



Notices

Are you looking to make a difference and serve your community? Join a town board today! Contact Town Clerk, Connie Sorrell for more information and board vacancies to see how you can become more active in the Benson community.

Community Calendar

Comm. Watch Mtg. Benson COG 8/15

Town Commissioners Mtg. 8/22

Town Hall Close For Labor Day 9/2

Comm. Watch Mtg. Ridge Crest Apts. 9/5

Town Commissioners Mtg. 9/10

Movie Night 9/13

Mayor's Message

Before long school will be starting back and the summer will come to an end. Remember to take some time with the people most important to you. It does not have to be an expensive vacation. It can be some time at Vyas Park, the Mary Duncan Library or a stroll through the Museum of Local History. Invest in the people most important to you.

William

New Addition To Benson Museum of Local History

Visitors to the Benson Museum of Local History now have something new to look at. The recent addition of a weapon case will now be on display in the museum. The case holds upwards of 70 items ranging from 1777 to the 1960's.

The display is mostly made up of a collection of guns donated by the late Mitchell Nance. Nance, a former high school coach, donated the weapons to the Benson Museum of Local History several years ago. Visitors will be able to see a wide variety of firearms including a M1 Demonstrator and set of dueling pistols.

The oak bullet proof case was built by Lee's Cabinets Inc. Norman Lee, owner, and Anthony Wood, assistant, built the case using computer software and modern machinery at their shop. "We were pleased to have the opportunity to build the display for the Benson Museum...I have been in the cabinet making business for 42 years...it isn't every day that you get to build something for everyone to see," said Lee.



From left to right: Terry Hobgood, Cultural Arts Director, W.C. Lee, Museum Board Member, Norman Lee and Anthony Wood cabinet builders.

"I want to thank everyone that worked on this project since 1989. This is a real asset to the museum," said W.C.

Lee, a Benson resident and member of the Benson Museum Board of Directors

The Benson Museum is located at 102 W. Main St. Benson and is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11am – 3pm and Fridays and Saturdays 10am – 3:30pm. You can call the museum at 919-894-1266.

Police Corner



Safety Scene



Officer L. Cavanaugh draws his weapon during simulation

Officers participated in a real situation scenario simulation in the month of July. The scenarios gave officers the opportunities to use their knowledge of how to handle difficult and in some cases deadly situations. Scenarios ranged from routine traffic stops to domestic violence calls turned lethal. "Well trained officers are needed to keep Benson safe. The police department is committed to providing our officers the very best in training so they are confident and effective in the field," said Kenneth Edwards, Police Chief. Officers will continue with other various training exercises throughout the year to hone their skills.

Senior Appreciation Day Slated

Join the Benson Parks and Recreation Department for fun, fellowship and food as they recognize the seniors in our community. **The festivities will be held on Friday, September 8th from 11am - 1pm.**

Activities Include:

Shuffle board
Corn hole
Games
Entertainment



Lunch will be served at 12:30pm. You must **RSVP at the Parks and Recreation building or sign up at the Benson Senior Center no later than noon September 2nd.** No additions will be added after the dealing. If it rains the event will be held in the Benson Civic Center. **This is a FREE event for adults 55 or older.** For more information and to reserve your spot call 919-894-5117.



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Memories of Elvis



Do you remember when the “King of Rock and Roll” was still around? Do you want to celebrate and remember Elvis? Have you always wanted to visit the place Elvis called home? **Then join WPYB 1130 and the Benson Parks and Recreation Department for a tribute to Elvis Presley. The festivities will be on Thursday, August 15th from 11am - 2pm at the Benson Civic Center.** There will be free hot dogs and cake while supplies last, Bingo, refreshments and prizes. You will be entertained with the music of Elvis, so come and celebrate the life of “The King”. There will be registration for **a grand prize where the winner will receive an one night stay at Heartbreak Hotel and a tour for two to Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee.** You must be 18 or older to register for this prize. There will be lots more fun during the event. For more information on this event and others please **contact the Benson Parks and Recreation Department at 919-894-5117 or visit their location at 1204 North Johnson St.**

Schedule of Events

Movie Night in The Grove

August 2nd - Escape from Planet Earth
Sept. 13th - The Great and Powerful OZ
(In the Benson Singing Grove)

BPRD Closings

BPRD will be closed on the following dates:
Aug. 31st, Sept. 2nd, Sept. 27th and Sept. 28th

Coed Softball Registration

Benson Parks and Recreation is now taking team registrations for Coed Softball. The registration fee is \$445. Stop by BPRD for a team registration form. Registration will take place during the month of August.

Senior Appreciation Day

Join BPRD to recognize the seniors in our community on Sept. 8th from 11am - 1pm. Lunch will be served. You must RSVP by contacting BPRD or the Benson Senior Center. no later than Sept. 2nd. For more info. call 919-894-5117

Please Donate

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

Davis Insurance Locates on Main Street



Business Booster

There is a new addition to downtown Benson. **Davis Insurance is the newest business to relocate their offices on Main Street in Benson.**

Carmen Davis, a 10 year veteran of the insurance business, has moved his insurance office to 120 E. Main Street. Carmen has roots in Benson, as his parents, Richard and Sidney Davis are the owners of Four Seasons Florist.

Davis Insurance Agency specializes in agriculture, horticulture and personal insurances. They also have access to additional insurance products ranging from health, retirement and life. If there is an insurance product that you need, Davis Insurance can access that product for you.

So, **what makes Davis Insurance special?** In the words of the agency owner Carmen Davis, **“Our clients come first. We are on call 24 hours a day seven days a week. We value our ability to offer**



Davis Insurance Agency

individualized customer service. Our relationship with our clients is the most important part of our business”.

If you are in need of insurance of any kind or just have some questions or concerns about your insurance coverage give Davis Insurance a call. You can also visit Davis Insurance Agency on Facebook at facebook.com/davisinsurancebenson. If you don't have a phone or the internet, don't worry. Davis Insurance accepts walk-ins and special appointments

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Hours of Operation

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