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| Keep Benson Beautiful Town Wide Cleanup, 8:30AM - Noon | 4/1 |
| BPRD Board, 6PM Planning Board, 7PM | 4/4 |
| Museum Coffee Hr, 10AM Classic Power Farm Heritage Festival 9 to 5, the Musical BPRD Senior Games | 4/7 |
| 9 to 5, the Musical Easter Eggstravaganza | 4/8 |
| 9 to 5, the Musical | 4/9 |
| Library Week | 4/9-15 |
| Pajama Story Time at Library, 6:30PM | 4/10 |
| Town Board, 7PM | 4/11 |
| Pre-School Story Time at Library, 10AM | 4/12 |
| All Town Facilities Closed Due to Holidays | 4/14 |
| Easter Sunday | 4/16 |
| Museum Board, 6PM | 4/17 |
| Community Watch, 7PM | 4/20 |
| Community Day at Vyas Park, 10AM-1PM | 4/22 |
| Museum Board, 6PM | 4/24 |
| Pre-School Story Time at Library, | 4/26 |
| Town Board, 7PM | 4/27 |

Community Day Is Coming!



Come one, Come all to Benson's **Community Day** at Vyas Park on **April 22!** Join us from 10am—1pm for lots of fun, games, vendors and so much more!

If you are a vendor and would like to participate, please contact **Lindy** at Benson PD at (919) 894-2091. For more information on

Community Day, contact **Matt Smith** at Parks and Recreation Department at (919) 894-5117.

Mayor's Message

I have been encouraged to see the large turnout to our "economic development strategy" sessions. It is clear that our citizens are bullish on our future and want to have their input into how we can continue to make Benson a great place to call home. After all, that was the intent: learning and working together to put together a plan that carries Benson into the future. We have something special going on here in Benson.

-William

Our Youth Is The Future...



*Would you like to highlight someone in the community?
Contact Tiffany Johnson at 919-894-3553*

Kavante Johnson met with his High School Guidance Counselor at South Johnston High School to discuss his future. When asked about what he wanted to do outside of High School, Kavante said that he was interested in getting a job at the Electric Company. As a kid, he always admired men who worked outside and high up on electrical poles. He started hunting with his Godfather when he was 11 years old. He had experience climbing deer stands high up in the trees, so he linked the two together. And he thought, an electrical lineman job looked like something that he would enjoy. His Guidance Counselor contacted the Town of Benson and we contacted Johnston County Industries. That's how this story begins.

Growing up, Kavante has always had the support of his family members. "They have always been behind me 100%," Kavante said. They told him, "Whatever you do, make sure it's something you love." He has always had good grades and has had some impressive accomplishments. Kavante graduated early from South Johnston High School. He loves football. When he's not spending time with his girlfriend, hunting, or hanging out with friends, you can find him playing flag football in town. He was the youngest to break the single rushing record at South Johnston.

Kavante will enter Lineman School at Nash Community College this fall. He will also receive on the job training through JCI's Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act. What does he hope to be doing in the next 5 years? Living on his own and having a Lineman career with the Town of Benson.

When asked what he's looking forward to the most when it comes to his training and schooling, he said, "Everything! I'm looking forward to doing it all!"



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News and Information

Do you want to get more involved with your community? Our Strategic Economic Development Meetings with North Carolina State University have been hugely successful. Join us for the next Town Board Meeting on April 27th, 2017 at 7pm. We will discuss Tourism, Marketing and Branding.

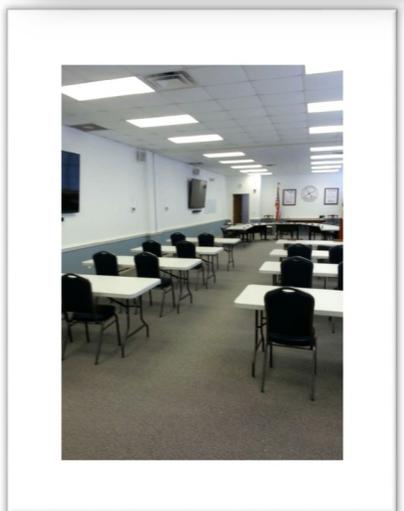
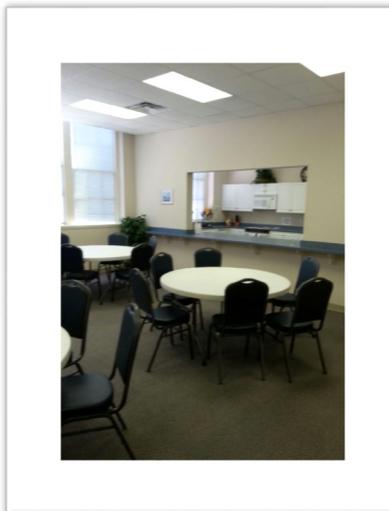
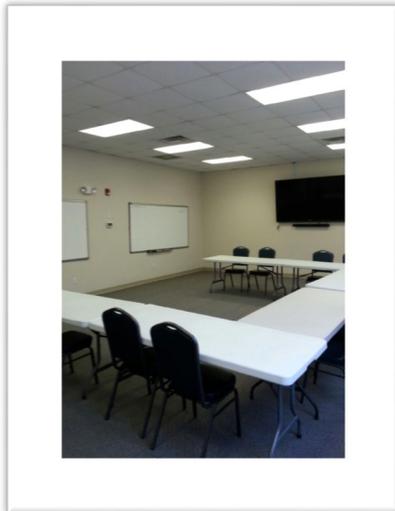
The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Center, located at 303 East Church Street in Benson, NC from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.



Facilities For Rent...

Are you having a wedding, birthday party or a special event this year? Let us host your next gathering! The Auditorium and Conference Center at Town Hall is available to rent all year long. Come tour our facility and see if our space is the right fit for your next event!

Contact Tiffany Johnson at 919-894-3553 for more information.



History Corner

Benson owes its existence to the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad which was surveyed to pass through the town's present location in 1886. The town soon became an important commercial center for families farming in the areas around Elevation, Bentonville, Mingo Swamp, McGee's Crossroads, Blackman's Crossroads and Meadow.

- www.visitbensong.org



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