

Community Calendar

9-7
Museum Coffee Hour
10am



9-10
Pajama Story Time
@ Library
6:30pm



9-11
Town Board
7pm



9-12
Pre-School Story Time
@ Library
10am



9-14
Mule Days Golf
Tournament



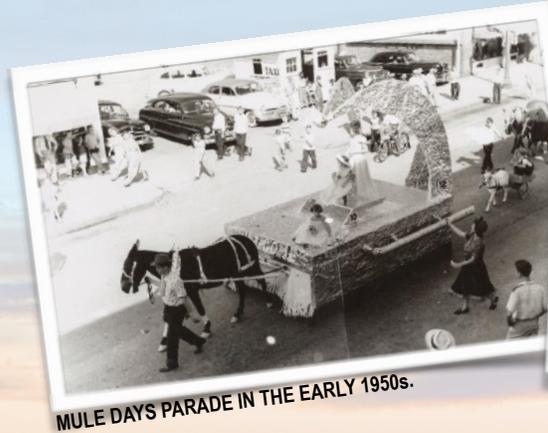
9-20 - 9-23
Benson Mule Days



9-26
Pre-School Story Time
@ Library
10am

69 YEARS AND STILL KICKIN'

MULE DAYS IN BENSON SEPT. 20-23



With the first day of fall fast approaching, September in Benson means one thing — one really big thing — Mule Days! One of the largest celebration of its kind in the southeast!

The 69th Annual Mule Days will kickoff on Thursday, September 20 and last through the weekend till Sunday, September 23. Have you ever wondered what a small town would look like if people still traveled via horseback and mule-drawn wagon?

Look no further than Mule Days! From the popular rodeo at Chamber Park and the Mule Judging Competition to the carnival, concerts, Saturday parade, and brand new Hispanic Heritage Festival on Sunday — this year's Mule Days is sure to be one of biggest and best!

This is a family-friendly event with plenty of music, shopping, and animals to keep you and yours busy for the entire weekend! Be sure to check out Benson's downtown shops, the Singing Grove, and Chamber Park to get in on the Mule Days fun!

BIG MULE DAYS EVENTS

THURSDAY - SEPT. 20
6PM - Mule Days Concert - Ronnie McDowell
Benson Singing Grove on Main Street

FRIDAY - SEPT. 21
9AM - Mule Judging Competition
12Noon - Annual Mule Race
Chamber Park - 355 J. Lee Road

SATURDAY - SEPT. 22
10AM - 69th Annual Mule Days Parade

SUNDAY - SEPT. 23
1PM - 5PM - Hispanic Heritage Day at the Carnival
500 Market Street



THERE IS SO MUCH MORE! VISIT WWW.BENSONMULEDAYS.COM FOR A FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

BENSON BULLETIN BOARD

HEY BENSON!
WE WANT YOU!

TOWN OF BENSON ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES

The Town of Benson is seeking qualified applicants to fill multiple vacancies on different Town boards, committees, and commissions.

Vacancies include:

- Board of Adjustments
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Library Board
- Museum Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Planning Board
- Police Advisory Commission

TO APPLY:
VISIT WWW.TOWNOFBENSON.COM OR
DROP BY TOWN HALL, PARKS AND REC, MARY DUNCAN
PUBLIC LIBRARY, OR BENSON MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY

RACING FOR RECRUITMENT

SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 GALOT MOTORSPORTS PARK BENSON, NC 27504

PRESENTED BY ELECTRICITIES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD JOB? JOIN US FOR A FREE WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT EVENT AT GALOT MOTORSPORTS PARK!

EVENT LOCATION
RACING FOR RECRUITMENT
Saturday, September 29, 2018
10AM - 6PM
GALOT Motorsports Park
555 Dragstrip Road
Benson, NC 27504

IT'S FREE!
Ask us about free tickets!
That's right! Enjoy a full day
of racing with the opportunity
to speak to dozens of
employers!

FOR MORE INFO
Contact
(919) 894-3553 or
tdouglas@townofbenSON.com



Benson 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



★ MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE GROVE ★



Bring your blanket and
chairs and come out to
Movie Night in The
Grove

on **OCTOBER 19!**

The movie will be
COCO

Enjoy free popcorn
and an awesome
outdoor movie!

The fun starts at
dusk!

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: MUSEUM HISTORY

The Benson Museum of Local History is an outgrowth of the Benson Centennial Celebration, as part of the centennial festivities, a collection of photographs, documents and artifacts to illustrate and celebrate the first 100 years of Benson's history was assembled and displayed.

The original museum was located in the old fire station on Market Street, was such a success that the people of Benson wanted to preserve the collection as a permanent museum of the local history of the Benson area. Within a few years, guided by the leadership of Harry Canaday, Jimmy Peacock, and Harold Medlin, among others, the museum occupied four rooms in the basement of the Town Hall. The Harold Medlin Picture Gallery was a highlight of the new museum.

The Museum Board of Directors began to look for a larger venue as there was no more room in the basement. When Jimmy and Miriam Rose agreed to sell their building on Main Street to the Town at a substantially reduced price with the understanding that the Museum would possibly move there, the Board began to make serious plans for a new museum location.

There was need to raise substantial funds to renovate the building. The fundraising effort got a major boost when Luby and Catherine Wood gave a donation of \$50,000 to be used for renovations. The Museum held a major fundraiser on November 15, 2007, at the new location, which was attended by over 200 donors and allowed the building mortgage to be paid off.

While there have been many helpers, the Museum is tremendously indebted to Donna Bailey-Taylor for her tireless work during the past years on the interior design and layout of the Museum with the help of Helen Smith.

The Museum is open on Wednesday and Thursday from 11am to 3pm and Friday and Saturday from 10am to 3:30pm. Contact them at (919) 894-1266. The address is 102 West Main St. Benson, NC 27504.

Please come visit the Museum sometime — YOU WILL LOVE IT!



SCHOOL EXHIBIT AT THE BENSON MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY.

Jerry Medlin

BENSON RECEIVES NC GRANT FOR LEE STREET COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS



DRONE PHOTO OF PK VYAS COMMUNITY PARK AND LEE STREET COMPLEX.

On Friday (8-24-18), the North Carolina PARTF Authority awarded the Town of Benson a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant totaling \$366,850. These funds will be used for major updates and additions to the Lee Street Complex and Dr. PK Vyas Community Park.

This year, NC PARTF awarded over \$6.7 million in grants to fund 27 local parks and recreation projects across the state. The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Authority approved the grants at its meeting held last week in Raleigh.

The list of project elements in Benson is extensive including a field house with children's play area, baseball field grading, fencing for baseball fields, a multi-use field, and walking track extension, among other upgrades.

This funding is the result of many years of planning and work — the Town of Benson, Parks & Recreation, various local civic organizations, NC Parks, and the citizens of Benson all played an integral role.

"This is something we have been working toward for a long time," said Benson Parks and Recreation Director Matt Smith. "We are so thankful for everyone that helped make this happen. This is a milestone for Benson and its green spaces. However, now the work must continue and we're excited to begin the steps in making this dream come true."

"We really appreciate the many hours of planning and preparing the grant application by Matt Smith and all his team, and most especially the guidance and support of consultants Jennifer Beedle-Munley and Skip Green who helped update the plan," said Benson Mayor Jerry Medlin. "We also want to thank the matching fund participants Dale Parker, South Johnston Optimist Club, First Citizens Bank, United Community Bank, Dr. P. K. Vyas, Berry Global, Town of Benson, and many others that have pushed to get this project completed," he added.

About the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant:

PARTF provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to local governments for parks and recreational projects to serve the public. PARTF is the primary source of funding to build and renovate facilities in the state parks as well as to buy land for new and existing parks.

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BENSON PARKS & RECREATION FALL SIGNUPS

NEW SESSIONS OF CHEER AND KARATE ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER. REGISTRATION FEES ARE \$10. CLASS FEES ARE \$8 FOR EACH ONE IN ATTENDANCE, PLUS COST OF UNIFORMS.

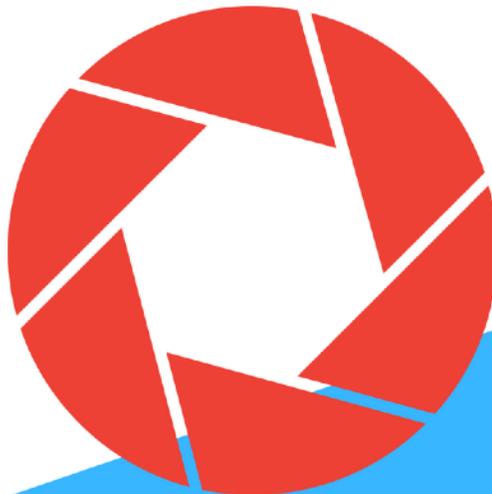
CHEER

Registration at BPRD
1204 N. Johnson St. (919) 894 - 5117
SEPTEMBER 10
Ages 4 - 6 — 5:45pm - 6:45pm
Ages 7 and up — 6:45pm - 7:30pm



KARATE

Registration at BPRD
1204 N. Johnson St. (919) 894 - 5117
SEPTEMBER 13
New students — 6pm - 6:45pm
Yellow/Green belt — 6:45pm - 7:30pm
Blue/Purple belt — 7:30pm - 8:15pm
Orange and above belt — 8:15pm - 9pm



BENSON “BIZ VIDZ”

Are you a Benson business owner? Do work with an awesome group of people or make a unique product? We want to tell your story!

The Benson Media Team has been working to put together brief social media profile videos of our local business — you can see these videos on our various platforms from Facebook to YouTube.

We've filmed restaurants, antique stores, bakeries, and we want to feature more Benson business!

To sign up or for more information, reach out to us today at (919) 894-3553 or tdouglas@townofbenson.com or cortiz@townofbenson.com

THE BENSON MEDIA TEAM PRESENTS:

BENSON BIZ VIDZ

We want to tell the story of your business!

SIGN UP TODAY!

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