



Mayor's Message

"Our health is something that we cannot take for granted. While environment and genetics play a role, our choices of food and exercise are critical in determining our level of health. Join us for Healthy Harvest and learn about the resources which are available to help you take an active part in managing your health. If not for yourself, do it for someone you love."

-William

Benson Harvest Festival Saturday October 22nd

After a successful 2015 event, the Benson Healthy Harvest Festival will return on Saturday, October 22nd! Thanks to all of our sponsors for helping us pull off another great event that showcases our beautiful community.



Once again, this year's event will have a 5k through some of the most beautiful neighborhoods in Benson, a 1 mile Cupcake Walk through the historic downtown business district, vendors at the Singing Grove, an Auto Show, and amusements for all ages. If you are interested in learning more about event sponsorship, donations, vendors, volunteering, and 5k registration, please call 919-894-3553 or email eking@townofbenson.com

Healthy Harvest Events & Entertainment

- 9:00am - 5k Run/Walk - (103 Parrish Dr. near TNT Fitness)
- 9:00am - 2:00pm - Vendors, Food, Games (Singing Grove)
- 9:00am - 2:00pm - Car Show sponsored by Full Throttle Car Club and benefiting the Autism Society of North Carolina (Parrish Dr. behind Singing Grove)
- 9:00 am - 12:00pm - Walgreen's Shred & Protect Event (403 E. Main St., Walgreens parking lot)
- 10:30am - Cupcake Walk sponsored by Jenny's Sweet Creations and benefiting the American Cancer Society (Begins at the Singing Grove)
- 10:45am - 5k Awards (Singing Grove Stage)
- 11am-2pm—Vendors and Live Music (Singing Grove)
- 12pm—Sweet Potato Pie Eating Contest Sponsored by the NC Sweet Potato Commission (Singing Grove)

A Special Thank You to Our Sponsors: TNT Fitness, Jenny's Sweet Creations, Four Oaks Bank; Riccobene & Associates Family Dentistry; Benton Card Co.; NC Sweet Potato Commission, Johnston UNC Health, and Walgreen's of Benson.

Community Calendar

- BPRD Fall Fun Fest 2pm at Singing Grove 10/1
- BCAA Poker Run/Walk 10/1
- Museum Coffee Hour 10am 10/7
- Optimist's BPRD Raffle 6pm at American Legion 10/7
- Pajama Story Time 6:30pm at MDPL 10/10
- Town Commissioners Meeting 7pm 10/11
- Story time at MDPL 10am 10/12
- Business Watch at BFD 12pm 10/13
- Movie Night at the Grove and Halloween Egg Hunt 10/14
- Benson Healthy Harvest 5k & Festival 9am-2pm 10/22
- Story Time at MDPL 10am 10/26
- Town Commissioners Meeting 7pm 10/27
- Trick or Treating 5:30pm-8pm 10/31

November Election Info

For more information, contact the Johnston County Board of Elections at 919-989-5095.

- 10/14 Voter Registration Deadline
- 10/20 Early voting begins for Johnston County
- 10/27 Early voting begins at Benson American Legion Building (605 N. Wall St.)
- 11/1 Deadline to request mail-in absentee ballot
- 11/5 Last day of early voting
- 11/8 Election day polls open 6:30am-7:30pm





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Public Power Week Oct. 2-8



October marks the annual celebration of Public Power week.

As a public power community, we pride ourselves on affordable, innovative, reliable, and friendly service. Recently the Town of Benson has been able to lower electric rates, and introduce a load management program that can save you an additional \$180 per year!

Thank you to those that have already signed up for load management, as your participation helps keep our rates low. If you want more information, or would like to sign up for load management, please contact the utility billing office at 919-894-3553.

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15



National Fire Prevention Week will be commemorated from October 9-15.

This year's theme is "Don't Wait, Check the Date!" The Fire prevention week campaign hopes to remind everybody to check the dates on their smoke detectors at home and at work.

Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years. Having an operational smoke detector greatly reduces of harm to you, your loved ones, and your property.

Don't Wait, Check the Date!

Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Schedule of Events

BPRD Fall Fun Fest
October 1st: 2:00-3:00pm at Singing Grove

Halloween Egg Hunt
October 14th: 7:00pm at Singing Grove.
Annual black and orange egg hunt before the movie.

Movie Night in the Singing Grove at dark
October 14th: Hotel Transylvania 2

Youth Basketball Registration for Girls and Boys
Register during October, ages 4-17. Please Call BPRD for details 919-894-5117.

Please Donate
Please donate to our local food pantry and the clothing closet located at BPRD.

