6/13
Town Commissioners Meeting	6/14
301 Endless Yard Sale	6/17-6/18
Community Watch—Hedges Apartments	6/23
Friday Night Hoops at the Lee Street Gym	6/24
Annual Singing Convention	6/24-6/26
Town Commissioners Meeting	6/30

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

301 Endless Yard Sale Comes Back to Benson June 17-18



We are excited to announce the fourth annual "301 Endless Yard Sale" to take place the weekend of June 17-18, 2016. Inspired by the HGTV television show "Flea Market Flip", the communities along US 301 will join together with deals, antiques, collectibles and more along a 100 mile stretch of highway between Benson and its neighbors in Johnston County to Roanoke Rapids. Sites are now located in Halifax, Nash, Wilson, and Harnett Counties as well.

The US 301 Endless Yard Sale officially starts on Friday, June 17th and runs through Saturday, June 18th. Vendors choose their own hours, but typically are active from 7AM to 5PM each day. Many sellers will be located along the stretch in well established visitor sites like Riverside Mill in Weldon, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, TWM Antiques in Selma...as well as families, churches and schools on the route with vendor spaces. For more information on vendor spaces in Benson or the event itself go to www.301endlessyardsale.com or contact Karissa Bergene at 919-894-3553 or kbergene@townofbenson.com.



Check your mailbox for a letter from Johnston Co. EMS to help offset fees for emergency transport by joining the annual voluntary subscription program at a low fee. Please call 919-989-5050 for more information.

Summer Reading Program at Mary Duncan Public Library is Back!



Photo: Ronald McDonald visits the MDPL Reading Program

Mary Duncan Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program kicks off June 13th! The program runs until July 29th and has an exciting slate of programming for families to promote literacy and lifelong learning throughout the summer. This year's theme is "On your mark, get set, Read!" Registration is now open at the Mary Duncan Public Library on West Main Street in downtown Benson. For more information regarding the Summer Reading Program please call 919-894-3724.

Utility Billing Message: NEW BILLING CYCLE

New Billing Cycle Dates

Starting June 7, 2016

Action	Date
Bill	7th
Draft	17th
Due	22nd
Disconnections	30th
Account Close for Non-Payment	10th of the following month

IMPORTANT INFO:



For more information on the 2015 Consumer Confidence Report, please visit <http://www.townofbenson.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/244>



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

July 4th Celebration!

Schedule of Events



Join us for Benson's annual 4th of July celebration. Opening ceremonies will be held at 5:30pm on Monday, July 4th in the Benson Singing Grove. Come see the band *The Bantum Rooster*.

Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on and plan on having a fun-filled afternoon. As always, the day will conclude with our spectacular fireworks display at dusk, which will take place off from McLamb-Tart Road off Hwy 301/S. Wall St. If you would like to be a sponsor of this year's celebration, please let us know on or before June 13th. For more information contact the Benson Parks and Rec. Department at 919-894-5117.

Movie Night in The Singing Grove at 8 pm
June 3rd - The Good Dinosaur
July 15th - Pan

Summer Reading Program
Starting June 13th through July 29th from 10am-11am. Held at the Mary Duncan Public Library Mondays and Wednesdays. Friday sessions at Parks and Rec Dept.

Sundown In Downtown
The Attractions will be playing in the Grove on June 9th beginning at 5:30 pm.

Men's Softball Registration
Registration is now open for men's softball. The fee is \$5000 and a \$20 USSSA sanction fee per team. Registration will be open thru June 30th. For more information, call BPRD at 919-894-5117.

Intermediate Line Dance— Starts June 22nd
Join instructor Lisa Smith at the Benson Civic Center on Wed. nights for line dancing. Registration is \$10-res. and \$15-non-res for each six week class. Please call BPRD for details 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: Erin King; Jenny Campbell; Kim Sinclair; Award Winner Danny Medlin; Karissa Bergene and Cheryl Hall

Danny Medlin, owner of Medlin & Dorman ACE Hardware, and his staff were the May recipients of the new "Caught Ya' Doing Good!" program. Medlin & Dorman has been a family-run business since 1929. Medlin & Dorman was nominated by a customer who was in need of a particular type of product they had previously purchased at the Railroad St. store location. Even though the second location was not typically open on Saturdays, staff was able to let the customer in the store and help them find the product. He and his 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!

Family Dollar Getting a Re-model

Family Dollar is undergoing some cosmetic changes inside the store. Also, a new sign was added to the front of the store. A Grand Re-opening is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th featuring Child Safety seat checks from Benson Police Department and a drawing for a new tablet device. Call 919-894-8604 for more details.

Photo:
Family Dollar
gets a new
sign out front

