



Fall Clean Up and Bulk Collection of Yard Debris

The Town of Benson’s semi-annual Bulk Yard Debris Collection will occur on Monday September 11, 2017. Residents are asked to place their limbs, sticks and yard debris near the road no later than Sunday evening.

Please cut all limbs to a length of 5-feet or less. Place your yard debris between the sidewalk and the road edge. Do NOT place materials in the road or near storm drains.

Construction debris, pallets, and processed wood will NOT be collected.

NOTE: The Fall Bulk Yard Debris Collection program is in addition to Benson’s normal curbside services. Please reference the curbside services flyer for greater details regarding: Loose stick/limb collection, GREEN yard waste cans, GRAY trash cans, and BLUE recycling cans.



Community Calendar	
Little Miss Benson Pageant—W. J. Barefoot Auditorium	9/9
6:30 Pajama Story Time at the Library	9/11
7:00 PM Town Board	9/12
10:00 AM Pre-School Story Time at the Library	9/13
Mule Day Golf Tournament	9/15
Miss Benson Pageant—W. J. Barefoot Auditorium	9/16
5:00 PM Mule Days Vendor Permits Due	
6:00 PM Museum Board	9/18
Benson Mule Days	
Mule Days Concert—Amanda Daughtry	9/21
Benson Mule Days	
9/21—9/24	
10:00 AM Pre-School Story Time at the Library	9/27
October 1st-7th is Public Power Week!	
6:00 PM BPRD Board	
7:00 PM Planning Board	10/3
10:00 AM Museum Coffee Hour	10/6

New Business Coming to Town!



Benson has a new restaurant opening soon on Main Street! We here at the Town of Benson would like to welcome Cornerstone Café and Coffee to Town!

Cornerstone Café & Coffee is a family owned and operated café and coffee shop that is planning on

opening in September. Founded with the goal of sparking new life and new flavor to Benson, they set out to deliver healthier eating options, with awesome flavor and great Southern charm.

Taken directly from their menu Cornerstone explains how they got their name, “Cornerstone is a testament to our faith and embodies our goal of being the ‘cornerstone’ for downtown revitalization. We hope that this is just a beginning for Main Street’s rebirth and growth. “

Mayor’s Message

There is a lot of unrest in America as I write. Racial hatred, people taking positions and that continued division which we all say we want to see “go away”. Sometimes I ask myself: What can I do? So I think back to that song I learned in middle school: “Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me...”. If we want our nation and community to be different then we have to be different. Something I love about Benson is that for the most part we work at loving each other and being a community that sees beyond all the things that can and will and does separate us. My prayer is: Let peace begin with me...

-William

Magnificent Museum...

Museum Coffee Hour 1st Friday of every month (September 1st and October 6th) 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...



Don't forget about...**First Fridays!!**

Checkout Downtown Benson the first Friday of every month for great deals, Food Trucks and so much more! Shops will be open late from 6-9pm!

- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 1st Christmas on Main Celebration

The Library Corner...

Pajama Story Time returns to the **Mary Duncan Public Library** on Monday September 11, 2017! Come join them in your best Pajamas as we read some of our favorite story books together!

Pre-School Story Time also returns in September on Wednesdays September 13th and 27th at 10:00 AM for all of our younger citizens who aren't quite ready for school!





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Mule Days is Here!

One of our most prized events in Benson is back for it's 67th year! Benson celebrates Mule Days during the 4th Saturday of September each year. The kickoff concert is held on Thursday night in the Benson Singing Grove. Mule Days normally draws 40,000-50,000 people! And is filled with family fun and activities for everyone! The weekend is packed with rodeos, a mule pulling contest, arts and crafts, vendors, street dances, carnival rides, camping, parades, bluegrass shows and more. The parade alone draws about 20,000 people. This festival is considered one of the largest festivals in North Carolina and the parade has hundreds of horses, mules, buggies, and unusual entries. Visitors come from as far away as Alaska, Germany and California!

Below is a highlight of events that are taking place during each day of Mule Days. For a complete schedule please visit Bensonmuledays.com

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Mule Day Concert @ Benson Singing Grove
Family Night at the Chamber Park and Arena

Friday, September 22, 2017

9:30 AM - Mule Judging Competition, Chamber Park
12:00 Noon- Annual Mule Race @ Chamber Park, 355 J. Lee Road
12:00 - 6:00 PM - Music on Main and Sidewalk Chalk Art Show presented by Benson Middle
7:00 - 12:00 Midnight- Music and Entertainment @ Vendor Area Behind Singing Grove on Parrish Drive
7:30 PM - Bleecker Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram SRA Rodeo - Presented by SRA Double Creek Pro Rodeo

Saturday September 23, 2017

10:00AM -68th Annual Mule Days Parade
12:00PM to 3:00PM - McDonald's Live Bluegrass Afternoon in Benson
7:30PM -Bleecker Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram SRA Rodeo
8:00 PM - American Legion Dance - Legion Building - 605 North Wall Street
10:30 PM - Mule Day Dance @ Benson Chamber Park - 355 J. Lee Road

Sunday - September 24, 2017

9:00 AM - Mule City Cowboy Church Service - Benson Singing Grove
2:00 PM - Bleecker Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram SRA Rodeo



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