

BENSON *Bulletin*

Community Newsletter
Benson, VT



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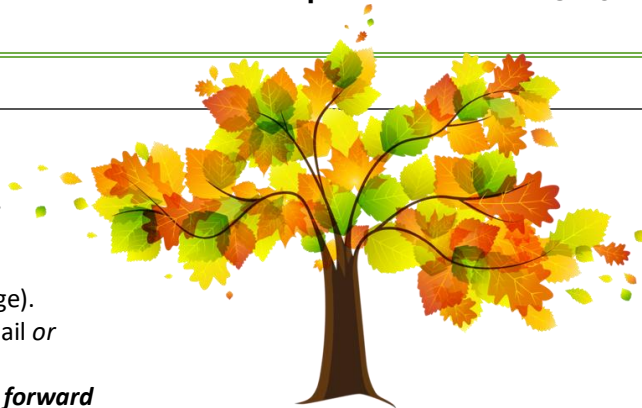
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We want everyone who wants one, to get one, whether through email or regular mail.

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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](#)

**Benson Library will be hosting a
FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL Saturday, October 11th, 11am to 1pm**

**Join us for Face Painting, Pumpkin Decorating, Crafts,
Free Books, and Lots of Festive Treats! All are welcome!**

Please be sure on your next library visit to browse our "Books by Donation" section, and add some fiction, history, craft, or biography volumes to your own bookshelves.

Visit [Benson Vermont Public Library on Facebook](#) for book updates!

Community Wifi has come to Benson!

The new wifi is hooked up and operational at the Town Offices and the Town Garage. You can now access the public wifi if you are close to the Town Offices, and the community network is now available at the Library also. The wifi name is **BENSON** and the wifi password is **BensonStrong**.





BENSON VILLAGE SCHOOL - Go BEARS!

The 2025 -2026 school year is off to an incredible start! On August 27th, we kicked off the school year by welcoming 12 bright and eager Kindergartners into our BVS family. What a joyful way to begin the year! The official Open House is Wednesday, September 24th!

At Benson Village School, we believe every child should have what they need to shine. That's why we continue to provide all school supplies for our students—families only need to send in a personal water bottle and a change of clothes.

We want to thank Mr. Patrick Goodwin for the fabulous work he did over the summer to make the school shine both inside and out! BVS is still looking for a custodian, 10 AM - 6:30 PM. Please contact Chris Cole, Director of Buildings and Grounds, for more information (ccole@svvvt.org).

The Boys & Girls Club returns starting **Tuesday, September 2nd!** Students can stay engaged, active, and connected from 2:45–6:30 PM, five days a week. This program is the perfect mix of friendship, fun, and new challenges.

Clubs & Activities – Something for Everyone!

BVS is buzzing with opportunities beyond the classroom. This year's lineup includes:

- Fitness Club
- Crazy 8 Math Club
- Beading & Crafting Club
- Theater Club
- Cooking Club
- Sewing Club
- Velocity Club



Our top priority is supporting every student to reach their potential in both reading and math across grades K–6. Literacy is especially important at BVS, and we know it thrives when home and school work together. We invite families to be part of this journey by making sure to read to and with your child every night. Students of every age benefit from hearing fluent reading—and it's one of the best ways to bond, laugh, and connect with your kids.

Mark your calendars and keep up with all the excitement by visiting our website and Facebook page for September and October events:

slatevalleyunified.org/
facebook.com/BensonVillageSchool

At BVS, we celebrate who our learners are—not who we say they need to be.

We thank you for your continued support!

Amy Roy M.Ed.
Principal, Benson Village School

Work Hard. Have Fun. Be Nice.

Town of Benson Phone Number: **802-456-4094** Town Office Ext 1 • Highway Ext 2 • Library Ext 3 • Listers/Zoning Ext 4 • Fax Ext 7

BENSON READING GROUP

The reading group will meet at the library on **Wednesday, September 17, 2025** at 4 p.m. to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

The reading group will meet at the library on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025** at 4 p.m. to discuss *Home Before Dark* by Riley Sager. Twenty-five years ago, Maggie Holt and her parents moved into Baneberry Hall, a rambling Victorian estate in the Vermont woods. Three weeks later they fled in the dead of night, an ordeal her father recounted in a memoir called House of Horrors. A haunted house story...with a twist.

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

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Bone Builders

Warm summer days are finally here.
An exercise program is just the answer you need to be able to enjoy all of those summer activities.
Our program promotes healthier bones, reduces the risk of falling, increases strength and improves balance. It also provides the opportunity to socialize.

We meet on Monday and Thursday downstairs
in the community hall at 9:00 until 10:00.
The program is free and weights are provided.
If you wish to join our group, call 802-537-3021.

SENIOR LUNCH

The traditional Senior Lunch will be on September 8th and October 13th 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

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Town Offices closed for Labor Day
- 2 Select Board Meeting 6 pm
- 8 Senior Lunch 12 noon
- 15 Select Board Meeting 6 pm
- 15 First Property Tax Payment Due
- 17 Reading Group (Benson Library) 4 pm
- 28 Apple Pie Baking Contest
- 29 Select Board Meeting 6 pm



OCTOBER

- 13 Senior Lunch 12 noon
- 13 Town Offices closed for Columbus Day
- 14 Select Board Meeting 6 pm
- 15 Reading Group (Benson Library) 4 pm
- 27 Select Board Meeting 6 pm

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Pop-Up Farmer's Markets

The Benson Village Trust is sponsoring weekly farmer's markets every Saturday from 10-12 at the site of the future Benson Village Store (corner of Lake and Stage Roads).



Each week, one local farm will provide fresh, local produce. So far, Little Sister Farm, Foggy Meadow, Triple H, Mercy Farm and others will be participating. All proceeds will directly benefit the rebuilding of the store!

Stop by for fresh goodies and say hi!!

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Slate Valley Cares

This summer has been a very busy time at Slate Valley Cares. We have offered kitchen staples and beautiful fresh produce to anyone that enters our

doors. Because of generous donations, from our community members, and a grant we have been able to offer local, fresh produce weekly all summer. Working with local farmers such as Ben Jutzi at Benson's Little Sister Farm, Greg Cox at Boardman Hill, and Scott Hirschberg of West Haven's Otter Point Farm, our shelves have been bountiful. We certainly have made good use of our new refrigerators and freezers! Everyone has enjoyed a wonderful harvest.

We are very proud to share the appointment of our new director, Jasmin Durkee of Fort Ann, New York. Jasmin has acted as the assistant director all summer and is excited to take over the helm of Slate Valley Cares. She has experience in the food service industry and is so creative and energetic that we are really looking forward to an exciting fall season. Stop in and welcome Jasmin, you will recognize her by her infectious smile!

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to cancel this year's Fall Festival. This is very sad for us, as it would have been our 5th year having the festival in Benson. The festival was our major fund raising event, so this is a real setback for us. We are currently working on some other options for fundraising, so stay tuned. As you can imagine with the current changes in grant funding throughout our country, monies for food shelves have been greatly cut. Yet, we are finding the need of people greater than ever with the ever increasing costs at the grocery store.

We are currently open Tuesday and Thursday from 9-2 and Wednesdays from 9-3:30. Our Thrift Store is open at the same hours. We are currently accepting donations to the thrift store, as all money goes to help purchase food items. We are located at 49 Main Street, Fair Haven, right next to the laundromat. Stop in for real bargains of clothing and shoes, or to pick up a few grocery items if you need them.



6AM - 8PM Mon - Fri
8AM - 8PM Sat & Sun

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- **Benson** New Listing 10.13 improved acres with driveway, well (with new pump), power pole on lot (not hooked up), primitive post and beam cabin, new storage shed, pond and more! Deed gives you a permanent easement to access the town sewer line. You will need to engineer the piping to the sewer line and check on availability (when/if you decide to hookup). Pond was formerly used for swimming and needs aerating/treatment to bring it back. Sellers have kept the pathways mowed for easy year round access. Very private and offered with new generator and new unused woodstove. Nice combo of open and wooded land, offered at \$125,000
- **Benson** Perch Pond A nice improved lot with power, driveway, septic, a great docking system and a large platform ideal for your camper or seasonal tiny house. Sellers have done all the work and this property is set for your family fun! A great place to go swimming and camping. Just bring your camper, kids and fishing poles and enjoy the peaceful pond and acres of Pond Woods Wildlife area offered for \$125,000
- **Benson** Perch Pond A one acre unimproved lot just waiting for your Perch Pond project. Lot has 150 ft of private pond frontage... put in a dock, set up your camper or tent and enjoy a peaceful time in the woods on the pond offered for \$50,000
- **Benson** 2.5 acre mostly open unimproved lot with dirt road frontage. Ideal spot for your camper and family get-togethers – keep it rustic or possibly build a home. Offered for \$35,000
- **Benson** 97 acres of woodland with marketable timber. Property is very private and located on a town dirt road outside the Village. Call for further info
- **Hubbardton** 23 acres with a large poured concrete slab. Located on Camp Road in Hubbardton. This lot can be subdivided into 2 lots. Lot comes with beach rights to nice swimming at Lake Hortonia, lots of possibilities. Call for pricing
- **Camp Road Hubbardton** One-acre lot with Lake Hortonia beach rights. Older unused septic and power on road. It has an old teardown/fell down bldg to clean up. Great spot for a seasonal getaway or permanent home! Offered for \$60,000

Other listings available.

Let me know what you're looking for! Listings needed!

**September and October – Welcome back
students, teachers and staff!**

Have a wonderful school year!

Give Jeanne a call for a “no-obligation”
confidential chat!

VOCA (Vermont Old Cemetery Association) will be in Benson on September 27th with Speaker Adam Boyce talking about his journey into the world of lineage societies. For more info call Jan Ladd at 537-3424



Calling all Apple Pie Bakers!

Benson Family Day in collaboration With Cobble Knoll Orchard, present the 3rd Annual Apple Pie Baking contest! Bakers can show up and show down on Sunday, September 28, 2025 to see who will be crowned this year's **Benson Apple Pie King or Queen!**

Located at 1672 East Road Benson, VT, Cobble Knoll Orchard is a fairly new orchard that first opened in 2021, by Rick and Amy Bartholomew. Both large animal veterinarians, they have made their dream of the orchard come alive by working side by side on gorgeous family-owned land.

Growing over 80 varieties of apples, Cobble Knoll can help you choose the best apple for your pie entry, fresh

eating or even hard cider making. Their cider donuts are not to be missed, and the view from the top of the orchard is worth the trip.

When first asked about joining up with Benson Family Day to help us raise money for our events, there was no hesitation to offer us a location in the orchard for the apple pie bake off. Not only offering a beautiful spot, but anything they could do to help us, they did in full force with anything we needed and donated prizes.

So, are you the best baker in town? Are you just starting a new hobby, but want to test your skills? Come out to Benson Family Day & Cobble Knoll Orchard's 3rd Annual Apple Pie Contest! Enter up to 2 pies per baker at \$20 each. (All pies must be checked in between 12:00-12:30pm) Judges will decide who is the best of the best! Judging will take place from 12:45-1:30pm. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place pies! First place wins a \$50 gift certificate for Pampered Chef products through Carol Murphy. Second place wins a \$25.00 to Cobble Knoll Orchard and third place wins a Family Day mug and a bag of Cobble Knoll Cider Donuts. New this year, baking trophy for the overall winner! Do you have what it takes to attain it?

Not a baker? That's okay too! Join us to taste the pies for yourself at only \$2 a slice! (Pie slices available starting at 1:00pm) There are also yummy Orchard treats on hand. Pick some apples, make a day of it!

All proceeds from pies entered and slices sold will benefit future Benson Family Day Events and Activities. We hope to see you there!

Official rules and entry/waiver form can be found on our Facebook page — Benson Burdock Festival and Family Day.

More information on orchard hours and what varieties are ready to be picked can be found at Cobble Knoll Orchard's website or Facebook page.

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Come visit us at 1672 East Road in Benson
 We have a beautiful view overlooking Benson and
 the Adirondacks. Bring a picnic to enjoy it!
 Follow us on Instagram or Facebook, and check the
 website at cobbleknollorchard.com for current availability.

Wild West 2025 – Benson Family Day

Family Day has come and gone. The day, while brutally hot, was a huge success! We, the Benson Family Day Committee, wish to thank all those involved in one way or another. We would like to thank each and every one of you who helped, participated or just showed up! And we hope that everyone was able to enjoy themselves!

We would like to thank the CATS ATV Club for their generous donations to the best of the floats in the parade, Doran Bros. Inc., Doran Fuel, Bill Moore—the DJ, Big Air Bounce, O-Wow Creations, Lisa & Jim Hall for organizing our parade, Heidi Chandler, our Grand Marshall Roxie Helm, Jack Helm for organizing our antique car section, Butch Coutermarsh for organizing our tractor section, Ron Stewart for organizing our race car section and to all the race car drivers for setting up and doing a meet and greet, Donny Fish, Jimmy -the IceMan- Pritchard, Darryl Burlett, Brad Barrett, Sam Bartholomew, Norm Brown, Art Howard, Shane Gray and a huge thank you to everyone who was in the parade!

We would like to thank our farmer's market vendors for giving up their Sunday to come set up for us! They were: Nick's Custom Creations, Cobble Knoll Orchard, Braids & Beyond, Michelle Doran, Blake Bartholomew Lemonade, Saywat Farm, Laura's Healthy Harvest, Rutland ARC, Hi 5 Classic, Bare Roots Farm, Ernesto the Besto, Emily Brown, Wild Beary Crafts, Totalowty & Leah Rowe, and Browns' Family Farm.

Also, thank you to the Benson Fire Department for putting on a great barbeque, which we all enjoyed and appreciated!!

The biggest thank you goes out to the committee members: Sue Brown, Amanda Bartholomew, Mary Ann Fish, Hannah & Normie Brown, Cindy Cassidy, Erin Haley, and Lisa Hall!

It literally takes a village, and the village came together! So thank you one and all!

We are already planning for next year! So, mark your calendars for July 31st for the block dance and August 2nd for family day. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page to pick next year's theme! If you would like to help or have any ideas or suggestions, let us know. You can message us through our [Facebook](#) page!

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