

Community Calendar

8-7
Planning Board 7pm
Benson Conference Center

8-10
Friday Night Hoops 8pm

8-14
Town Board
Benson Conference Center

8-16
Sunset in Downtown
Liquid Pleasure 5:30pm

8-17
Movie Night
Singing Grove
Thor: Ragnarok 8pm

8-24
Friday Night Hoops 8pm

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: GO CHECK OUT THE BENSON LIBRARY!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Thanks to the Mary Duncan Public Library in Benson, kids are reading and learning. The Library's summer reading program was held in June and July and children have enjoyed reading time, crafts, and other special events. I had the privilege of reading to the children in July and it was truly a joy to see their interest in books and their excitement for reading.

A couple of the students had read 100 books this summer!

Studies have shown that students who excel at reading comprehension are put on a path to success in school and throughout their lives. The summer reading program closes the "reading gap" in between school years, so that students are ready to learn when school starts.

I am so proud of our library in Benson and I encourage all of you to support the library and utilize its services. Over 20,000 people visit the library every year. There are 25,000 books at the library here in Benson and over 3 million books, movies, and more in the NC Cardinal consortium of which the library is a member — and all of this is free of charge! All you have to do is get a library card.

Many thanks to the Mary Duncan Public Library and all the wonderful folks who work there to help everyone who visits! With their amazing reading programs, children are reading, learning and going places!

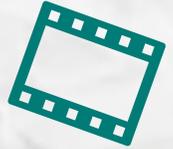
— Jerry Medlin



At the final Story Time of Summer Reading 2018 in late July, Mayor Jerry Medlin stopped by the Mary Duncan Public Library to read "The Ogurt Shop," a book by Raleigh author Kristin Greene, to the children. Mayor Medlin was joined by his daughter, Jeanelle McCain, and her goddaughter, Kate Noel, who showed the pictures in the book as he read.

BENSON SUMMER BULLETIN BOARD

★ MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE GROVE ★



Bring your blanket and chairs and come out to Movie Night in The Grove on **AUGUST 17!**

This month's movie will be **THOR: RAGNAROK!**

Enjoy free popcorn and an awesome outdoor movie!

The fun starts at dusk!



FRIDAY NIGHT HOOPS

2018

JOIN THE BENSON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SOME B-BALLING ACTION!

JUNE 15 JUNE 29 JULY 13 JULY 27 **AUGUST 10** AUGUST 24

DINNER PROVIDED! SPEAKERS EACH NIGHT! THE FUN BEGINS AT 8PM AND WILL LAST UNTIL 11PM!

MEET AT THE LEE ST. GYM

304 S. LEE ST.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT BPD (919) 894-2091



SUNDOWN in Downtown

Thursday, May 3 - The Embers Featuring Craig Woolard

Thursday, June 14 - The Band of Oz

Thursday, August 16 - Liquid Pleasure

Thursday, September 20 - Ronnie McDowell

Thursday, October 11 - Jim Quick & The Coastline Band

plus Steve Hardy's Original Beach Party will be at each concert



Office of U.S. Senator Thom Tillis OFFICE HOURS

WITH

Regional Representative Austen Nowell
July 30 and **August 27** 10am - 12pm

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MULE DAYS BOOK DEDICATION

Typically, the Benson Mule Days book dedication is held in August, but this year's honoree is a busy guy and the Benson Area Chamber of Commerce wanted to make sure he was in town when the event was held.

As is tradition, Randy Lee was surprised with the dedication on Monday evening (7-23-18) — only realizing he was chosen when Chamber Chairman Ben Cook began reading the biography.

Taken aback at first, Mr. Lee looked over at Chamber President Loretta Byrd — "You lied to me," he said with a chuckle.

"Sometimes that's part of the job," she replied with a smile.

Here are a few excerpts from Mr. Lee's bio:

"Our recipient attended Benson and South Johnston High School, graduating in the 1970s. Being adventurous all of his life, he has raced motorcycles and dune buggies, scuba dived, and sky dived..."

"He met his wife cruising and they were married in 1976. Once he married and had a son, he decided it was time to curb his activities to more safe adventures."

"He fulfilled his dream of riding in a hot air balloon and even began working as a crew member. He secured his Commercial Pilots License and now he and Jean own two balloons. They travel the northeast every summer hosting hot air balloon rides."

"He and his son have been parade marshals for many years. In 2006, the Chamber asked him if he would chair the parade. He accepted with great enthusiasm. Under his chairmanship, the parade has grown and has become a well-oiled machine. Every year he works to make the event better than the year before."



Benson Chamber Board Chairman Ben Cook, left, presents Randy Lee, right, with the Mule Days book

MULE DAYS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

We're getting ready for Mule Days! Are you ready?
Here's a sneak peak of the 2018 schedule!

SEPTEMBER 20-23

THURSDAY 9-20 - CARNIVAL RIDES OPEN @ 6PM

FRIDAY 9-21 - MULE JUDGING COMPETITION @ 9AM

SATURDAY 9-22 - MULE DAYS PARADE @ 10AM

SUNDAY 9-23 - HISPANIC HERITAGE DAY @ 1PM

There's just too much to list! For a full schedule visit:
www.bensonmuledays.com



CAUGHT YA DOING GOOD!

This month's Caught Ya Doing Good Award goes to the staff at Wood Pharmacy — located at 1302 N. Johnson Street.

When the the Caught Ya Doing Good award made its return earlier this year, we made sure to ask our citizens for suggestions each month. After a few messages and one glowing review, we just had to bring over that awesome Jenny's Sweet Creations basket to Wood Pharmacy!



The Wood Pharmacy staff

Founded in 2000 by Vance Wood, RPh, Wood Pharmacy opened with one thing in mind — the community it serves. Pop into the business at any time and this mentality is on full display. You can certainly get your prescriptions filled, but you will also find a knowledgeable staff willing to answer any question you may have.

One resident's suggestion speaks to this community engagement.

"By far the most helpful, caring and knowledgeable staff! I had a severe burn on my entire right forearm last month and they went above and beyond to help me and even called me after hours to check on me," she said in a message.

Pharm Tech Michele Morgan has been with Wood Pharmacy since the doors opened. She echoed that customer-first mantra.

"Every person that comes through the door isn't necessarily a customer — they're family. And we want to treat everyone that way," she said. "Anything you can help somebody with, you help them."

For these reasons and many more, Wood Pharmacy is our Caught Ya Doing Good award recipient for August!

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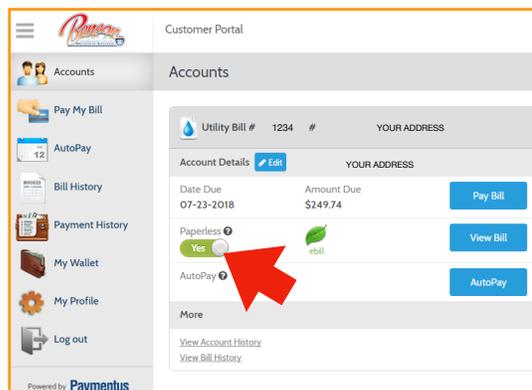
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BENSON E-BILLING IS HERE!

WANT TO GO PAPERLESS WITH YOUR BENSON UTILITY BILL? NOW YOU CAN.

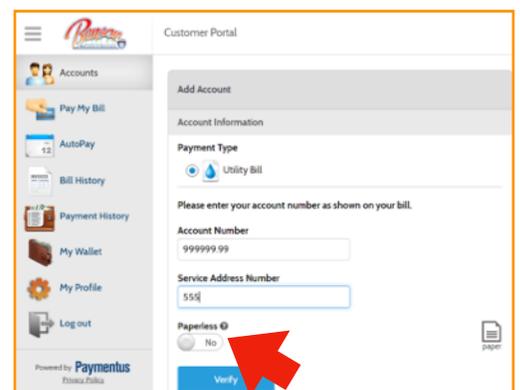
Paperless billing is now an option for your Benson Utilities bill. Just like other convenient online services you already use, Benson Utilities is no different. Paperless billing is easy — when you sign up, simply enter your email or mobile number and you will be notified when your bill is posted! Less paper at home and all 2018 bills will be available when you sign up!

Go to www.townofbenson.com today to sign up!



FOR CURRENT CUSTOMERS

Log into your Benson Utilities portal. Under the ACCOUNTS menu, you will see the option to select paperless billing (marked by the red arrow above).



FOR NEW CUSTOMERS

When signing up to pay your Benson utility bill online, you will see the paperless billing option in the ADD ACCOUNT menu (marked above by the red arrow).