



## Notices

Looking to start a new business? Do you have the entrepreneur spirit? The Town of Benson can help. Contact Joe Stallings, Economic Development and Media Coordinator, for more information on how the Town of Benson can help you start your business.

## Community Calendar

- Business Watch Mtg. 7/18

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- Movie Night In The Grove 7/19

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- Town Commissioners Mtg. 7/25

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- Fri. Night Hoops 7/26

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- Comm. Watch Meeting (Eastwood) 8/1

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- Town Commissioners Mtg. 8/13

## Mayor's Message

My youngest child has graduated from high school. I am reminded that we have good schools and great teachers. I am also reminded of what a great community we have to help in raising a child. Our children are a reflection of their parents and the community. Thank you Benson for being such a great place to raise children.

William

## Energy Depot and Temp Tracker 365

Don't let the increasing summer temperatures result in increasing energy costs. The **Town of Benson, through Electricities, is pleased to announce two tools that can help you reduce and manage your energy costs this summer.**

**Energy Depot** is a tool that can help you better control and understand your energy costs. The **energy profile** section will help you understand your home's overall energy use and cost as well as identify specific actions you can take to reduce your energy bills. The **energy calculator** will allow you to quickly calculate the annual energy use and cost of individual electric and natural gas home systems and appliances. Finally, the **comparison tool** will allow you to compare energy use, cost and paybacks for replacing your existing heating and air-conditioning system or water heater with a range of new systems.

NC Public Power's **TempTracker 365** gathers, tracks and stores daily high and low tempera-

## Temp Tracker 365 & Energy Depot



tures in your area. With a click of a button, you can **produce a monthly calendar showing temperatures for the last three years. It's a great way to see which days, weeks or months were extremely hot or cold, causing your heating or cooling system to run longer.**

**These tools are provided to you, the customer, at no charge.** Make sure you use them so you can avoid high energy prices. **To access these tools visit the Town of Benson's website at [www.townofbenison.com](http://www.townofbenison.com)**

## Police Corner



### Safety Scene

As the summer gets into full swing many people around town will be heading off to their favorite summer vacation spot. The Benson Police Department would like to remind everyone to **lock your doors and windows and be vigilant for suspicious activity.** Remember, report any suspicious activity by dialing 911. Summer also means that we will be seeing higher temperatures. Please take the time to look after one another. Higher temperatures can cause problems for the very young and elderly and as always **wear sunblock** if you are going to be exposed to the sun for long periods of time. **Remember the Benson Police Department is here for you 24/7.** Feel free to contact us anytime you feel the need to and **always dial 911 in the case of an emergency or suspicious activity.**



## Museum Holds Coffee Hour

Are you looking for something to do on the first and third Friday's of the month from 10am to 11am? Do you have a love of history and want to find out more about your local community? Then you are in luck! The **Benson Museum of Local History holds their Museum Coffee Hour on the first and third Fridays of the month from 10am to 11am.** Come and enjoy learning about the Benson community and meeting friends and neighbors.



**"This is a great opportunity for folks to get together, relax, enjoy one another's time and learn more about the history of the Benson area,"** said Terry Hob-

good, Benson Cultural Arts Director.

**This program is offered free of charge to all that attend. Coffee and refreshments are provided.**



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# Parks and Recreation: News and Information

## July 4th Sponsors: Thank You



The Benson Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's fourth of July celebration special. Special thanks goes to: Carlie C's IGA of Benson, McDonald's of Benson, Four Oaks- Benson News in Review, Johnston County Visitors Bureau,

Turnage Interstate Service, Benson Lions Club, American Legion Banner Post 109, Warren Drug, El Charro Mexican Restaurant, Dixie Divas Boutique, The Daily Record, Remax Realty/Judy Johnson, First Federal Bank-Dunn, PGI, Parker General Contractors- LLC, Benson Area Women's Organization, First Citizens Bank, Benson Area Chamber of Commerce, Avon/Cheryl Polk, Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehab Center- Benson, State Farm Insurance/Tim Shultz, WTSB Radio, Benson Auto Supply Inc. Thank you to all that helped make this event possible!!!

## Schedule of Events

### Movie Night in The Grove

July 19th - Here Comes the Boom  
(In the Benson Singing Grove)

### Summer Reading Program

Held at the Benson Civic Center on Fridays.  
July 12, 19, and 26 from 11am - noon.

### Memories of Elvis

Remember Elvis on Aug. 15th from  
11am-2pm at the Benson Civic Center

### Youth Sports Fall Soccer and Girls Volleyball

Reg. for fall soccer (ages 4-14 by Aug. 1 2013)  
and girls volleyball will be held until Aug.  
11th. Fees are \$20 - res. and \$30 non-res.  
Contact BPRD for more info. 919-894-5117

### Line Dancers In Motion

Join instructor Lisa Smith for line dancing  
classes on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.  
Registration is \$10-res. and \$15-non-res.  
New classes begin July 31st.

### Please Donate

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

## Cloverleaf Cold Storage Expands



### Business Booster

The economy has not put the freeze on all sectors. Cloverleaf Cold Storage, located on Gilbert Rd., recently completed a two phase expansion to their Benson plant. The expansion took approximately six months, added another 10,000 pallet positions, and increased the plant's total square footage to 225,000 feet.

This is the **second addition Cloverleaf has completed since purchasing the former Burris Logistics warehouse in June 2010.** The first addition, completed in May 2011, was finished in just 90 days, adding 3,500 pallet positions of convertible refrigerated space and over 3,000 square feet to the refrigerated loading dock.



*New expansion at Cloverleaf Cold Storage*

Cloverleaf has also **increased their workforce adding**



*Floor to ceiling racks in new expansion*

**45 employees in the past three years.** Cloverleaf now employs 63 individuals at its Benson location. **They began in 2010 with only 18 employees.**

**"Cloverleaf has been very happy with our decision to locate in Benson,"** says Adam Feiges, one of the owners of Cloverleaf. **"We operate in communities large**

**and small across the Midwest and Southeast, and this community is a great place to do business."**

Cloverleaf Cold Storage is a family owned and operated company established in 1952. With 16 public refrigerated warehouses and 4 dry warehouses reaching from Iowa to South Carolina, Cloverleaf manages over 70 million cubic feet of refrigerated space. Cloverleaf has been named the 8<sup>th</sup> largest Public Refrigerated Warehouse organization in North America and the 11<sup>th</sup> largest in the world by the IARW, an industry trade organization.