



Mayor's Message

This is a season of peace and goodwill. It is so easy to spread with a simple smile or greeting of "Merry Christmas" or "Happy holidays." We feel it all around us and it makes small town life even more special. My hope is that each citizen reconnects with that deep sense of personal peace and that it carries throughout our community in 2017. As the song goes, "let peace begin within me." Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.
-William

2017 Black History Month Honoree Nominations



Community Calendar

Community Watch, 7PM
12/1

Museum Coffee Hour, 10AM
12/2

Christmas on Main, 6PM–9PM
12/2

BPRD Board, 6PM
Planning Board, 7PM
12/6

Pajama Story Time, 6:30PM
12/12

Town Board, 7PM
12/13

Preschool Story Time, 10AM
12/14

Community Watch, 7PM
12/15

BPRD Senior Christmas Lunch,
12PM
12/16

All Town Facilities Closed for
Christmas
12/22–12/26

Preschool Story Time, 10AM
12/28

Each February during Black History Month, the Board of Directors for the Benson Museum of Local History honors someone who has been a pioneer for the African-American community, as well as the Benson community as a whole. Nominations for the 2017 honoree are now being accepted for the Benson Museum's Black History Month Celebration that will be held on February 26th, 2017.

Community members are encouraged to nominate someone they feel is a deserving community advocate, whether it is a business owner, civic leader, educator, volunteer, or any other devoted citizen of Benson.

The winner will be honored at the Benson Museum's Black History Month Celebration where family, friends and others are invited to show appreciation for the honoree's work. This is also a time to highlight and celebrate the many significant contributions that the African-American community has made to Benson's growth and success over the years.

Nominations should be submitted in the following format:

1. Your Name
2. Your Address
3. Your Phone Number and/or Email
4. Nominee's Name
5. Nominee's Address
6. Nominee's Phone Number and/or Email
7. A description of why this person should be honored at the 2017 Black History Month Celebration

Nominations can be mailed to:

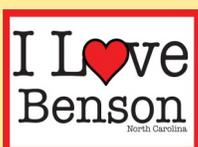
Terry Hobgood
Benson Museum of Local History
102. W. Main Street
Benson, NC 27506

Or emailed to thobgood@townofbenson.com

Please submit all nominations by December 16, 2016.

Town of Benson Holiday Closures

Christmas: December 22nd—26th





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Town Advisory Board Vacancies



The Town of Benson is currently seeking qualified applicants to fill several advisory board vacancies. This is a great opportunity for those who are looking to become more involved with the community.

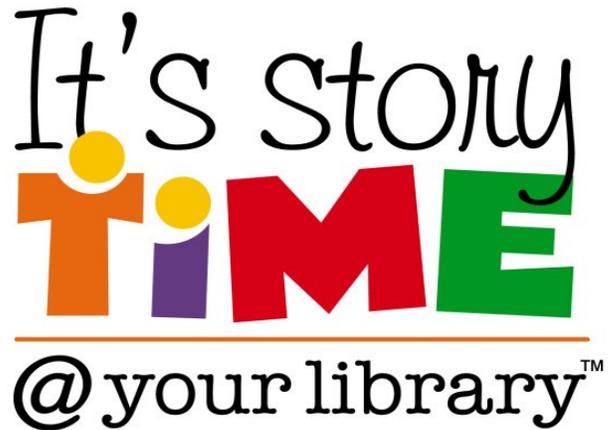
All board appointments are made by and will report to the Benson Board of Commissioners, as well as help influence decisions and policies regarding the town. Each position carries different term lengths with possible reappointment after term expiration.

Please visit **Benson Town Hall** at **303 E. Church Street** or www.townofbenison.com/2201/employment for an application.

Pajama Story Time on 12/12

Throw on your best pajamas and grab your favorite teddy bear for a fun evening of storytelling at Mary Duncan Public Library.

Pajama Story Time is held on the second Monday of each month and begins at 6:30 PM. Feel free to bring the whole family!



Weekly Leaf Collection until 1/31

Leaf collection started on November 7th, 2016 and will occur weekly until January 31st, 2017. Please create leaf piles at the edge of your lawn, and **NOT** on the street.

Crews will come around each week to collect leaves that residents have piled near the street.

For more information call 919-894-5864.