

Benson Bulletin

The Community Newsletter of Benson, VT- September 2022

BENSON VILLAGE SCHOOL - Go BEARS!

Happy September and Back To School for the 2022 - 2023 School Year! Benson Village School's first day for Kindergarten - 6th Grade was August 31st with our 3 and 4-year-old Pre-k programs beginning the week of September 6th. We're excited to call 71 students BEARS this year! It has been a summer of preparation for our new SVUVT Middle School opening to all 7th and 8th-grade students from the Slate Valley district and we are so excited for the many opportunities that they will have.

Benson Village School is thrilled to be offering a 1st & 2nd-grade soccer clinic this fall along with the opportunity to join BVS Girl Scout Troop #63444 . American Sign Language Club, Beading Club and Crafting Club will be starting up in late fall. We will be holding another BVS Meeting this month, open to everyone, to plan for Cooking and Sewing Clubs along with the Benson Family Days Committee and our hopes to support a community BINGO and Holiday Craft Fair.

Benson has some new faces this school year: Clay Williams Custodian, Rebeckah Nadler Librarian (also at FHGS), Emily Ray Instructional Assistant, Chelsey Stack Instructional Assistant, and Kristina Knockenhauer PE (also at OVS). Please follow our Facebook page as we introduce each of these wonderful folks during the month of September.

<https://www.facebook.com/BensonVillageSchool>

We are excited to again announce that our families do not need to purchase any school supplies for their children to start the school year off. Students do need a water bottle, a complete change of seasonal clothes (including socks and underwear), and sneakers for PE on Tuesday and Friday. If you need assistance with sneakers, please email amy.roy@svuvt.org as BVS participates in the Happy Feet program.

Boys and Girls Club will be offered again this year at Benson Village School! Applications will be available at the front office.

As I begin my 5th year as Principal of BVS, I can reflect back and truly celebrate the changes and growth made in our school community. Our motto of Work Hard. Have Fun. Be Nice. is as true as ever and this year, I challenged the students and staff to walk through the BVS doors each morning and say, "My school is better BECAUSE I am here!" and take ownership of the school climate we each take part in creating. If we, as the role models and leaders, develop the will of the students by bridging the attitude gap, the skill and achievement will follow. Here's to celebrating who our learners are, not who we say they need to be!

Amy Roy M.Ed., Principal, Benson Village School
Please visit our website: <http://benon.svuvt.org>
Also, check out our Facebook page!

Select Board Highlights

- It was decided millings from the 22a project would be used on Sunset Lake Rd
- Bids were Accepted from Midnight Express and Casella to do some short-term trucking
- Asbestos testing was performed on the old garage for demolition purposes and asbestos was not found
- Changes were made to the Traffic and Parking Ordinance
- The Town continues to try to make sure all dogs are registered
- A tentative schedule came from Clear Span for the new Town Garage. The Drawings are to be complete 8/5, building shipping 10/28 and installation to begin 11/1 to be complete 11/20
- Municipal Grants and Aid Agreement has been signed
- The Benson Fire Department has decided not to have the Haunted Hay ride this year due to a lack of staff.

Let's help out and Volunteer for our neighbors, town, and as a model for the children of Benson

Volunteer : a person who freely offers, voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service

source Merriam-Webster

Volunteering is the act of rendering selfless service to a cause, free and without coercion. It is about giving time to a good cause, specifically to help an organization, your community or an individual you are not related to.

Volunteering can be a one-time event such as helping someone move, pile firewood or tend to gardens.

Volunteering builds community. According to the Corporation for National & Community Service, you strengthen your community and your social network when you volunteer.

Volunteer opportunities are available after school, during the summer, and over the holidays. Types of opportunities include working with young children, pets, or the elderly.

For instance, did you know;

Since 2005, Russ Symons volunteered to serve on the Benson Community Hall Committee. Working with his colleagues , the Hall has been maintained and improved, inside and out. Additionally, and with gratitude we recognize Russ for maintaining the garden on Route 22A beneath our Town sign and the garden by the Veterans' Monument.

The Family Days Committee are also volunteers we need to recognize. Sue Brown, Amanda Bartholomew and Mary Ann Fish, we are grateful to you for your leadership and service.

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Looking for listings! Thinking of selling? Give me a call for a "no-obligation" chat.

New Listing in Benson, 17 acre Country Estate with well-maintained 1900's Farmhouse. Seller has updated all systems and it is well insulated making this 4 bedroom 2 bath home an efficient one in relation to heating and cooling costs. The oil furnace does the job and the pellet stove keeps your costs down as well . Property comes with a 30 ft by 60 ft metal barn ~ ideal for all kinds of storage , as well as a work and play area! Property was the former home of Stony Point Stables and although the horses are gone the 4 stall barn with tack room, the handy pole barn and separate 'run in' are all there for you to enjoy with your horses or other livestock. There is 5 acres of fenced pasture and about 12 acres of mowed hay land with a nice little pond. The 2 story home is nicely landscaped and also has an attached garage/workshop area, a large unfinished room , nice back deck and much more! It is less than a mile to Benson Landing where you can launch your boat on Lake Champlain and enjoy some of the best fishing around! Country homes like this are hard to find and this one is just on the market! Give Jeanne a call and come take a look and we can have you in there enjoying our beautiful Vermont fall season ahead!

Perch Pond, one acre lot with 150 ft of Pond frontage. Recent perc test did not pass but you could build a "primitive, park an RV or go camping or tenting. Great swimming and fishing! \$50,000

Ledgemere Point, Lake Bomoseen, 3 bedroom Saltbox on landscaped lot with ROW access to the lake. Walk to the frontage and put in your own dock. Year round home built by the Seller! \$400,000

Bone Builders

Meets on Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Community Hall. Program is free and weights are provided. Covid vaccination is required. If you wish to be part of this group, call 802-537-3021 for additional information.



Family Days Weekend.

Another Family Day has come and gone. The weekend long event was a huge success! The Benson Family Day Committee, wish to thank all those involved in one way or another. We would like to thank Cheryl Davis from Peace of My Art Studio who hosted a fundraiser paint and sip. Thank you to Whistle Pig, Adrianna Paige Photography, Robco Trucking, Peace of My Art Studio and Browns' Family Farm for the generous prize package! We would also like to thank Kathy Stannard and her crew at the Wheel Inn for serving it up at the block dance,



Doran Bros. Inc., Jim & Terry Pritchard, Bill Moore -the DJ, Wanks Franks, Daphne Bartholomew, Heidi Chandler, our Grand Marshalls Leonard and Bobby Lussier, Cindy Cassidy, Hannah Brown, Sam St. Peter, Lyndon & Liz Austin, Dave, Grady, Sam Bartholomew, Ben Bartholomew, Jack Helm, Donny Fish, Norm Brown, Norma Phillips, Brooke Bartholomew, Luke

Bartholomew, Luke Senecal & his buddy Logan, Jack Bartholomew, Mark Cassidy, and Lexi Moyer & Riley Moyer our face painters. Bill Sheldrick and John Beeman for driving our Grand Marshalls, to everyone who was in the parade and everyone who donated a pie or anything else! It literally takes a village and the help received was truly appreciated and we truly appreciate those who stepped up.

We are on to planning for next year! If you would like to help or have any ideas or suggestions, let us know. You can reach through our facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/Benson-Burdock-Festival-Family-Day-187540371769604>

News from the Road Commissioner

By now most of you have seen our crew out with the excavator and grader working on our roads . We welcome back Daryl Burlett, as a part time equipment operator. Daryl has been in the seat of our excavator since the first of August and he has made great forward progress working with our road crew. They have ditched North Cross Rd, North Stage Rd, and are currently working in the Mill Pond area. Future plans include some culverts on Lake Road, and continuing ditching on Carter and Cold Springs. In September we will be starting in the Sunset Lake area . *The undeveloped portion of Sunset Lake Rd will be closed during this time.* Additionally, Pike Paving is paving Lake Road. Hope you all are enjoying your summer as Fall is already knocking around the corner.

Brad Barrett Road Commissioner



September

The goldenrod is yellow,
 The corn is turning brown,
 The trees in apple orchards
 With fruit are bending down;
 The gentian's bluest fringes
 Are curling in the sun:
 In dusty pods the milkweed
 Its hidden silk has spun;
 The sedges flaunt their harvest
 In every meadow nook,
 And asters by the brookside
 Make asters in the brook;
 From dewy lanes at morning
 The grapes' sweet odors rise;
 At noon the roads all flutter
 With yellow butterflies;
 By all these lovely tokens
 September days are here,
 With summer's best of weather
 And autumn's best of cheer.

Helen Hunt Jackson

JPW

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From the Library Committee

You may have noticed that Green Mountain E Books has gone through some changes on how to borrow their books. "E Books" are complete novels or Non Fiction books that you download to your computer, phone or iPad. If you use this service through our library and need assistance or would like more information on how to use the service please contact Jacqueline Lussier, Librarian, at 802-537-4181.




BENSON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Tuesday 10 am to 1 pm

Wednesday 4 pm to 7 pm

Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

 *Check us out on Facebook - Benson Vermont Public Library*

The Reading Group will meet at the library on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, to discuss **Go Tell It on the Mountain**, written by James Baldwin in 1953. It is a semi-autobiographical novel, which tells the story of John Grimes, a fourteen-year-old boy in 1930s Harlem, and his relationship with his family and his church. The novel focuses on the role of the Pentecostal Church in the lives of African Americans, both as a negative source of repression and moral hypocrisy and a positive source of inspiration and community.

Copies of the books are available in the library. You are welcome to join us for an interesting discussion.

Benson Historical Museum

Take a trip down memory lane and revisit Benson's history. The museum will be open Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. or by appointment. Call 802-537-3021 for questions or to make an appointment.

Senior Lunch

The traditional Senior Lunch will be on September 12th at 12 noon. It's held in the Community Hall first floor. The cost for seniors, those over 60 years of age, is \$3.50 but families and friends under 60 are welcome as well for \$4.00. Please reach out to Marcia Anderson to make reservations by the Friday before at 802-537-2313

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West Haven Historical Society

will hold the Annual Museum Open House on Sunday, September 11th from 1-4pm. The Museum is located in West Haven Center behind the church. For more information please call 802-265-4589 or 802-265-3675.

*Do You or your committee need
volunteers?*

*I would like to publicize the need for
"extra hands" so volunteers have can plan
their time! Go Benson!*

NEW! Culinary Corner

this from Jon E, one of our neighbors

Pear Tarte Tatin Recipe

Ingredients:

- 9 inch cast iron skillet
- pie crust
- 4 large Anjou pears
- dash of fresh grated nutmeg
- dash of ground ginger
- seeds from one half of a vanilla pod
- pinch of salt
- 4 tbsp pear brandy
- 4 tbsp butter (unsalted)
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup mascarpone cheese
- 1 tsp maple syrup

Instructions:

- roll out the pie crust from your favorite pie crust recipe, and set it aside (make sure you can retrieve it easily and quickly because you'll have to put it on top of a hot cast iron skillet)
- Preheat oven to 375
- peel pears being careful not to take off too much meat
- core and slice the pears vertically (they'll be used to make a pinwheel design)
- place pear slices in a mixing bowl, add nutmeg, ginger, vanilla, and 2 tbsp of brandy, then toss to allow seasoning and alcohol to coat the pears
- melt butter in cast iron skillet on low heat
- once melted and before it foams or browns, add sugar and remaining 2 tbsp of brandy, and mix until sugar melts into butter
- place pear slices into skillet with round part of pear on the bottom (touching skillet) and the tip of the pear pointing toward the center of the skillet; form a pinwheel shape in the skillet
- turn heat up to medium to allow the liquid mixture and pears to caramelize, and the pears to become slightly tender (about 10-15 minutes)
- place pie crust on top of skillet, and use spoon to push or fold the crust under the pears near the edge of the skillet
- place pie in oven and bake for 25-30 minutes or until the crust looks done
- remove from oven and allow to cool completely
- mix mascarpone with maple syrup
- place serving dish on top of skillet, and flip to allow the crust to be on the bottom and the pear to be on the top
- add large dollop of mascarpone to the center of the pie where there are no pears, and set some aside for additional garnish or topping if desired on top of or next to individually sliced pie pieces

Bon Appetit!

Cobble Knoll Orchard

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Cobble Knoll Orchard is open EVERY DAY rain or shine from 9 AM – 5 PM September 3 – October 30, 2022.

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Attention 4-H'er's Past and Present

The back rooms of the Community Hall are being cleaned and organized. Please come and pick up the projects that are still there. At some point, the remaining stuff will be discarded.

Town Garage Update

We have received plans for the Building from ClearSpan and have released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the concrete work. We plan to have RFP's on other components of the building within the next two weeks. We will be emptying the current building in the next two to three weeks, preparing for demolition of the building.

Current target date for erection of the building is the first week of November.



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Walking groups help participants increase balance, strength, and walking pace, improve overall health, and make social connections. Volunteers are needed to lead walking groups twice per month.

If you are interested in becoming a Walking Club Leader in your town, please contact us!

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802-468-7056

RSVP of Addison County
802-388-7044

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HOW WE VOTED: The State Primary

Of Benson's 798 registered voters, 163 voted in the State Primary on August 9th: 95 in person and 57 using the absentee process. There were 87 Democratic ballots, 74 Republican ballots, and no Progressive ballot cast. Thank you to Janet Ladd, Lauren Mohan, Linda Peltier, Amanda Bartholomew, and Daphne Bartholomew for serving as assistant election officials. Here's how Benson voted in some of the contested races:

US Senator: Democratic

Isaac-Evans Frantz	5
Niki Thran	5
Peter Welch	73

US Senator: Republican

Gerald Malloy	26
Myers Mermel	13
Christina Nolan	31

Representative to Congress: Democratic Representative to Congress: Republican

Becca Balint	35	Liam Madden	26
Sianay Chase Clifford	0	Ericka Bundy Redic	20
Molly Gray	51	Anyo Tynio	19
Louis Meyers	1	Molly Gray (Write in)	1

Governor: Democratic

Brenda Siegal	43
Phil Scott (Write in)	7

Governor: Republican

Stephen C. Bellows	11
Peter Duval	22
Phil Scott	38
Kevin Hoyt (write in)	2

Lieutenant Governor: Democratic

Charlie Kimbell	1
Patricia Preston	9
Kitty Toll	29
David Zuckerman	40

Lieutenant Governor: Republican

Joe Benning	22
Gregory M. Thayer	44
David Zuckerman (write in)	2

WHAT'S NEXT?

*Ballots for the General Election in November will be mailed to all active registered voters directly from the State beginning around September 21st. Look for details about options for returning your ballot in the October Benson Bulletin. The polls will also be open from 10 am to 7 pm on Election Day if you choose to vote in person. **In addition to voting on State and National offices, Benson will also choose its five Justices of the Peace on November 8th. Candidates are Lynn Bowen, John Hill, Tom Neumann, Ed Peltier and Eric Shaw (all incumbents).** All are running as Independents. Benson's Justices are election officials for the town and serve on the boards that rule on tax appeals and hear requests for abatements. The number of justices in a given town is determined on the basis of population, and all towns elect their justices every two years as a part of the General Election.*

If you have questions about voting, please call 802-537-2611.

Heidi Chandler
Benson Town Clerk

PROPERTY TAXES DUE SEPTEMBER 15th

The first installment of 2022-2023 property taxes is due on Tuesday, September 15th.

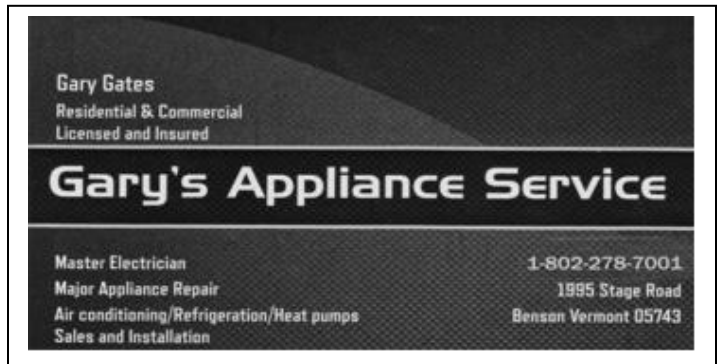
There is no grace period. In order to count as timely (and avoid interest charges) payments must be delivered in person to the Town Office by the close of business on the due date (5pm) or carry a legible USPS postmark of September 15th or earlier. If you handle your by bill paying electronically you should be aware that the envelopes used generally do not carry a postmark. They cannot be considered on time—regardless of the date on the check — unless they arrive at the Town Office on or before the due date. If you'd like a receipt, please include a SASE with your payment, or you're welcome to call the Office at 802-537-2611 to make sure your payment arrived safely.

Regular Town Office hours are:

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday	9:00am—3:00pm
Wednesday	3:00pm—7:00pm

In addition, **the office will be open to accept tax payments on Tuesday, September 15th from 9am-5pm.**

PLEASE NOTE: There is a handicapped entrance at the rear of the Town Office building.



Calendar for September

Monday	9/5	town office closed
Monday	9/12	Senior Lunch at 12 noon
Monday	9/19	deadline for submission to the October Benson Bulletin
Monday	9/19	Selectboard meeting
Wednesday	9/21	Reading Group in the Library at 4pm
Monday	10/10	town office closed

Does anyone have scheduled future events they want to promote including the need for “helping hands”?

