



Community Calendar

Fire Prevention Week
10/8 - 10/14

Pajama Story Time at Library
6:30pm - 10/9

Town Board Meeting
7pm - 10/10

Pre-School Story Time at Library
10am - 10/11

**Movie Night at the Grove +
Black & Orange Egg Hunt**
Dusk - 10/13

Museum Board
6pm - 10/16

Senior State Fair Trip
10/17

Police Advisory
6:30pm - 10/23

Pre-School Story Time at Library
10am - 10/25

Town Board Meeting
7pm - 10/26

Healthy Harvest
9am - 1pm - 10/28

Halloween / Town-Wide trick or
treating + Trunk or Treat 6pm
- 8pm

Leaf Collection Begins
11/1

Museum Coffee Hour
10 am - 11/3

**Veterans Day Celebration in The
Grove and Parade**
11/4

Daylight Savings Ends
11/5

Meet Benson's New Dentist

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Are you dealing with a toothache? Maybe it's time for that routine cleaning? Well, there's a man you need to meet right here in Benson. Dr. Christopher Walker, new owner of Benson Dentistry located at 405 South Market Street, purchased the practice from Dr. Christopher Vo earlier this year. He resumed seeing patients in August.

Dr. Walker, a Washington, NC native, said when he heard the business was up for sale, he knew it was the perfect place for him. "I'm from a small town and I just know how great it is to grow up in that and love where you live," he explained. "It just felt like the right thing to do. It's local to where (I was) needing to live, it's local to where (my wife) needs to live to work. It's local to my family. There's also a lot of great dentists in this area and you can stay connected to your craft as well."

"I really enjoyed community based work. I wanted to make a career in something that was part of a community and I could be a force of good in a community and help people live a better life," he added. Benson Dentistry seemed like a great fit, continued Dr. Walker. Since taking over, he has continued seeing regular patients and taking on new ones around town. The office staff remains the same — and the services offered haven't changed. "I think you really have to meet people where they are. Who you are and what your health needs are really drive your day-to-day lifestyle. So, my team and I, we people where they are in life — young, old, sick, healthy, white teeth, no teeth — we can do it," said Dr. Walker.

Overall health is so important, he said, and it's a huge focus for Benson Dentistry. "A lot of people don't really understand how much more we know [now] about the oral environment and how much it connects to the rest of the body," said Dr. Walker. "At the same time, I want every patient to be comfortable and I want every patient to be happy with the cosmetics and the aesthetics of what we do. I want every patient to feel like they can achieve a better state of oral health." "I don't want any patient to feel like they can't come in here because we can help them."

To schedule a visit with Dr. Walker call (919) 894-4195.



Mayor's Message

So we are coming to the end of my 10 years as Mayor. It has been one of the most rewarding times of my life and I look forward to the new opportunities that exist for me after December 12th. And with that change comes new opportunities as a new Mayor and Town Commissioners come aboard. But as I get ready to depart, my challenge to the citizens of Benson is to use this campaign period up to election day to ask questions of the candidates. What is their platform? What is their vision for Benson? How do they plan to execute that vision? An active and engaged electorate is critical to democracy and a forward moving Benson.

-William

Parks & Rec Events...



Join the BPRD on Friday, October 13th 2017 for a Black and Orange Easter Egg hunt in the Singing Grove followed by a showing of *Fantastic Beast and Where To Find Them.*

Benson Parks and Recreation Basketball Registration will be open from Oct. 1 through Oct. 27. Ages 4-18. For more information contact BPRD at (919) 894-5117.



The Town of Benson will celebrate Halloween on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Trick or Treating hours will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. town-wide. The streets will be closed during this time at S.E. and S.W. Railroad St. between Main St. and Parrish Dr. for a special Trunk or Treat!



The Library Corner...

The Mary Duncan Public Library would like to invite everyone out for Pajama Story Time this month on October 9th at 6:30 PM. Come join them in your best Pajamas as we read some of our favorite stories together! Pre-School Story Time will be on Wednesdays October 11th and 25th at 10:00 AM for all of our younger citizens who aren't quite ready for school!



Magnificent Museum...

Museum Coffee Hour 1st Friday of every month (November 3rd and December 1st) at 10am.

And don't forget, the Museum's Digital photo and yearbook collection can be found on Digital NC. Over 100 new Photos and the 1967 Benson High Yearbook were just added!

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/benson-museum-of-local-history/>



News and Information...



Come join us for our annual 5K and Cupcake Walk on October 28th, 2017! There will be prizes for the top overall runners (Male and Female), top runners in each age group (Male and Female), and top Benson residents (Male and Female)! New this year to the Healthy Harvest is a Costume Contest to go along with our 5K! Dress up in your best (Family Friendly) costume for a chance to win a prize! The Costume Contest will be open to everyone in attendance, not just the runners! There will be vendors and a DJ in the Singing Grove so be sure to stop by and check out everything that is going on! Remember to bring the whole family out for a Saturday morning full of fun!

RACE REGISTRATION INFORMATION: To register for the 5K please visit <https://www.runtheeast.com/races/> and scroll down to the October section and select the HEALTHY HARVEST 5K. Fill out the linked form to register for the race. Cost for the 5K is \$28.00. Follow us on Facebook, on Twitter @Town_of_Benson, or on Instagram @TownofBenson for more information about the 2017 Healthy Harvest!



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Fire Prevention Week

The Town of Benson recognizes the upcoming National Fire Prevention Week October 8-14. Benson is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community. Fire Prevention Week is a great way to spread the word about how to be safe at home, but also what to do should a fire occur.

U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Moreover, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions and many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned. These conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely — having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds.

Being prepared is important. Here are a few tips.

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.
- Check your smoke alarms regularly. A good rule is to make sure the batteries are fresh when the time changes (during Spring and Fall).
- Kitchen fires are some of the most common calls firefighters respond to. It's recommended to have a small fire extinguisher in the kitchen
- Never use cheap extension cords or overload power outlets with too many things plugged into them.
- Make sure to keep the lint trap in your dryer cleaned out.
- Teach children the address of their home as well as a contact number.

For more information — including customizable home maps and activity sheets for kids — visit nfpa.org.



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