

Benson Bulletin

Benson, Vermont's Community Newsletter

September 2011

GOOD NIGHT, IRENE!

By Monday morning, August 29, 2011, Benson was in good shape, compared to most of Vermont. Thanks to the tireless efforts on Sunday of our Road Crew, Fire Department and First Responders, as well as an incredible crew from CVPS, only two roads in Benson remained closed Monday morning and we all had power. The value of all our ditching work certainly became evident.

Our Firemen and First Responders even coped with a temporary "outage" of the State 911 system. As a result of their quick thinking, at no time was any one in Benson at risk. That's right, the State 911 was down and our guys had us covered – and safe!



Daryl Burlett inspects damage on North Stage Road.

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS MONTH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION/EVENT</u>
September 5	Monday	All Day	Town Office	Closed
September 6	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Town Office	Selectboard
September 12	Monday	11:30 am	Community Hall	Senior Luncheon
September 13	Tuesday	6:30-8 pm	Community Hall	Benson Busy Buddies
September 13	Tuesday	7:00 pm	School	School Board
September 15	Thursday	9 am – 5 pm	Town Office	Taxes Due
September 15	Thursday	7:00 pm	Community Hall	Verd Mont FCE
September 18	Sunday	2 – 3:30 pm	416 N. Lake Rd.	Wildlife Talk/Walk
September 19	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Office	Selectboard
September 21	Wednesday	6:00 pm	School	BINGO
September 21	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Town Office	Planning Commission
September 27	Tuesday	6:30-8 pm	Community Hall	Benson Busy Buddies
September 27	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Town Office	History Project
September 28	Wednesday	6:00 pm	Library	Reading Group
		LOOKING AHEAD		
Oct. 14-15	Fri.-Sat.	7-10 pm	Scary Places	Haunted Hayride

Monthly Senior Luncheon: September 12th

Come admire the newly paved drive on the south side of the Community Hall and exchange "Irene Stories" with your friends! The Wheel Inn will prepare a delicious meal for you to enjoy, including: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple crisp, coffee, tea, milk. Suggested donation: \$3.50.

For reservations, please call Deanna Britton by Friday, September 9th : 537-2971.

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

The first payment of 2011-2012 property taxes is due on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**. The Town Office will be open Wednesday, September 14th from 3:00PM-7:00PM, and on Thursday, September 15th from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. In order to be accepted as current (on time) and avoid interest charges, payments must be postmarked on or before Sept 15th or delivered to the Town Office by 5:00PM on that date. Interest on late payments is charged as follows:

After Sept 15	1%
After Oct 15	2%
After Nov 15	3%
After Dec 15	1 ½ % for each additional month

2011-2012 taxes unpaid after March 15, 2011 are also charged a penalty of 8%. Payments may be made in person during regular office hours:

Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri	9AM-3PM
Wed	3PM-7PM

Office closed Labor Day (September 5th)

BENSON MUSEUM

The Museum is now open for the season on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

HAYRIDE HEADS UP!

Advance tickets will go on sale starting September 19th. Watch for details in the September 16th issue of the Free Press. Questions? Call Sue Janssen: 537-3111.

If you want more information – minutes of meetings, schedules, opportunities in Town - please remember to visit our Town's website: <http://www.benson-vt.com>

And the Benson Village School's website:
<http://www.benson.arsu.org>.



BENSON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Open Wednesdays 3 - 7 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

This month the reading group will be reading “Saving Fish From Drowning” by Amy Tan. The book is available now at the library and due to fair week the reading group will meet on 9/28/11 at 6 pm.

On Benson Family Days the library profited \$73.00 in book sales. Stop in to use the new laptops and use our wifi.

We would also like to thank the anonymous person(s) that weeded out the flower beds in front of the library. It is greatly appreciated and looks wonderful!

VERD MONT FCE CLUB

Rita Charlton recently attended the 75th Diamond Jubilee National Family and Community Education Conference held in Northglenn, Colorado. The National FCE President, Judy Fullmer, welcomed 140 members to the Conference. During the business meeting, Rita was elected to the position of Atlantic Region Program Coordinator.

Conference attendees were offered workshops on money management, environment, identity theft, flag etiquette, PowerPoint pitfalls, community gardens, and made in America. Sessions were also offered on autism and foot care.

A Family Community Leadership workshop was conducted to teach effective group process, conflict resolution, and the correct way to contact their public officials.

Verd Mont will resume regular meetings on Thursday, September 15th, at 7:00 PM, in the Community Hall.

MOPPING UP AFTER IRENE?

If your post-Irene activities have left you wondering about your wobbliness, why not come and try a week or two at our local Bone Builders? This group meets from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Community Hall every Monday and Thursday – no mops needed. We guarantee that you’ll have a wonderful time improving your bones and your balance. And remember, it’s free and it’s local.

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WANTED! Preferably alive...or almost...

Do you believe that you have the ability to scare people? Then your Fire Department wants **YOU**. Volunteers to "man" the dump road during the hayride are being sought now. Get a group of your friends together and have a great time "hanging out" on Friday and Saturday evenings, October 14th and 15th. The Fire Department also has available many props and stage "effects" that they will be happy to lend you. We guarantee that you'll have fun while helping the Fire Department with this important fundraiser. Questions? Call Dave Bartholomew: 537-3315 for more information.



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CHURCH NEWS

9:30 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group (grades 5 through 8) is starting up again, under the leadership of Sarah Hathaway (537-3830). Contact Sarah for more information about time and place for the next gathering!

CROP WALK

Fair Haven area CROP Walk will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 25 in Fair Haven. Call Holly(446-3575), Jan Ladd (537-3434), or the church (537-2455) if you would like to walk or sponsor someone who is!

BOOK STUDY

Starting September 14, we will be studying the book, *Surprised by Hope* by N. T. Wright. The study will include watching a DVD each Wednesday, so you don't need a copy of the book to participate in the study! The subtitle of the book says it all: rethinking heaven, the resurrection, and the mission of the church. Come and join in the discussion!

CHURCH WINDOWS

The Trustees of the United Church of Benson recently voted to start raising money to replace the broken colored windows of the church. Anyone who would like to donate to our window fund can send a check or cash to Fran Bowen, Treasurer, PO Box 186, Benson, VT 05731 and designate that the money is for the windows. Any and all donations are gratefully accepted! If anyone would like to sponsor a window for \$100, a plaque will be placed under that window in memory of or in honor of....given by.... (If you look at the church you might think there are twelve windows, but actually there are two "panels" side by side in each of those twelve windows, so we are calling one "panel" a "window" for purposes of donations - for a total of 24 "windows.") If you have any questions, you can talk to one of the Trustees (John Hill, Jan Ladd, Karen Barber, Cal Sheldrick, and Leonard Lussier) or the Pastor, Holly Ross Noble (446-3575). Thank you.

LOOKING FOR BIDS

The Benson Energy Committee is requesting proposals for an electrician to upgrade the lighting fixtures in the town office and museum. There is also some other electrical work involved. A copy of the Project Work Plan with Proposal Submittal Requirements is available from Karen Barber (802-537-3155) or via e-mail (bobandkaren@shoreham.net). Proposals must be submitted by September 23, 2011.

FROM THE PAST

Town Business, Industry and Development continued

The Gazetteer lists the major manufacturers as “Ira E. Morse’s saw mill located on the north branch of the Hubbardton River near Sunset Lake ... manufactures about 200,000 feet of lumber and 250,000 shingles annually.” “Frances W. Johnson’s shingle factory and cider mill located on the Hubbardton River at Tumble falls ... manufactures 500 to 600 barrels of cider a year.” N. O’Donald’s grist and saw mill located on Hubbardton River, about two miles from Benson Village, is the only grist mill in town, manufactures in connection with flour, etc, 500,000 feet of lumber, 400,000 shingles and 1,000 barrels of cider each year.”

“The Walker Cheese Manufacturing company This company manufactures 100,000 lbs of cheese from the milk of 500 cows each year.”

“The Benson Butter and cheese factory, located on the farm of O.H. and R.E. Brown This company uses the milk from 400 cows.”

“There is still considerable timber in town, beech, maple, pine, and hemlock interspersed with oak, ash, and walnut, being most abundant.”

Benson village of the 19th century was an active community center and provided the community with most of the services it required. The Gazetteer lists several of the places of business. Miss Annie Briggs had general merchandise and millinery, Bryon Carter was a dealer in dry goods, groceries and hardware, Elijah Carter was a manufacturer of monuments, head stones, table tops, brackets, shelves, sinks and washboards, Walker and Cowee were dealers in dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, rubbers, ready, made clothing, and furnishing undertakers, Dowd and fields provided blacksmithing and horse shoeing, Louis Ducharme was manufacturer and dealer of boots and shoes, Howard and Reed were dealers in stoves, tin, wooden, glass, japan and hollow wares, and agricultural tools of all kinds plus the agent for Wood’s mowers and Yankee horse rakes, wheel harrow and automatic lamp, Henry R. Jones and Joseph P. Newton were physician and surgeons, William Ransom was Attorney at Law, Miss Julia Southworth was a dress and cloak maker, Strong and Brothers were carriage, wagon and sleigh makers as well as blacksmiths and William Ward was a tinner.

At Benson Landing, Allen Hale was a dealer in dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes and hardware. He was also the postmaster and proprietor of the ferry from Benson Landing to Putnam, N.Y. Horace Hale was a row boat and sleigh builder.

The village was surrounded by farms, sawmills, gristmills, cider makers and some other businesses such as blacksmith shops. Many farmers also provided some specialty services in addition to their farming operation. Several of the farmers were running their farms under lease arrangements with the owner. The primary agricultural products appear to be dairy and wool, however apples, grains and the other products of small farms were most certainly part of the farm economy.

Final installment next month...



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Benson Village School News

<http://benson.arsu.org>.

Fall is just around the corner. Students are back at school and the new year is upon us. What an exciting time of year for us all! We look forward to a great 2011-12 year!

At BVS, we welcome some new staff members this year. They include: David Burrows, Michael Ellis Jr., Nicole Hadeka, Jennifer LeFebre, Robin Pereau, Lisa Waterhouse and Trina Zide. Please join me in welcoming these new faces.

8th grade fundraising efforts for Washington continue to roll along. Look for our 8th graders selling calendars as well as pizza this fall. Don't miss out on these great deals!

Dates for September:

9/5		Labor Day, No School
9/13:	7:00 pm	School Board Meeting
9/14:	6:00 pm	8 th Gr. Parent Meeting
9/19-9/21:		Book Fair
9/23:	12:00 pm	Early Release

Route 22A Corridor Study Recommendations

The Towns of Orwell, Benson, West Haven and Fair Haven in cooperation with the Rutland and Addison County Regional Planning Commissions completed a study of Route 22A to plan for its future, with the help of Broadreach Planning & Design (BRPD) and Stantec. The study is complete and the draft final report is available for review at the Town Office.

This study extended along Route 22 from the Fair Haven, Vermont/New York state line in the south to the intersection of VT Route 73 and Route 22A in Orwell in the north.

The report outlines where and what types of roadway improvements should be considered now or in the next few years to address existing safety issues along Route 22A in the study area.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

For the **October 1st** newsletter, please submit your news and ads no later than **September 23rd**. Drop off your information at the Town Office or e-mail what you would like included in the newsletter to bensonnews@shoreham.net or suejanssen@shoreham.net or call Sue Janssen at 537-3111.

Zoning and Subdivision Regulation Amendments Public Hearing

The **Benson Planning Commission** will hold a **Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office** to take public comments and to consider for approval and submission to the Select Board the Amendments to **March 8, amended Benson Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw**. The Planning Commission has completed a review of the current regulations and is planning to recommend a number of changes to the Select Board. The changes are based on our continued experience with the existing regulations and are primarily for five purposes (1) to allow minor construction projects without regard to setbacks without a permit (2) to allow small boundary line adjustments without a permit, (3) to clarify regulations with respect to signs, (4) to change the regulation of certain ponds back to the Agricultural and Rural Residential District with the original setbacks for these ponds and (5) to clarify some of the requirements.

The proposed changes include the following:

- 1. Allow the following without a permit and without compliance with setbacks:**
 - A. Fences, hedges or walls which do not interfere with traffic visibility.**
 - B. Docks**
 - C. Dog-houses, tree-houses, play-houses, clothes lines, flag poles, barbecue pits and fire places.**
 - D. Accessory structures with a floor area of not more than 120 square feet and height of not more than ten feet.**
 - E. Landscaping and excavation with fill including driveways and parking areas.**
 - F. Utility services including septic systems, wells, springs, water, sewer, heating fuel, power and communication lines and heating fuel storage tanks.**
- 2. Allows correction or modification of a boundary line without a permit if it does not create an additional lot, does not change the number of structures allowed for a lot and does not change the area of a lot by more than five acres.**
- 3. Clarifies that permits are not required for signs and signs must comply with state regulations and the home business sign and temporary sign requirements of the regulations and any conditional approval permit requirements for businesses.**
- 4. Returns Doughty Pond, Parsons Mill Pond, Mud Pond, Bullhead Pond and Root Pond to the Agricultural and Rural Residential District with a 75 feet setback requirement.**
- 5. There are also a number of changes for clarification purposes.**

The full text of the proposed amended Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw is available for public review at the town office. Please attend the hearing or contact a member of the Planning Commission with any concerns or comments.

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Benson 3-4 bedroom home with 5.8 very private wooded acres. This is a lovely well-built home that heats with wood and propane and has a slate roof and new deck! It sits beside a year-round brook and overlooks the quiet farming countryside. Property includes an attached two car garage and heated workshop, a small barn/storage building (former goat barn) and a cute brookside cabin! There is a garden area and a few maple trees to make your own "backyard syrup". Offered at \$210,000.. Come take a look!

Orwell 14 room Center Hall Colonial. This old classic, built in the 1840's retains most of the original features including, grand old entry way, wood flooring, open mahogany staircase, butternut doors, trim and pantry. There is an old blacksmith barn on the 2 plus acres and some wiring and plumbing has been updated....needs attention to the heating system and repairs inside and out.. This is a great opportunity to purchase one of the few original old quality homes. Make this your project! Offered at \$185,000

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HOW DO WILDLIFE TRAVEL THROUGH YOUR LAND?

Would you like to learn more about local wildlife travel patterns? Would you like to look more closely at where wildlife are likely to move through the Benson landscape? On Sunday, September 18th, Monica Erhart of the Staying Connected Initiative will be leading a wildlife talk and walk on the property of Bob Phelps and Karen Barber, at 416 North Lake Road. We'll explore the habitat needs and wildlife travel patterns of wide-ranging mammals such as bear, moose, bobcat, and fisher, look at maps showing specific places where the Staying Connected Initiative believes these animals cross roads and move through Benson within a corridor between the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks, and look at a few specific examples of wildlife habitat connections on the Barber/Phelps property.

Date and Time: Sunday, September 18th, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Location: The land of Bob Phelps and Karen Barber

All are welcome, with information most closely geared toward Benson landowners.

Monica Erhart is the Linkage Coordinator for the Staying Connected Initiative, a partnership formed to work with communities to identify and maintain wildlife movement corridors. While Staying Connected works throughout the northeast, Monica focuses on a corridor that passes through Rutland County on its way from the Green Mountains to the Adirondacks. This corridor is one of few places where large mammals like black bear, bobcat, moose, and fisher can remain under cover for the entire distance from one mountain range to the other. For additional information, please contact monica.erhart@gmail.com or (802)446-7030.

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Blood Pressure and Foot Care Clinics September 2011

- The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice is offering Blood Pressure and Foot Care Clinics. There is a suggested donation of \$2 for blood pressure screenings and \$5 for foot care. For more information please call (802) 775-0568.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday, September 1 st	Rutland	Parker House	11 AM
Friday, September 2 nd	Poultney	Young at Heart Senior Center	9:30 AM
Wednesday, September 7 th	Wallingford	Wallingford House	11:30AM
Thursday, September 8 th	Castleton	Castleton Meadows	12:30 PM
<u>Thursday, September 8th</u>	<u>Benson</u>	<u>Benson Heights</u>	<u>11 AM</u>

RAVNAH Begins Seasonal Flu and Pneumonia Clinics

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) and Dorset Nursing are hosting a series of 21 seasonal flu and pneumonia vaccination clinics. The clinics are open to all adults age 18 years and over.

In September, clinics will be held on:

- 1 Wednesday, September 21 at the Holiday Inn in Rutland from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 23 at the Holiday Inn in Rutland from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 26 at the Hannaford's Supermarket in Rutland from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 27 at the St. Patrick's Church in Wallingford from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 27 at the North Clarendon Community Center from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 29 at St. Mary's Church in Fair Haven from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, September 29** at the **Benson Community Center in Benson** from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Individuals who have Medicare Part B need only bring their card. For all others, please call our RAVNAH Flu Hotline at 770-1574 or visit www.ravnah.org, after September 10, for this year's rates. Mastercard, Visa and American Express are accepted.

Who should get a flu shot?

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends flu shots for:

- Anyone 6 months of age and older.
- People with chronic health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease or asthma.
- People with weakened immune systems.
- People who live with, or provide care for, children and adults.
- Women who will be pregnant during the flu season.

Who should get a pneumonia vaccine?

The Centers for disease Control (CDC) recommends pneumonia vaccinations for:

- All adults 65 years of age and older
- Anyone 2 through 64 years of age with chronic illness
- Anyone 19 through 64 years of age who is a smoker or has asthma
- Women who smoke or have asthma, have a chronic illness or compromised immune system should be immunized before becoming pregnant.

COMMUNITY HALL UP-DATE

As you enter the Community Hall for your flu shot, please take time to admire the new paint job and the new paving on the south side of the drive.

The money for the painting was voted at Town Meeting 2011 and the money for the paving came from a HAVA Grant.

THANKS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

On behalf on the entire Fire Department, Chief Tom Neumann would like to thank everyone in the community who helped make the annual BBQ a success. To all those who donated pies and desserts, pickles, baked beans, butter and sour cream; to all those who volunteered their time to set up the Community Hall, to cook the meal, to help serve the meal, to cut the pie and to re-set the tables and clean-up; and to all of you who supported our efforts by purchasing a meal, your Fire Department says:

“THANK YOU!”

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRACTOR PULL TURN OUT!

On behalf of Keith and Gina Cull along with V.T.P.A. (Vermont Tractor Pull Association), we would like to thank our sponsors for 2011:

Benson Village Store	Mike Doran Roofing
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CATS ATV Club	Orwell Sand & Gravel
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Fyles Brothers, Inc.	The Wheel Inn
G & L General Store	Willy T's Good Food Bakery
Kinney Pike Insurance	Winmill Equipment
Loren Wooster Repairs	

And we would like to extend a special thanks to:

Robert Butler and Family for the use of their land and track
Steve Adams for the great food
The Pelletiers for the fried dough

With the help of V.T.P.A. we advertised our sponsors throughout the event as well as new banner that was displayed trackside.

Without the help of these generous people we wouldn't be able to make this event possible. The donations paid for:

1. Purse prizes to V.T.P.A. Stock & Super Stock classes, 3 places back
2. Trophies for the remaining 11 classes, 3 places back
3. Dundon's for providing us a port-a-potties

We had a fantastic turnout of participants and spectators and we are proud to say that we will be bringing them back again next year! Hope to see ya'll in 2012 and if you have any questions, please call us.

Thanks to you all for your support!

Keith and Gina Cull

FAMILY DAY/BURDOCK WINNERS

The Benson Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the day a success, particularly Ted and Jaine Kellogg for letting the Adirondack Equestrian Team use their lawn; to Nancy Kotsull who organized and ran the Dog Show (results will be in the October issue), and to the American Legion Post 49 for participating in the parade and ceremony.

Burdock Contest Winners:

Biggest Burdock Ball: Jake, Shane and Sebastian

Most Creative Use of Burdock: Shane Lannon

Most Theme-Related: Jan Grenier

Tallest Burdock: Keely Flynn

Parade Winners:

1st Place: The “Marilyn” Andronaco Family

2nd Place: The Benson Bunnies (was that the cast from the new NBC show?)

3rd Place: The DiSorda Family’s Klampett Kar