

Community Calendar

10-1 - 10-6
PUBLIC POWER
WEEK



10-7 - 10-13
FIRE PREVENTION
WEEK



10-8
Pajama Story Time
@ Library
6:30pm



10-9
Town Board
7pm



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



10-25 - 10-28
**MULE
DAYS**



10-27
BCAA Poker Run
12pm - 5pm
MORE INFO: 919-701-1477



10-31
Trunk or Treat
6pm - 8pm



MULE DAYS RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 25-28

*FESTIVAL MOVED DUE TO HURRICANE FLORENCE, BUT WE'RE PRETTY
STUBBORN HERE IN BENSON AND MULE DAYS WILL GO ON!*

The 69th Annual Mule Days will kickoff on Thursday, October 25 and last through the weekend till Sunday, October 28. 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 and Mule Judging Competition at Chamber Park 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 - OCT. 25
6PM - Mule Days Concert - Ronnie McDowell
Benson Singing Grove on Main Street

FRIDAY - OCT. 26
9AM - Mule Judging Competition
12Noon - Annual Mule Race
Chamber Park - 355 J. Lee Road

SATURDAY - OCT. 27
10AM - 69th Annual Mule Days Parade

SUNDAY - OCT. 28
1PM - 5PM - Hispanic Heritage Day at the Carnival
500 Market Street

VISIT WWW.BENSONMULEDAYS.COM FOR A FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

Mayor's Message

During storms such as Florence, we see the worst, but more than that, we see the true goodness in people.

I have witnessed the goodness of people in our town, particularly the employees of the town of Benson.

The people and employees of Benson showed usefulness, honor, compassion, and truly made a difference.

Learning from previous storms such as Hurricane Matthew in 2016, the town was prepared. Plans were put in place, employees unselfishly worked 24-hour shifts, and many went out in the wind and rain when it was safe to repair damage.

Others prepared meals and took phone calls. It makes me so proud to be a part of this very dedicated group of employees.

Thank you very much for the outstanding job you have done. You made our lives much easier under some very challenging circumstances.

And people helped others. I even had a kind stranger stop and offer to help me cut up limbs and clear debris. The people of Benson have generous spirits and compassionate hearts.

So I urge all of you, when you see town employees and workers, tell them how much you appreciate the job they do. And find ways to help others who have been impacted by Hurricane Florence.

Jerry Medlin

HEY YOU!

YEAH, YOU! DOWN THERE ON THE GROUND!

We're looking for
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
interested in a
high-flying career as an
electric lineworker.

LEARN TO BE A LINEWORKER. 10 SATURDAYS DURING THE 18-19 SCHOOL YEAR.
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BENSON BULLETIN BOARD

★ 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!

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, October 11 - Jim Quick & The Coastline Band

Thursday, October 25 - Ronnie McDowell

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



THE TOWN OF BENSON PRESENTS:

Trunk or Treat!



JOIN US FOR CANDY, COSTUMES,
AND A WHOLE LOT OF FUN!

October 31, 2018 6 PM - 8 PM
S.E. and S.W. Railroad St between
Main St and Parrish Dr.

For more information call 919-894-3553

Benson's VETERAN'S DAY & RUN FOR THE BRAVE 5K

SATURDAY ★ NOVEMBER 3, 2018 ★ 7:30AM-1:30PM

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS!



HEALTHY HARVEST & RUN FOR THE BRAVE 5K

5K START - 103 W. PARRISH DR. / FESTIVAL - RAILROAD STREET

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO SUPPORT THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHARITY

7:30 AM - 9 AM

5K REGISTRATION OPENS AT TNT FITNESS AT **103 W. PARRISH DR**

8 AM - 1:30 PM

HEALTHY HARVEST FESTIVAL BEGINS AT **RAILROAD STREET**

9 AM

RUN FOR THE BRAVE 5K STARTS

TO REGISTER FOR THE 5K ONLINE GO TO WWW.RUNTHEEAST.COM.
FOR MORE INFO CALL (919) 894-3553.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

THE SINGING GROVE - 402 EAST MAIN STREET

11:15 AM

LINEUP FOR PARADE ENTRANTS

12 PM

PARADE ALONG **MAIN STREET**

12:30 PM

LUNCH SERVED IN **THE GROVE***

**FREE FOR ACTIVE DUTY & VETERANS. NON-VETS PLEASE DONATE*

INTERESTED IN BEING IN THE PARADE? CONTACT TYLER DOUGLAS AT
TDUGLAS@TOWNOFBENSON.COM OR (919) 894-3553



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Nominations for Seventh Annual Black History Month Celebration February 24, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Benson Museum of Local History is seeking nominations for an honoree at the 2019 Black History Month Open House.

Do you know someone that has been a pioneer for the African American community in Benson? If so, please consider nominating them to be honored during the event.

The chosen winner will be honored for their contributions to the African American community and Benson as a whole. This is also an excellent time for friends, relatives, and other community members to show the honoree how much their work and life has been appreciated.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018 Fred Nelson, 2017 Peggy Alford, 2016 Harvey Johnson, 2015 Rosa Clark, 2014 Annie Pearl Clark Mack, 2013 Frances Williams, 2012 Johnnie Barfield Greene

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 15, 2018.

To submit nominations please visit the link below, print and fill out the form.

www.townofbenson.com/2168/Benson-Museum-Board-Of-Directors

Submit to:

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