



## Community Calendar

**Jan. 1**  
New Years Day  
*All Town Facilities Closed*

**Jan. 4**  
10 am  
Museum Coffee Hour  
5 pm  
First Friday

**Jan. 8**  
7 pm  
Town Board Meeting

**Jan. 14**  
6 pm  
Pajama Story Time

**Jan. 21**  
MLK Day  
*All Town facilities closed*

**Jan. 25, 26, 27**  
BFA:  
Oldies But Goodies

**Jan. 31**  
Fall/Winter Leaf  
Collection Ends

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## Happy New Year from Mayor Jerry Medlin!

The Town of Benson calendar has been around for a number of years, but the 2019 edition is historical, interesting and an outstanding work of creativity. I expect that everyone who has been around Benson for a while will try to identify the people in the pictures. The great thing about the calendar is at the back, after December, there is an index giving identification for each picture. I hope you will display the calendar in a prominent place where you can enjoy some of Benson's history everyday.

These calendars are mailed to each household and business in Benson. There are a lot of activities included in the calendar to remind us of programs that are done each year in the same season. You can also use it to remind you of birthdays, anniversaries, and other special events. ENJOY YOUR CALENDAR!

*Mayor Jerry Medlin*



BENSON FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

# OLDIES BUT GOODIES: DOO-WOP TO DISCO

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 @ 7 PM  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 @ 7 PM  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 @ 3 PM

TICKETS ARE \$12 AND CAN BE PURCHASED  
ONLINE AT [THEBENSONARTS.COM](http://THEBENSONARTS.COM)  
OR CALL THE BENSON CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE AT 919-894-3825



MARY DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

## JANUARY 2019 PROGRAMS

Book Club:  
January 3 @ 6 PM



Preschool Story Time:  
January 9 @ 10 AM  
January 23 @ 10 AM



Pajama Story Time:  
January 14 @ 6 PM

VISIT:  
[TOWNOFBENSON.COM/2170/LIBRARY](http://TOWNOFBENSON.COM/2170/LIBRARY)



# HEY BENSON! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are currently working on a Community Transportation Plan – studying the needs of motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists in Benson. We want to know about your transportation experience in town! Please fill out a survey and tell us what it's like getting around Benson. We want to know!

Want to fill out the form online?  
Head on over to [www.townofbenison.com](http://www.townofbenison.com)

**THE DUE DATE FOR THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY IS FEBRUARY 1, 2019**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

TOWN OF BENSON PUBLIC WORKS

## FALL AND WINTER LEAF COLLECTION

During this time, you can pile leaves behind your curb and they will be collected weekly

**NOVEMBER 1, 2018 - JANUARY 31, 2019**

Sticks and limbs no larger than 4-inches in diameter and no longer than 5 feet will still be collected weekly during leaf collection season. For all other appropriate yard waste, please use your green yard waste can.

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# Caught Ya Doing Good!

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We wanted to kick off the new year with the return of Benson's Caught Ya Doing Good award! During our break from this award, we received quite a few nominations and one of our Benson mail carriers had his name mentioned quite a few times.

Jonathon Perkins has served the Town of Benson as a mail carrier for four years now, Perkins mainly serves the east and north side of Benson as well as our Main Street businesses.



Jonathon with Jenny Campbell after receiving his gift basket.

"I stop and talk to them, check in on them, make sure they are doing okay and their families are doing okay," Perkins said.

Each business owner has their own unique relationship with Perkins, he takes care to know them and remember their challenges during his personal prayers, praying for some daily, he added with a nod.

One local business owner raved about the service Jonathon has provided during his time serving this area of Benson. She said he is reliable and always pleasant to talk to. Quality mailing and shipping are necessary for good business, and Jonathon makes sure our businesses have what they need!

While you drive or walk around Benson, be sure to wave at our awesome mail carriers that work hard to make sure your mail arrives on time and with a smile!

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Have you caught someone doing something good recently?  
Email: [cortiz@townofbenson.com](mailto:cortiz@townofbenson.com)

## 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

**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

## Are you ready to have a great 2019?!

With a new year it's a great time to get back into the habit of reading! Did you know that the Mary Duncan Public Library has nearly 30,000 books to choose from? And did you know that as a member of the Johnston County Library System and NC Cardinal your free library card gives you access to over 5 million books, audio books, eBooks, CDs, and DVDs from across North Carolina.

The library also offers a wide array of programs, from pre-school story time for our youngest residents, to pajama story time and the Summer Reading Program for school age kids, all the way to adults with our library book club. Stop by the library today to find out about all of our great (did we mention free?) programs.

If you are interested in the book club, we meet monthly. In January we will be discussing *Us Against Them* by Fredrik Backman. Email [thobgood@townofbenson.com](mailto:thobgood@townofbenson.com) to be added to the mailing list.

### Are you looking to get more physical activity during 2019? Benson can help with that!

- Public walking track (.45 miles long)
- Public exercise equipment along the walking track
- Sidewalks all through town for walking, running, and checking off errands without using a car
- Gym membership to our Parks and Recreation facility with a full cardio room and a full weight room (Benson resident under 55 years old: \$50/year, Benson Resident over 55 years old: \$25/year)
- Local gyms (Forrest Fitness and TNT Fitness) with memberships available that can provide a cardio and weight-lifting options along with fitness classes and personal training

### Does community involvement top your list of resolutions for 2019? Then get involved in Benson!

- The Benson Center for Active Aging is always looking for volunteers to spend time with the seniors or teach classes
- Benson Baptist Church meets on Wednesday at 5:30 pm during the school year to pack bags of food for the Backpack buddies program benefiting Benson Elementary
- You can also donate to the Benson Area Ministerial Association Food Pantry or Clothes Closet at the Benson Parks and Recreation facility