



### Mayor's Message

"In May the electric system in Benson saved \$4,000 because of the less than half of our residents who already have load management. Just think what we could save if everyone was using load management. If you want to have a real conversation about how we can further reduce electric rates in the future, let's get everyone to have a load management switch. It is a real solution where we all win by working together.

-William  
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### Community Calendar

- Museum Coffee Hour 7/1
- Friday Night Hoops at the Lee Street Gym 7/8
- Town Commissioners Meeting 7/12
- BPRD Movie Night at the Singing Grove 7/15
- Friday Night Hoops at the Lee Street Gym 7/22
- Town Commissioners Meeting 7/28



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

## Partnership for Children Ribbon Cutting at New Location



Photo Credit: Benson News In Review

Partnership for Children of Johnston County's (PFC) Benson Family Resource Center hosted a Ribbon Cutting for its new location, 319 S. Elm St., on June 8, 2016. PFC is eager to be in the newly renovated space featuring two student classrooms, lending library, community garden, and computer lab. PFC is a non-profit organization committed to providing programs to children and parents to help keep kids healthy, safe, and ready for kindergarten. Examples of programs include playgroups, infant massage, and lending library. Many of PFC's programs are free or have a nominal fee. Contact info: 919-207-2122, 319 S. Elm St., Benson. Hours: Monday & Wednesday 10am to 6pm.

## Best Market Wireless Opens in Downtown Benson



Photo Credit: Benson Area Chamber of Commerce; (photo from left): Jaymes Elliot, Officer Z. Jacobs, Onterio Eason, Mayor Massengill, Owner Billy Burgess, Nadia Heath, Vanessa Burgess, Deborah Davis, Karissa Bergene

Billy Burgess hosted a Ribbon Cutting for his new business, Best Market Wireless, on June 18, 2016. Burgess is thankful for the opportunity to be part of the community and provide a much-needed service. Best Market Wireless offers the following

services: unlock and repair phones; flashing phones; computer repair, upgrades, and diagnostic; phones and accessories; security cameras and equipment; phone services (T-Mobile, Verizon, & Sprint); Satellite & Wireless Services (Direct TV & Dish); and Notary services. Contact info: 919-400-7503, 102 N. Market St. Benson. Hours: Mon-Sat 10am to 6pm.

## Stay Cart Smart This Summer

Did you know that Benson is home to over 500 registered golf carts? On any day you can see golf carts loaded down with groceries and families traveling on Benson roads, especially in the summer. The Town of Benson would like to remind residents of a few golf cart safety tips. These tips are not just for those that own and operate golf carts, but also those that must share the road with the carts:



- Only carry the number of passengers that there are seats for
- Make sure everyone is buckled up before you start moving
- Drive responsibly and obey all traffic laws
- Use hand signals when turning if you do not have a turn signal
- Avoid sharp turns at maximum speed
- Drive straight up and down steep slopes
- Always allow a safe distance between you and other vehicles and carts

### New Utility Billing Cycle Dates

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.townofbenison.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/244>



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information
July 4th Celebration!



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 near McLamb-Tart Road off of 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.

"Caught Ya' Doing Good!" Award



Photo (from left): Connie Sorrell, Award Winner Lynn Psam, Cheryl Hall, Jenny Campbell; Karissa Bergene and Erin King

Lynn Psam, owner Lynn's Nails, is July's award winner of the new "Caught Ya' Doing Good!" program. Lynn's Nails has been open in Benson since 2011. Clients nominated Psam because of her desire to give back to the community by providing manicures at local nursing homes. Psam was very surprised and appreciated 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!

Schedule of Events

\*\*\*Parks and Recreation Dept. will be closed July 2nd through July 4th\*\*\*

Youth Sports- Fall Soccer, Baseball, Softball, and Girls Volleyball

Registration for fall soccer (ages 3-12 by Nov. 1 2016) & girls volleyball grades 4 & 5 will be held until Aug. 31st. Baseball and softball for ages 7-14 will also be held until Aug. 31st. Please call BPRD at 919-894-5117 for more information and registration fee rates.

Movie Night in The Singing Grove at 8 pm
July 15th - "Pan"
August 12th - "Norm of the North"

Summer Reading Program

Starting June 13th through July 29th. Held at the Mary Duncan Public Library Mondays and Wednesdays. Friday sessions at Parks and Rec Dept. For more information regarding the Summer Reading Program please call 919-894-3724.

Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP) by Alliant Quality

Join the weekly meeting on Diabetes starting August 4th to September 8th on Thursdays from 2-4pm. These informational sessions can help you live a better life with Diabetes.

Intermediate Line Dance

Join instructor Lisa Smith at the Benson Civic Center on Wed. nights for line dancing. Register by August 3rd: \$10-res. and \$15-non-res for each six week class. Please Call BPRD for details 919-894-5117.

Benson Dentistry Celebrates 500 Days of Business

Benson Dentistry celebrated its 500th day in business on June 23rd. The celebration included lunch from Tacos El



Photo : Guests at the celebration

Corral, games, prizes, and more! Say congratulations next time you see Dr. Vo and his team!

Family Dollar Re-Grand Opening



Photo (from left): Officer Snell, COPS Officer Macon, Matt Zapp, Bella Zapp, Luke Zapp, Cindy Brown, Ashley Bryant, Melissa Stephenson, Mayor Massengill, Billi Bister, & Staar Dukes

New renovations are complete at Family Dollar. A Grand Re-opening took place on June 18th featuring Child Safety seat checks from Benson Police Department, giveaways, and more. Stop by and see the new store soon.