



## Community Calendar

4-8 - 4-14  
Library Week



4-9  
Pajama Story Time  
at Library 6:30pm

4-10  
Town Board  
Benson Conference  
Center 7pm

4-11  
Pre-School Story Time  
at Library 10am

4-13 - 4-14  
Classic Antique Power  
Farm Heritage Days at  
Chamber Park

4-21  
**KEEP BENSON BEAUTIFUL**  
Community  
cleanup  
8:30am - Noon



4-25  
Pre-School Story Time  
at Library 10am

4-26  
Town Board  
Benson Conference  
Center 7pm

## Mayor's Message: April is National Volunteer Month

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" — Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Most organizations in small towns, rural counties and the largest cities would not function without volunteers. That is certainly true in Benson, where doing for others is evident in so many places. In April, we celebrate National Volunteer Month and I encourage all citizens to do for others and make a difference in someone else's life.

Here are just a few examples of volunteers making a difference in Benson:

- Keep Benson Beautiful community cleanup will be held April 21st.
- The Tutoring 4 Success After School Tutoring program depends on volunteers to help students with their homework, reading and math assignments, and educational activities.
- Volunteers help the underprivileged receive much needed medical care.
- The Benson Area Ministerial Association and church volunteers provide a food pantry twice a month to give food to those in need. Other volunteers provide a clothing closet for folks to "shop" for clothes.
- Volunteers with Meals on Wheels deliver meals to men and women who can no longer cook for themselves.
- Neighborhood leaders provide lunches and activities to kids in the summer.
- Residents can apply for a seat on the Town's many Advisory Boards including the Library, Museum, Police Advisory, Planning, Historic Preservation, and Parks & Recreation.

And there are many more inspiring stories of volunteers lending a hand to help their fellow neighbors, Benson is blessed to have so many doing for others.

The Town of Benson has opportunities to volunteer on many Committees and Boards. To participate, go to our website ([www.townofbenson.com](http://www.townofbenson.com)) to print an application or go by Town Hall and speak to a member of our Customer Satisfaction team. YOU can make a difference by contributing your time and efforts.

So this month and every day, please thank a volunteer for their selfless service. And I encourage you to find opportunities to serve others. I promise that you will be the one who is blessed.

**Serving you,  
Mayor Jerry Medlin**





# PARKS & RECREATION

Benson's Community Day will be held **Saturday, May 5!**

Come out to PK Vyas Community Park for vendors, emergency vehicle displays, T-Ball and Wee Ball games, kids' actives, free food, and much more! The event will be held **10am - 1pm.**

**PK Vyas Park is located at 304 S. Lee Street.**

## LIBRARY



The Mary Duncan Public Library would like to invite everyone to **Pajama Story Time** this month on Monday April 9 at 6:30pm.

Come join them in your best pajamas as we read some of our favorite stories together!

**Pre-School Story Time** will be on April 11 and April 25 at 10am for all of our younger citizens who aren't quite ready for school!

## MUSEUM



**Museum Coffee Hour** 1st Friday of every month (April 6 and May 4) at 10am.

The Benson Museum of Local History's **digital photo and yearbook** collection can be found on the Digital NC website.

More than 1,000 photos -  
<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/benson-museum-of-local-history/>

## ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES



The Town of Benson is seeking qualified applicants to fill the following vacancies on certain Town boards, committees, and commissions.

Interested applicants must submit a Town Advisory Board application to Town Clerk Terry Hobgood. Applications may be delivered in person to Town Hall (303 E. Church St.), mailed (to Terry Hobgood P.O. Box 69 Benson, NC 27504) or emailed to [tothobgood@townofbenson.com](mailto:tothobgood@townofbenson.com).

**Deadline to apply is April 14, 2018**

Advisory Board applications:  
[townofbenson.com/2201/Employment](http://townofbenson.com/2201/Employment)

**The Board of Adjustments** has three openings for those residing in the Benson ETJ, and one opening for those residing within the Town limits to serve a two-year term. Meets as needed. For more information contact Braston Newton ([bnewton@townofbenson.com](mailto:bnewton@townofbenson.com))

**The Benson Historic Preservation Commission** has two openings for those residing within the ETJ, and one opening for those residing within the Town limits to serve a two-year term. Meets as needed. For more information contact Terry Hobgood ([thobgood@townofbenson.com](mailto:thobgood@townofbenson.com))

**The Mary Duncan Public Library Board of Trustees** has one opening for those residing within the Town limits to serve a two-year term. Meets quarterly. For more information contact Terry Hobgood ([thobgood@townofbenson.com](mailto:thobgood@townofbenson.com))

**The Benson Museum of Local History Board of Directors** has two openings to serve a two-year term. Meets monthly. For more information contact Terry Hobgood ([thobgood@townofbenson.com](mailto:thobgood@townofbenson.com))

**The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** has one opening for those residing in Benson's ETJ, and one opening for those residing within the Town limits to serve a two-year term. Meets monthly. For more information contact Matt Smith ([mattsmith@townofbenson.com](mailto:mattsmith@townofbenson.com))

**The Planning Board** has two openings those residing within the ETJ and one opening for those residing within the Town limits to serve a two year term. Meets monthly. For more information contact Braston Newton ([bnewton@townofbenson.com](mailto:bnewton@townofbenson.com))

**The Police Advisory Commission** has three openings for those residing within the Town limits to serve a two-year term. Meets quarterly. For more information contact Kenneth Edwards ([chief@bensonpd.org](mailto:chief@bensonpd.org))

## Town Directory

**Jerry M. Medlin**  
Mayor  
919-894-3511

**Cassandra P. Stack**  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
919-820-0909

**Dean McLamb**  
Commissioner  
919-820-4646

**Dr. R. Max Raynor Jr.**  
Commissioner  
919-894-3753

**Maxine Holley**  
Commissioner  
919-894-2832

**Jim Johnson**  
Commissioner  
919-868-6902

**William Neighbors**  
Commissioner  
919-701-2854

**Matt Zapp**  
Town Manager  
919-894-1606

**Terry Hobgood**  
Town Clerk/Cultural Arts  
919-894-3724

**Braston Newton**  
Assistant Town Manager  
919-894-3553

**Kim Pickett**  
Finance Director  
919-894-3553

**Matt Smith**  
Parks and Recreation Director  
919-894-5117

**Chief Kenneth Edwards**  
Police Chief  
919-894-2091

**Chief Alan Johnson**  
Fire Chief  
919-894-8990

**The Town of Benson**  
303 East Church Street  
PO Box 69 Benson, NC 27504  
Phone: 919-894-3553  
Fax: 919-894-1283

## MAIN STREET WORK

After a stretch of uncooperative weather, NCDOT contractors have now started work replacing stormwater pipes along Main Street — beginning with the intersection of US301 and Main Street (picture taken 3-20-18).

The project is expected to last 45 days.

Portions of Main Street will be closed temporarily throughout this process — detours will be put in place as the work progresses. Traffic will be detoured at Lee and Main and at US301 and Main. Local traffic will still be able to access downtown Main Street using cross streets.

Traffic on US301 will be impacted with lane closures and detours for up to a week. All detours will be clearly marked for the duration of the work.



This project is in preparation for the future resurfacing of Main Street. The Town of Benson will continue to send out updates on this project as work progresses.

**For questions, comments or concerns contact Public Works Director Tim Robbins at (919) 894-3553.**

**bfa** Presents

**GODSPELL**  
Director: Hayden Moses  
Music Director: Stephen Pfeiffer

**APRIL 20 • APRIL 21 • APRIL 22**  
7:30 PM      7:30 PM      3:00 PM

**AT THE W.J. BAREFOOT AUDITORIUM**  
Admission \$12.00 | For Info & Tickets 919-894-3825  
[www.thebenensonarts.com](http://www.thebenensonarts.com)

GODSPELL is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

This program is supported by: The Johnston County Arts Council, The North Carolina Arts Council, The Benson Foundation for the Arts

## THE BENSON FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS GODSPELL

An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance and love come vibrantly to life!

**Tickets for Godspell now available!**  
Visit [www.thebenensonarts.com](http://www.thebenensonarts.com)  
**April 20 - 21 - 7:30pm**  
**April 22 - 3pm**

# KEEP BENSON BEAUTIFUL

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Civic groups, faith based organizations, merchants, students, clubs, elected officials, and town employees.

## HELP CLEAN UP BENSON

From I-95 to our residential districts –  
Main Street, parks, public grounds, and much more!

**SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2018**

**8:30am – 9:00am**

Breakfast orientation for volunteers

**9:00am – 12:00pm**

Works projects to be completed

**12:00pm – 1:00pm**

Lunch at Lee Street Gym

*Meet at the old Benson Middle School complex  
behind the Benson Fire Department.*

**312 S. Lee St., Benson, NC 27504**

Contact the Town of Benson at (919) 894-3553 for more information

