



## Notices

Mule Days is right around the corner! The Town of Benson would like to remind everyone that Mule Days permits are due no later than 5pm on Monday, September 23rd. For more information contact Braston Newton at 919-894-3553.

## Community Calendar

Comm. Watch Mtg. Benson COG	9/19
Mule Days Vendor Permits Due	9/23
Mule Days	9/26-9/29
BPRD Fall Fun Fest	10/5
Town Commissioners Mtg.	10/8
Movie Night & Halloween Egg Hunt	10/11

## Mayor's Message

Company is coming. Yes, thousands of people are coming to Benson on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of September. Like I do at my house when company arrives, let's get our houses, yards, streets and buildings ready. There is only one chance to make a good first impression. We are throwing the party. Let's look our best.

William

## Benson Harvest Festival—Oct. 26th - 9am-2pm

The Benson Harvest Festival is back for a third year! Come out and join us in the Benson Singing Grove on **October 26th from 9am - 2pm for food, fun, entertainment and much more.**

This year will see the addition of a sweet potato pie eating contest sponsored by the NC Sweet Potato Commission. **The winner of the pie eating contest will win \$500!** There will be a **27ft tall inflatable slide**, **34ft gaming trailer**, other games and inflatables. The **Eric Strickland Band** will be performing along with the West 27 Band, Paige Johnson, Alicia's Dancers and the Cross County Scuffers. **Tina Seldin Cash will be**

**emceeding the event. There will also be FREE health screenings.**

To register for the Healthy Harvest 5k or to register for the Sweet Potato Pie Eating Contest or for **more information on the Harvest Festival event go to [www.bensonharvestfestival.com](http://www.bensonharvestfestival.com)**

### Events and Entertainment

- 9am - 2pm - Food, games, inflatables, health screenings
- 9am - 5k Run/Walk - 103 W. Parrish Dr.
- 9am - Paige Johnson
- 9:30am - West 27 Band
- 10am - Alicia's Dancers
- 10am - 2pm - Car Show
- 10:30am - Cupcake Walk for Cancer
- 10:45am - 5k Awards
- 11:15am - Cross County Scuffers
- 12pm - Pie Eating Contest
- 12:30 - 2pm - Eric Strickland Band

**A special thank you to our sponsors:** TNT Fitness, Four Oaks Bank, Jenny's Sweet Creations, Isaac Parker Attorney at Law, Johnson Health, Professional Eye Care, Benton Card Co., BensonNCNow, Eastern Carolina Medical Center, PGI, Riccobene & Assoc., Liberty Commons, BN Printing, Behavioral Health & Wellness, NC Sweet Potato Commission and First Federal Bank.



## Leave It On The Lawn; Keep Grass Clippings Off the Road

You may not realize it but grass clippings are a danger to the environment and can cause expensive backups and repairs. That is why the Town of Benson would like to ask you to keep your grass clippings on the lawn and out of the road.

**When you put grass clippings in the road they can find their way into our rivers and streams. Once they reach the body of water they deteriorate and promote algae growth which in turns reduces oxygen levels in the water and kills out fish and other oxygen dependent species.**

**Grass clippings are also responsible for expensive and unnecessary clogs in the storm water system. Once clippings clog a storm water line water will backup and flood the area which can result in expensive property damage.**

**Leaving your grass clippings on the lawn and**

**not in the road returns vital nutrients back to your lawn to help it continue to look great throughout the year. This is known as "Grasscycling".**

This year as you mow your lawn remember to leave your clippings on the lawn and out of the road!





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# Parks and Recreation: News and Information

## Schedule of Events

### Movie Night in The Grove

Sept. 13th - The Great and Powerful OZ  
Oct. 11th—Frankenweenie  
(In the Benson Singing Grove)

### BPRD Closings

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

### Halloween Egg Hunt

Join BPRD for the annual black and orange egg hunt in the Benson Singing Grove on Oct. 11th at 7pm

### Fall Fun Fest

Kids ages 3-8 are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun and games on Sat. Oct. 5th from 2-3pm in the Benson Singing Grove.

Thanks to our sponsors BAWO, BPRD, MDPL, and WPYB.

For more info. call 919-894-5117

### Please Donate

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

**BENSON MULE DAYS**  
SEPT 26-29 2013  
64 YEARS  
FAMILY FRIENDLY

- ★ **Brand New Mule Day Dances**  
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM  
New Location: 704 S. Wall St.  
LIMITED PARKING - Park & Ride The Trolley.  
Featuring CC Ryders Band - Friday  
Amanda Daughtry - Saturday  
(Sponsored by the Benson Kiwanis Club)  
Under Age 13 - Free if accompanied by an adult  
Ages 13-21 - \$5.00  
Over age 21 - \$10.00 each or Two for \$15.00  
COOLERS ALLOWED- ABSOLUTELY NO GLASS  
COOLERS WILL BE INSPECTED  
Golf Carts allowed.
- ★ **A Brand New Carnival!**  
Corner of Market & Brooklyn Streets  
Michaels Amusements - Thurs. thru Sun.  
Unlimited Riding \$20 per arm band
- ★ **Thursday Night Concert**  
AT THE SINGING GROVE  
6:00 PM Blue River Band  
7:00 PM Boe Edens with the Dixie Driver Band
- ★ **Mule Events - 9:30 AM**  
AT THE CHAMBER PARK  
(NOWELL SMITH ARENA) 355 J. Lee Rd  
\$3.00 per person - \$5.00 for Two  
\$1.00 For Children 12& Under
- ★ **SRA Rodeo**  
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 PM  
Presented by: SRA Double Creek Rodeo Co.  
Thurs. Night - 8:00 PM - Open Barrel Race  
Sun. 2:00 PM - Youth Rodeo  
More Seating & Parking Available  
AT THE CHAMBER PARK  
(NOWELL SMITH ARENA) 355 J. Lee Rd.  
Ages 6 & Older \$12.00 per person  
Ages 5 Under Free
- ★ **FREE Trolley Rides**  
Load at the Corner of Parrish & Elm, the Chamber Park, the Carnival or the Mule Days Dance
- ★ **Music In The Grove**  
Fri. Night Gospel Sing - 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Black Creek Bluegrass & Calvary's Mark  
Sat. 12:30 - 3:00 PM - The Grass Cats  
3:00 - 4:00 PM - Hickory Grove Quartet  
4:00 - 5:00 PM - The Trailblazers
- ★ **Parrish Drive Entertainment**  
Fri. 6:00 - 9:00 PM - DJ  
Sat. 5:00 - 9:00 PM - Karaoke
- ★ **One of the Largest Parades In N.C.**  
SATURDAY 10:00 AM - Main St.  
You Have to See It!!

## H & C Automotive Gets To Work In Benson



### Business Booster

Is your car making a funny noise? Are you looking to get your car detailed and looking like new? Then you are in luck. **H & C Automotive has opened on Parrish Dr. and specialize in automotive repair and detailing.**

Husband and wife, Clifton and Hiedi Pegues, opened their auto repair and detailing shop in Benson this year. Clifton received his degree from Fayetteville Tech in Automotive Repair in 2012 and has been working on cars all his life.

So what makes H & C special? **“We do work by the job not by the hour. This saves our customers money and we guarantee all of our work whether it is a detailing job or auto repair work,”** said Clifton.

H & C Automotive Repair also buys and sales used batteries. You can also get used tires



mounted and balanced under the same roof. If you can't make it to the shop don't worry. Just call H & C and they will pick up your vehicle detail or repair it and return it to you. If

you have to wait for your car to be fixed at the shop. You can take advantage of their recreation room.

Make sure to call for monthly specials. **Now offering \$5 golf cart detailing during Mule Days!**

### H & C Automotive Repair

106 E. Parrish Dr.  
910-242-0145



### Hours of Operation

Mon.—Fri. 9am—5pm