

BENSON *Bulletin*

Community Newsletter
Benson, VT

SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER 2026

Hello everyone!

THANK YOU for reading the Benson Bulletin.

We are now offering an email COLOR version of the Benson Bulletin.

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 benzonnews@shoreham.net.

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. Each edition is archived there. If you don't want email, and you don't want it mailed, you can still access it through the website. You can call the Town Office if you want your name removed entirely.



BENSON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Tuesday 9 am to 12 pm
Wednesday 3 pm to 6 pm
Saturday 9 am to 12 pm

Every 2nd Monday: Senior Lunch 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Every Saturday: Storytime for Kids 10:30 am



Follow us on Facebook: [Benson Vermont Public Library](https://www.facebook.com/BensonVermontPublicLibrary)



**NEW HOURS ALERT: All hours will shift slightly starting in September
See above for the adjusted times and mark your calendars!**

Every Saturday: Storytime at the library for kids. Each week will feature a new theme, a craft, and time to socialize.

On September 4th at 11 am the library will host a Family Woodworking event in honor of Lee R. Beavins.
Join local carpenters to build birdhouses. Bring your own hammer!

On October 3rd at 11 am we will have a Seed Saving event (see the ad in this issue of the Bulletin for more info).

Visit [Benson Vermont Public Library on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BensonVermontPublicLibrary) for book updates!

OFFICIAL TOWN OF BENSON WEBSITE – bensonvermont.gov

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**.

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 VILLAGE SCHOOL - Go BEARS!

Benson Village School GO BEARS!

The 2026 -2027 school year is off to an incredible start! On August 26th, we kicked off the school year by welcoming our Benson BEARS back into our sparkling building! The official Open House is Wednesday, September 23rd!

At Benson Village School, we believe every child should have what they need to participate and succeed. 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 and Pepper Butler for the fabulous work they did over the summer to make the school shine both inside and out! We have new windows in every room, and the fresh air is wonderful!

The Boys & Girls Club returns starting **Monday, August 31st!** 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
- Chorus Club
- Beading & Crafting Club
- Cooking Club
- Sewing Club
- Girls Scouts



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

"Every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be." — Rita Pierson

With Bear Pride,

Amy Roy, M.Ed.

Principal, Benson Village School

BENSON READING GROUP

The reading group will meet at the library on September 16 at 4 p.m. to discuss ***Behold the Dreamers*** by Imbolo Mbue. In the fall of 2007, Jende Jonga, a Cameroonian immigrant living in Harlem, lands a job as a chauffeur for Clark Edwards, a senior executive at Lehman Brothers. Jende's wife Neni is hired as household help. But Jende and Neni begin to witness infidelities, skirmishes, and family secrets. Then, with the 2008 collapse of Lehman Brothers, a tragedy changes all four lives forever, and the Jongas must decide whether to continue fighting to stay in a recession-ravaged America or give up and return home to Cameroon.

The reading group will meet at the library on October 21 at 4 p.m. to discuss ***Brave New World*** by Aldous Huxley. A towering classic of dystopian satire, this book is a brilliant and terrifying vision of a soulless society—and of one man who discovers the human costs of mindless conformity. Hundreds of years in the future, the World Controllers have created an ideal civilization. Only Bernard Marx is discontented.

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

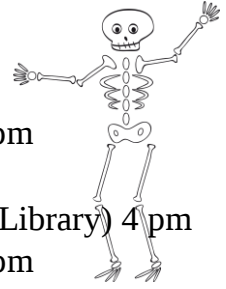
SEPTEMBER

- 7 Town Offices Closed (Labor Day)
- 14 Select Board Meeting 5 pm
- 14 Senior Lunch 12 noon
- 16 Reading Group (Benson Library) 4 pm
- 28 Select Board Meeting 5 pm



OCTOBER

- 12 Select Board Meeting 5 pm
- 12 Senior Lunch 12 noon
- 21 Reading Group (Benson Library) 4 pm
- 26 Select Board Meeting 5 pm



SENIOR LUNCH

The traditional Senior Lunch will be on September 14th and October 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 for \$4.00. Please reach out to Marcia Anderson to make reservations by the Friday before at 802-537-2313.

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Bone Builders

The primary goals of the program are to empower older men and women to reduce osteoporosis risk through proper exercise and nutrition and to maintain their independence and quality of life. Resistance training can provide innumerable benefits to your health and help make everyday activities easier, such as picking up your groceries, doing yard work, and stepping out of bed without straining your back. It can also reduce disease risk, improve mental health and give you more balance and stability. For these reasons, you should consider adding resistance training to your routine.

We meet on Monday and Thursday downstairs in the community hall from 9:00 to 10:00. The program is free and weights are provided.

If you wish to join our group, call 802-537-3021.

THE BENSON FIRE DEPARTMENT & BENSON FAMILY DAY

present

BOO-TASTIC BACKYARD BASH



MUSIC, CANDY, AND A SCARY GOOD TIME
A TRUNK OR TREAT FAMILY EVENT
October 23rd 2026 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Would you like to decorate a trunk/booth? It's a fun, safe way for the kiddos to wear their costumes and get treats!

Contact Lisa Hall at 802-537-2044 for more info

2760 Stage Road, Benson VT (in front of the Town Offices/Community Hall)

BVFD reserves the right to refuse participation to any groups and/or individuals whose conduct is not becoming of the activity.

The **WEST HAVEN HISTORICAL MUSEUM**
Open House on September 13th from
1 to 4 pm will be held at the
West Haven Center behind the Church
on Book Road. For more information
call 802-265-3675 or 802-265-4589.



Jeanne Bartholomew Realty
East Road Benson • 802-537-4938

Jeannebrealty@aol.com

- **Sudbury** New Listing 3242 Young Rd. Three bed, 2 bath double wide on 10 very private acres. Small barn included. Move right in! \$269,000.
- **Fair Haven** New Listing 3-4 bedroom, 2 bath resotred older home with large lot. Move right in! \$269,500.
- **West Haven** New Listing two lots in West Haven, 32 acres \$175,000. Lots may be purchased separately 21.5 for \$125,000 or 10.97 for \$50,000. Main Rd just past the Town Hall (look for sign).
- **Benson** Lake Champlain – 9 acres of open and wooded land with wonderful long range lake views, close to Benson Landing. Owner has a rough cut driveway and preliminary soil tests in place. Long road frontage and privacy. \$150,000.
- **Benson** Village home with nice level lot and outbuilding. This older home has had many upgrades, including new plumbing, heating, wiring, new roof and more! There is a great garden area that produces plenty of vegetables, with a nice storage shed included. Offered for \$175,000.
- **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. Nice level lot with trees bordering. Offered for \$35,000.
- **Benson** Perch Pond Improved lot with new power hub, septic with leachfield, docking system, new platform, great swimming, private beachfront. All set for your camper or possibly a seasonal tiny house. \$120,000.
- **Hubbardton/Sudbury** Former Camp Wane on Lake Hortonia. 30+ acres and 11 improved homesites. Beautiful shared beachfront. Condo style association. You rebuild the cabins or do some tiny houses! Lots of investment potential and some owner financing available. \$350,000

Other land parcels and listings availalble. Give me a call!

Welcome back students and teachers!
Have a wonderful school year.

Steps to Success

CHILDCARE LLC

ENROLLING SOON!

Steps to Success Childcare LLC is delighted to announce its expansion to become a **Licensed Family Provider**.

We are currently creating a wait list for enrollments for **infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children**.

Infant placements are highly sought after, so if your family is interested in securing a spot on our waitlist, please **do not hesitate to contact us**.

HOURS
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday

WE ACCEPT
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ALL MEALS
ARE INCLUDED!

ENRICHING
EXPERIENCE LEARNING CURRICULUM

This program is scheduled to open in
November 2026!

Please feel free to reach out to be added to our waitlist.

CONTACT US:

steps.to.success.program@gmail.com

(802)779-7486



**Benson
Village
Trust**

Future Benson Village Store Update

Summer has flown by quickly! The Benson Village Trust has continued its mission to rebuild the Benson Village Store and engage the Benson Community. We are grateful to everyone who has supported this effort!

We're also planning a special on Saturday, October 10th – Mark your calendars and come join us and *Sit For A Spell!*

We are pleased to have supported several Benson community events this summer, including:

- Weekly Summer Benson Pop Up Farmer's Market on Saturdays
- July 3rd 'Benson Celebration' – Ice Cream Social
- August 2nd Benson Family Day – Luncheon
- August 28th Sippin' at Sunset – Evening at Cobble Knoll Orchard



SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE

As always, we are thankful to all who have attended the events and supported the BVT and our mission! If you're interested in donating or just want more information, reach out to us at info@bensonvillagetrust.org. Remember: Follow us on [Facebook](#), check out our [website](#) or contact us directly via [email](#)!

TEMPORARY CLOSING

Due to the MERP Grant Energy Improvements, the Benson Museum will be closed temporarily, for packing up and storing items until the energy improvements are completed at the town office. The Public will be made aware as soon as construction is complete and the museum is set back up. Thank you for your cooperation.

Selectboard Highlights

- The Old Transfer station backhoe was sold at auction, and the proceeds were put against the loan on the mini excavator
- The Town has been awarded a small highway safety grant for tree clearing and safety signs in the amount of \$42,212 with no match from the Town
- Ken Winning has been appointed as the Animal Control Officer for the Town
- Sunset Lake Road has been paved
- The concrete blocks have been purchased and trucked in for the start of a new salt shed
- The updated Town Plan has been approved by the Planning Commission and the Selectboard




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PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR 2026-2027

<u>HOMESTEAD RATE*</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Municipal Rate	.9086	.9693	.9986
Education Rate	1.5524	1.5161	1.5516
Local Agreement Rate	<u>.0012</u>	<u>.0013</u>	<u>.0010</u>
Total	2.4622	2.4867	2.5112
<u>NON-HOMESTEAD RATE*</u>			
Municipal Rate	.9086	.9693	.9686
Education Rate	1.9139	1.9191	1.9658
Local Agreement Rate	<u>.0012</u>	<u>.0013</u>	<u>.0010</u>
Total	2.8237	2.8897	2.9654

The municipal rate was calculated and set by the Selectboard on August 03, 2026 and raises the funds to cover the amounts voted at the Town Meeting for the general expenses of the town, the Highway budget, and all appropriations such as those for the Library, Fire Department and the maintenance of the cemeteries. This rate is the same for both Homestead and Non-Homestead properties.

The local agreement rate compensates the state education fund for the \$20,000 reduction in assessment (not taxes) that Benson has voted to give its disabled veterans. This is also the same for all properties.

Education rates are set by the State, taking into account local per pupil spending plus their analysis of how close to fair market value our Grand List is (Benson's common level of appraisal). A property which the owner has declared to be their principal residence with the Vermont Department of Taxes pays the Homestead rate. All other properties pay the Non-Homestead Rate.

*A tax rate is the amount of property tax owed per \$100 of property valuation. At this year's rates, a property assessed at \$100,000 would owe \$2,823.70 at the homestead rate and \$2,965.40 at the non-homestead rate.

TAX BILLS WERE MAILED BY THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN AUGUST AND THE FIRST PAYMENT WILL BE DUE SEPTEMBER 15th.

Advertising in the Benson Bulletin: If you are a Benson business owner and have an interest in advertising in the Bulletin (6 editions per year), please call the Town Office for information and we'll get you on board!

PROPERTY TAXES DUE September 15th

The first payment of 2026-2027 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 received at 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 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. You're welcome to call the Office at 802-537-2611 or 802-456-4094 (extension 1) to make sure your payment arrived safely, or include a SASE and we'll send you a receipt.

Extended hours on Tuesday, September 15th will be 9am-5pm. If you'd like to pay in person but aren't comfortable coming in to the Town Office I'd be happy to meet you at your car. There is a handicapped entrance at the rear of the building. Extended hours for the 2nd Payment due March 15, 2027 will be Saturday March 13, 2026 8am-1pm. Monday March 15, 2026 we will be open 9am-5pm.

PLEASE NOTE: There is now a secure drop box located at the southwest corner of the Town Office building where tax payments may be left at any time.



Questions about the Benson Property Reappraisal?

A few clarifying points that may help:

When will the appraisers come to my house?

- We send out a postcard two weeks before the expected visit.

Why didn't the appraisers come when they said they would be here?

- Either of the two appraisers in Benson may cancel because of rain, or take longer on a previous assignment than was anticipated, or have traveling problems including car trouble, or some other emergency.

What can I do if they came and I wasn't here and I want an interior inspection?

- Call Gina at the office and an inspection will be arranged.

What if I don't have a way to go online and see my appraisal information?

- Gina can help with that. Call her at the office.

Why is a lister sometimes with the appraiser?

- After the reappraisal, for the next several years, the listers will be responsible for keeping the new properties and the changes in properties up-to-date and assessed fairly with the rest of the town. Accompanying the appraiser is the best way to learn how the appraisal is being conducted and keep everything as equitable as possible for as long as possible.

Why can't we see what our appraisal is?

- The inspection part of the reappraisal comes first, then the appraisers use their knowledge and experience and information to assign values to each property.

What can I do if I disagree with what they said, or how much my property is in for?

- CALL THE LISTERS OFFICE. This is very important. There will be a time when you can make an appointment with either the listers and/or the listers and the appraiser. There are deadlines for opportunities for discussion and changes, so stay in touch.

**BENSON**
6AM - 8PM Mon - Fri
8AM - 8PM Sat & Sun
2813 Route 22A
Benson, VT 05743
802-537-4041

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Benson, VT 802-537-2755



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**WILDBRANCH CIDER**
COBBLE KNOLL ORCHARD

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2026**
THE LOOSE MONKEYS AND HARD CIDER TASTING EVENT
5:00 - 7:00 PM, FREE FOR ALL AGES
COBBLE KNOLL ORCHARD
1672 EAST ROAD BENSON, VT 05743
TASTINGS | MUSIC | SALES

JOIN CEDAR HANNAN OF WILDBRANCH CIDER AND COBBLE KNOLL FOR THIS UNIQUE TASTING EVENT. RAIN OR SHINE! BYO CHAIRS. BRING A PICNIC OR LOCAL TAKEOUT FROM WEST COAST TACOS 2.0 OR THE WHEEL INN. FRESH PRESSED COLD CIDER AND A VARIETY OF HARD CIDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE.



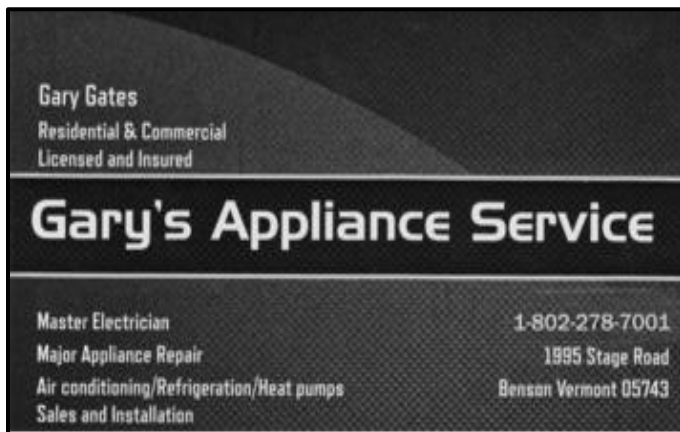
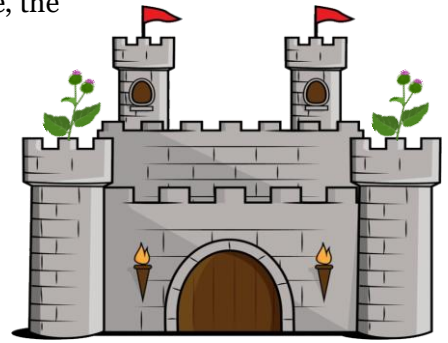
Another Family Day has passed! The day, while brutally hot, was a success! We, the Benson Family Day Committee, wish to thank all those involved in one way or another. We would like to thank each and every one of you who helped, participated or just showed up! And we hope that everyone was able to enjoy 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., Bill Moore the DJ, Big Air Bounce, O-Wow Creations, Lisa & Jim Hall for organizing our parade, Miller's Signs & T's, Heidi Chandler & Sarah Daigle, our Grand Marshall Gertrude Hathaway, 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, and 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. 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: Amanda Bartholomew, Mary Ann Fish, Hannah & Normie Brown, Lisa Hall and Cindy Cassidy!

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 30, 2027 for the block dance and August 1st 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 reach us through our facebook page!



Pop-Up Farmer's Market

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



Each week through September 26th local farms will provide fresh produce and also baked goods. All proceeds will directly benefit the rebuilding of the store!

The Seed Library Corner

Seed Saving Event SATURDAY OCTOBER 3rd 2026 at 11:00 am

Come in for a hands-on how-to:

- Bring in seed pods that are completely brown and brittle on the plant
- Label with plant name and variety – no worries, we'll have seed pods on hand if you don't have your own!

Some tried-and-true favorites:

Oriental Poppies
Columbine
Coreopsis
Coneflowers

Marigolds
Cosmos
Cleome
Zinnias



Join us to craft a blank card using old/expired seeds, fun for all ages!

Peruse the library for more free resources:

- ~ Seed Saving Tips & Techniques Guide – take a free copy home ~
- ~ Browse our Borrower's Binder on the seed desk to take photos or notes ~
- ~ Check out a gardening or seed book from the library ~



HOW WE VOTED: The State Primary

Of Benson's 833 registered voters, 138 voted in the State Primary on August 11th: 98 in person and 40 using the absentee process. There were 65 Democratic ballots, 73 Republican ballots, and no Progressive ballot cast. Thank you to Ann Bowen, "Aby" Munger, Linda Peltier, Norma Phillips, and Daphne Bartholomew for serving as assistant election officials and also a thank you to the many people who help to count ballots. Here's how Benson voted in some of the contested races:

US Senator: Democratic

Brain "BC" Collamore (Write in)	4
David H. Weeks (Write in)	3
Terry K Williams (Write in)	2

Representative to Congress: Democratic

Becca Balint	58
Gerald Malloy (Write in)	1

Governor: Democratic

Amanda Janoo	24
Aly Richards	26
Phil Scott (Write in)	7

Lieutenant Governor: Democratic

Esther Charlestin	11
Molly Gray	41
Ryan McLaren	11

US Senator: Republican

Davie H. Weeks	54
Brain "BC" Collamore	65
Terry K Williams	60

Representative to Congress: Republican

Mark Coester	19
Gerald Malloy	49

Governor: Republican

Phil Scott	68
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Lieutenant Governor: Republican

John S. Rodgers	65
Molly Gray (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 November 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, Ed Peltier, Eric Shaw and Jean-Sebastien Valois. 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 or 802-456-4094 (extension 1).
Heidi Chandler, Benson Town Clerk



Calling all Apple Pie Bakers!



Benson Family Day, in collaboration with Cobble Knoll Orchard, present our 4th Annual Apple Pie Baking contest! Bakers can show up and show down on Sunday, September 20, 2026 to see who will be crowned the Apple Pie King or Queen!

Located at 1672 East Road Benson, VT, Rick and Amy Bartholomew first opened Cobble Knoll Orchard first opened in 2021. 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!

So, are you the best baker around? Are you just starting a new hobby, but want to test your skills? Come out to Benson Family Day & Cobble Knoll Orchard's 4th Annual Apple Pie Contest! Enter up to 2 pies per baker at \$20 each. (All pies must be checked in between 12:00-12:30 pm) Judges will decide which pie is the best! Judging will take place from 12:45-1:30 pm. 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 gift certificate to Cobble Knoll Orchard and third place wins a Family Day mug and a bag of Cobble Knoll Cider Donuts. Plus a baking trophy for the overall winner! Do you have what 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 1:00 pm) 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. 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.