

BENSON *Bulletin*

Community Newsletter
Benson, VT

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Hello everyone!

Just a reminder that we are now offering an email version of the Benson Bulletin (the pdf email version is in COLOR).

Those that don't want email, will be able to still get a mailed version. We realize a lot of folks in town either don't "do" email, or don't have a good internet connection, but the goal is to reduce the size of the mailing (and therefore the cost to the town of printing and postage). We want everyone who wants one, to get one, whether through email or regular mail.

If you would like to receive the Benson Bulletin in your email going forward, send an email to benso news@shoreham.net. The more folks who go with the email option, the more we can save the town.

Those names not submitted for an email version will remain on the mailing list and continue to receive the paper version.

There is a Benson Bulletin page on the website, and it has all the recent editions online. Each edition will be available as a pdf file. This will be another option for people to read it. If you don't want email, and you don't want it mailed, you will still be able to access it through the website. So send an email or call the Town Office if you want your name removed entirely.

Or drop us a line just to let us know what you think of the "new and improved" Benson Bulletin!

BENSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday 10 am to 1 pm

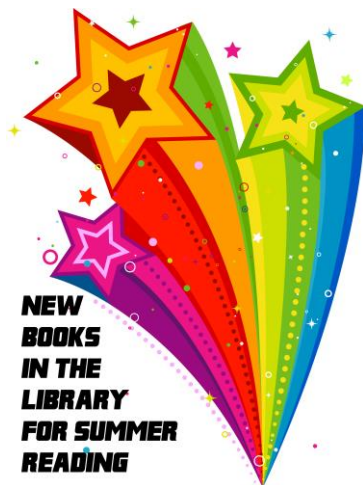
Wednesday 4 pm to 7 pm

Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

Every 2nd Monday (Senior Lunch) 10:30 am to 1:30 pm



Follow us on Facebook: [Benson Vermont Public Library](#)



NEW in Childrens:

Champ and Me by the Maple Tree Author: Ed Shankman

NEW in Juniors:

Hello Universe Author: Erin Entrada Kelly

NEW in Adults:

Wing-Walkers Author: Taylor Brown

Identity Author: Nora Roberts

Things I Wish I Told My Mother Author: Susan Patterson

Navajo Weapon Author: Sally McClain

Demon Copperhead Author: Barbara Kingsolver

Mad Honey Author: Jodi Picoult

The Covenant of Water Author: Abraham Verghese

Did you know that the Library has books for children and juniors as well as adults?

We may be small but we try to have something for everyone!

A big thank you to board member Barbara Hemingway for her work on our gardens.

Join us on August 6th for our Annual Family Days Book Sale from 10-1 !!!!

BENSON VILLAGE SCHOOL - Go BEARS!

Here's the scoop for July & August!

July Clay will be very busy with cleaning, repairs, new intercom system installation, and much more happening inside our building. I will be finessing schedules, working with the SVUVT Leadership Team on curriculum, observation & evaluation systems, and planning our start of the school year.

New BVS Staff:

Kelley Schultz - Administrative Assistant

Rachel Fowler - 1st grade

Hailey Godette - 2nd/3rd grades

Suzanne Miller - 4th (5th & 6th) grades

Nan McCormick - Nurse



Our amazing Librarian, Rebekah Nadler, will be hosting 3 Library evenings in August for families to come and check out books or just enjoy some reading time together; on August 8/3, 8/10, and 8/17 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We strongly encourage families to read with their children every night and even more so as the school year winds down. Young readers need consistent practice reading to a family member and also being read to.

School begins on August 30th this year with a Back-To-School Night planned for Monday, August 28th from 3:30 - 5 pm. This will be a very informal event as staff will not be working on classroom spaces until Tuesday but we welcome families to stop by and say "Hello!" and pick up your child(rens') beginning of school paperwork packet.

Benson will be hosting the SVUVT Board meeting on September 25th @ 6:30 pm so mark your calendars and please plan to attend to see a student presentation.

We are excited to announce that for the 6th year our families do not need to purchase any supplies (other than a water bottle) for their children to start the school year off. We continue to use up the supply that was created 5+ years ago when individual classrooms were culled.

Our playground is open to the public and we welcome families to come and enjoy the field, play some frisbee, or just kick a ball around. The parking lot is great for learning to ride a bike!

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

BENSON READING GROUP

The Reading Group will meet at the library on **Wednesday, July 19, 2023** to discuss *Trans-Sister Radio* by Chris Bohjalian. When Allison Banks develops a crush on Dana Stevens, she knows that he will give her what she needs most: attention, gentleness, kindness, passion. Her daughter, Carly, enthusiastically witnesses the change in her mother. But then a few months into their relationship, Dana tells Allison his secret: he has always been certain that he is a woman born into the wrong skin, and soon he will have a sex-change operation. Allison is overwhelmed by the depth of her passion, and finds herself unable to leave Dana. By deciding to stay, she finds she must confront questions most people never even consider. Not only will her own life and Carly's be irrevocably changed, she will have to contend with the outrage of a small Vermont community and come to terms with her lover's new body—hoping against hope that her love will transcend the physical.

The Reading Group will meet at the library on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023** to discuss *Run, Rose, Run* by James Patterson & Dolly Parton. She's a star on the rise, singing about the hard life behind her. She's also on the run. Nashville is where she's come to claim her destiny. It's also where the darkness she's fled might find her. And destroy her.

Copies of the books are available in the library. We'd love to have you join us for an interesting discussion.

Benson is now Online!

You may have heard that the Town of Benson has a new website. It is located at www.bensonvermont.gov and it's our hope that you can use it to find all the town information you need in one location on the internet.

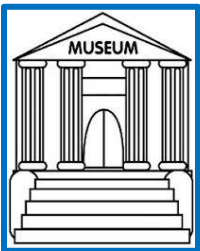
Features include: a calendar with all select board meetings, town clerk payment reminders, and other town events; a comprehensive list of town documents, including agendas and meeting minutes; links to schools, emergency management and local places of interest; and of course, Latest News and Current Updates to keep you informed.

In addition, we have started an official Facebook page. You can find it by searching Facebook for Town of Benson, Vermont. We hope to use Facebook, in conjunction with our website, to get timely information out to the people of Benson, including weather-related info, emergency management, and public events.

As we have limited resources to monitor social media (both from a staff perspective and the fact that our internet signal stinks), we plan to start out small. Our Town Clerk and Road Crew Foreman will have access to be able to make posts and we hope to do more as we go along.

Bone Builders

Meets on Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Community Hall. The program is free and weights are provided. Strength training exercises will improve bone mineral density and help prevent fractures, help strengthen your core and prevent or delay cognitive decline. Less than an hour of strength training per week may reduce risk of heart attack and stroke by 40 to 70%! If you wish to join our group, call 802-537-3021.



Benson Museum

The Benson Museum summer hours are 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays or by appointment.

Call 802-537-3021 for an appointment or questions.

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SENIOR LUNCH

The traditional Senior Lunch will be on July 10th and August 14th 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.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

- 4 Town Offices Closed
- 10 Select Board Meeting 7 pm
- 10 Senior Lunch
- 19 Reading Group
- 24 Select Board Meeting 7 pm



AUGUST

- 4 Family Day Block Dance 6 pm
- 6 **Benson Burdock Festival & Family Day!**
- 6 Library Annual Book Sale 10 am – 1 pm
- 7 Select Board Meeting 7 pm
- 14 Senior Lunch
- 16 Reading Group
- 21 Select Board Meeting 7 pm
- 28 Back to School Night
- 30 First Day of School

BENSON BURDOCK FESTIVAL & FAMILY DAY Sunday August 6th

- Parade
- The Fire Dept BBQ is back!
- Library Book Sale
- Fun and games for all



2023 BENSON SCHOLARSHIPS

Benson Community Scholarship

In recognition of the fact that small rural communities thrive most effectively when citizens are involved, the Town of Benson honors a qualifying senior who has made a significant contribution to our community with a \$1,000 scholarship.

This year, the award went to Sarah Glover, daughter of Jerod and Krista Glover, and to Elizabeth Munger, daughter of Brent and Amy Munger.

Eaves Memorial Scholarship

Funded by a private donation, this scholarship awards \$1,000 grants to two young women from Benson who are planning to pursue further education. Two scholarships were awarded in 2023. They went to Sarah Glover, daughter of Jerod and Krista Munger, and to Elizabeth Munger, daughter of Brent and Amy Munger.

For information about applying for the 2024 scholarships, please contact the FHUHS guidance office or the Benson Town Clerk (537-2611 or benсонclerk@myottmail.com)

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- Benson ~ the "Old Temple Schoolhouse" with, 2 car garage with Apt potential, 4 stall horse barn and turn out pasture on 3.4 landscaped very private acres.. "House with a Past".. tells the history of this unique 1826 stone house and the days of the Mormons here in Benson.. Seller has done some needed upgrades yet retained the originality and charm of this year round home.. 2 wells 2 septics. Move right in! ~ \$310,000
- Benson ~ Perch Pond all set up for your camper or tiny home! Beautiful private lot with sandy beach, power, docking system, septic, landscaped and nice platform for your camper ~ \$135,000
- Benson ~ one acre unimproved lot on Perch Pond ~ \$50,000
- Benson ~ 418 acre Organic farm with beautiful fields, extensive Hubbardton River frontage, comfortable farmhouse. Dairy barn and milk house set up, heifer barn, grain silos, fenced pasture, meadows and woodlot. Plenty of road frontage. Ideal for many Agri-business ventures! Call Jeanne for details
- Benson ~ 74 surveyed acres with a new private driveway. This drive takes you right to the top of the hill and open field where the view is perfect for a new home! Beautiful hardwood trees and nice open hay land, plus fenced pasture makes this a very diversified and appealing piece of land. Road frontage on two dirt roads .. lots of possibilities! Listed price ~ \$350,000 (Sellers may consider some terms to qualified Buyer)
- Fair Haven ~ Lovely home and established business shop set up and ready to go! Presently being used as a retail meat business and rental setup but you could live there and run a business .. Property comes fully furnished and shop is ready to go for a meat cutting business with stainless steel equipment and walk in coolers and freezers all included.. ~ Listed for \$269,000
- New Listing on Lake Sunrise ~ 2 bedroom home (can be made into year round use) , fully furnished, easily accessible, yet private.. 75 feet of private lake frontage with nice dock, boat, paddle boat, Craftsman riding mower and more! Also included in the .5 acres landscaped lot is a story and a half 2 car garage.. Plenty of parking and ready to go! ~ Listed for \$299,000

July 4th Independence Day ~ a day of freedom to express our pride in being a nation of hope and prosperity.. Fly those flags high!

School's out for summer! Congratulations to all the Graduates and everyone have a safe and fun summer! See you at the Family Days parade August 6th

Benson and surrounding area properties are selling very well! Listings needed and appreciated! Call for a "no-obligation chat" for any of your Real Estate needs.

BENSON BURDOCK FESTIVAL AND FAMILY DAY!!

Sunday August 6th



The theme for this year's Family Days is PIRATES!
Build a float and join the parade – aye, ye know ye wanna!

JPW

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All humans have the right to real food, and everyone is welcome and encouraged to use our facilities and

programming in the support of fulfilling that right.

Fair Haven Concerned’s mission is to identify and aid in the fulfillment of community members’ needs and rights, especially their right to food, in the greater Slate Valley region. With that being said, our new name is **Slate Valley Cares**. This name change recognizes the actual mission of our group. We provide food and services to people in need, whether they are in Fair Haven, Benson, West Haven, Castleton or anywhere in the Slate Valley area.

Please stop in at 49 Main Street in Fair Haven to visit our food center. We are open 6 days a week and offer a wide range of grocery items and fresh produce. If you are fortunate to have more than you need, please consider sharing your extra garden produce or eggs. We do carry some ‘meals to go’. Our thrift store helps to offset our expenses, so please stop in and visit!

TOWN OFFICE NOTES

- **DID YOU FORGET?** All dogs are required by law to be licensed on or before April 1st. Are you one of the many dog owners that have not yet registered in 2023? Owners of unregistered animals may be ticketed under the Town's duly adopted Dog Ordinance. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required for registration, costs are \$11 for spayed or neutered animals and \$17 for all others. If you no longer own the dog, please let us know (802-537-2611).
- Your current **transfer station permit** expired on March 31st. New permits are still available and may be purchased for \$35.
- Both dog licenses and transfer station permits can be handled by mail and/or using the secure drop box. Just call the Town Clerk for details.
- The Town Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of the federal holiday.

Heidi Chandler Town Office Hours:
 Clerk/Treasurer Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri 9 am – 3 pm
 802-537-2611 Wednesday 3 – 7 pm

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