



Notices

Looking to make a difference in your community? Apply to serve on a town board TODAY!! There are several openings and meeting schedules vary with each board. For more information and how you can get involved contact Connie Sorrell at 919-894-3553.

Community Calendar

Business Watch Mtg.
At BFD 10/17

Town Commissioners
Mtg. 10/24

Benson Harvest Festival
10/26

Comm. Watch Meeting
(Eastwood) 11/7

Offices Closed 11/11

Town Commissioners
Mtg. 11/12

Mayor's Message

I have always heard that good health is a blessing. But good health comes as a result of two things: taking care of your body with healthy eating and exercise and getting regular primary care visits. I want to encourage everyone who is looking for ways to get either of these to come out to Healthy Harvest. Find out how you can lead a healthier life. Make an investment in yourself.

William

Benson Harvest Festival to be Held Oct. 26th

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 emceeing 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**



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.

How to Save Energy This Fall



Energy Edge

As the leaves start to change colors and temperatures begin to fall many of us will be reaching for the thermostat. Here are a few tips on how you can stay warm without having to see a large increase in your energy bill.

- **Don't use space heaters to heat your home.**
- **Keep your thermostat at the lowest comfortable level.**
- **Insulate windows and caulk around doors.**
- **Check your homes insulation and add more if necessary.**
- **Set your water heater to 120 degrees.**
- **Clean and replace your air filters regularly.**

These are just a few tips to help you save on your energy bill this fall season. For more information on how you can cut your energy costs go to www.ncpublicpower.com.

PJ Story Time Back at MDPL

Get your PJ's on and come to the Mary Duncan Public Library as they reintroduce PJ Story Times for the school year. **Pajama Story Time will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month beginning on September 9th and will wrap up on May 12th.** Each themed story time will begin at 6:30pm and treats will be served.



This year kids will be building an "apple tree" where they get a paper apple to put their name on and attach to a tree every time they come to PJ Story Time. In May every child that comes to each PJ Story Time will get a certificate and have their picture taken.

Can't make the evening story time? Don't worry! MDPL will be holding story time during the day for kids that are either too young for school or are home schooled. **These story times will take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am September 3rd - May 20th.**

Come out and join MDPL for PJ Story Time and see how much fun reading can be! **For more information on MDPL or PJ Story Time please contact MDPL at 919-894-3724.**



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Parks and Recreation: News and Information

Library Costume Halloween Dance



We are looking for all those ghouls and goblins out there that like to cut a rug. That's right, get on your spookiest costume and dancing shoes and join the

Mary Duncan Public Library for their Halloween Dance. The dance will be held at the Benson Civic Center located at 1204 N. Johnson St. in Benson on October 25th from 5pm—8pm. Admission will cost a non-perishable food item. All food items will be donated to the Benson Area Ministerial Association's food pantry. Concessions will be on sale at the dance. For more information on the Mary Duncan Public Library Dance or how you can get involved please contact MDPL at 919-894-3724.

Schedule of Events

Senior State Fair Trip

Calling all seniors! Join BPRD Tuesday October 22d for their annual trip to the State Fair. Senior citizens will be admitted free. Departure time will be 8:30am and will return at 3pm. Transportation fee is \$5 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Call BPRD at 919-894-5117 to register and reserve your seat TODAY!

BPRD Closing(s)

BPRD will be closed on Nov. 11th in observation of Veteran's Day

Youth Basketball Registration

The winter basketball season is for children ages 4-17 (by Jan. 1, 2014). Registration is \$25 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. Registration is open from October 1st-19th. Participants will begin practice in November. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate if BPRD does not have one on file.

Please Donate

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

Schumacher Homes Opens in Benson



Business Booster

Benson has seen yet another business locate on the east side of I-95. Schumacher Homes opened in the spring on 2013 and has been providing customers tours in their model homes ever since.

Schumacher Homes, a family owned and operated business, started in 1992 and now has 20 offices in 14 states with five offices in NC. This "build on your lot developer" gives customers 100's of designs to choose from. The size of the company gives them tremendous buying power which results in lower costs for their customers.

So why choose Schumacher Homes for you next house? Their model home designs give customers the ability to see and feel the homes they want before they buy it. Special attention is given to the type and quality of materials used in each construction from the size and span of studs and joists to the fixtures and paints in the home.

Customers can customize their homes in Schumacher's onsite design center. This insures that each home is unique and perfect for each customer. Schumacher



A Schumacher model home in Benson

for the best service we do recommend having an appointment," said General Manager, Tom Bernard.

If you are in the market for a new custom home look no further that Schumacher Homes. Let their experienced staff help guide you through every step of building you dream home.

Schumacher Homes

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