

VILLAGE NEWS

March 2026

Supervised Burn Days — April 5th — April 19th

Fires should not be started before 7 AM Sunday, April 5th and must be completely extinguished by 5 PM Sunday, April 19th. Burning of materials other than brush, leaves, and garden waster, or burning outside of these specified times may result in a fine of up to \$100.

Brush Pick-up — April 13th

Place brush to the curb no later than 7 Am , April 13th No branches greater than 4” in diameter or longer than 8’. Place larger end of branches toward the street. Bundle or box small twigs. Do not pile leaves and brush together, this can make pick-up difficult.

No whole trees; pick-up is for seasonal pruning & yard clean up.

Leaf & Garden Pick-up — April 20st - April 24th

Place to the curb no later than 7 AM Monday, April 20th. Separate leaves and garden waste. Place in area between the sidewalk and curb. Do not rake leaves into the street. **BAG YOUR LEAVES**

Hydrant Flushing — May 11th-15th

Hydrant Fire Flow testing—May 18th-May 22nd

Flushing of the water distribution system helps remove the accumulation of mineral deposits (usually iron and manganese) from water mains. This may cause discolored water, which may be drawn into homes and business if water is used during or immediately following flushing operations in the neighborhood. If customers experience discolored water during this time, it can be cleared by opening the cold, hard water taps nearest to the water meter to full flow until the water runs clear. If discoloration persists, contact the Village Office. Washing clothes in discolored water may cause laundry stains. Customers should not use discolored water for drinking or cooking.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DOING LAUNDRY DURING THESE TIMES DUE TO RISK OF RUST.

[www.https://bentonwi.us/](https://bentonwi.us/)

Garbage and Recycling Pick-up:

Memorial Day garbage and recycling pick-up will be on Tuesday, May 26th.

Annual Drug take back Day:

The Benton Police Dept. will be hosting the annual drug take back event on Saturday, April 26th, from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the conference room located at 244 Ridge Avenue, Benton.

All prescription & over the counter medication is accepted.

Community Portal:

If you’ve been experiencing issues receiving your utility bill in the mail, we encourage you to sign up for the Community Portal. The portal allows you to view your bill, track payments, and manage your account online anytime.

Village office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. -6:00 p.m.

Friday- Closed
(608) 759-3721

THANK YOU!

The Village of Benton would like to recognize and thank **Chuck Wartner** for 16 years of dedicated service as a Village Board Trustee, serving from April 15, 2010 to April 14, 2026. During that time, Chuck contributed many hours helping guide decisions and support projects that benefit our community. Serving on the Village Board requires commitment, time, and a willingness to serve others, and we truly appreciate the role Chuck played in helping move Benton forward. On behalf of the Village and its residents, we extend our sincere thanks for the years of service and dedication to our community.



Dog Licensing

Any dog older than 5 months old that is being kept within the Village of Benton must be licensed. The fee for this license is \$20.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$25.00 for an unaltered dog. This fee includes a \$15.00 late fee that is assessed for any dogs licensed after April 1st. Please refer to Wisconsin Statutes §174.05(1) through 174.07, which outline the requirements and fees for owning a dog in the state of Wisconsin.

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Spring Election

Tuesday, April 7th, 2026

Village Trustee's: (3)

Bill Mowry
John Perkins
Cal Robbins
Steve Brink

School District of Benton

School Board Member: (2)

Jeff Richardson
Megan Flatley

Justice of the Supreme Court: (1)

Chris Taylor
Maria S. Lazar

Court of Appeals Judge: District 4 (1)

Rachel A. Graham

Referendum: School District Question:

Shall the School District of Benton, Lafayette County and Grant Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$670,000 for the 2026-2027 school year, and by \$720,000 per year for three years, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of continuing and enhancing the programs approved in 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018, and 2022, which includes sustaining operating expenses with which to maintain the current level of operations?



@ Benton Public Library SLP 2026

As in the past, the summer library program (SLP) here in Benton has two parts:

SUMMER READING LOG

Simply read—anywhere, anytime—plus visit the Benton Public Library three times during open hours (see below) between June 8 and July 18. This incentive program is for all children and youth (0-18 years old). Participants keep track of their reading on their reading logs (available in June) and earn prizes. Prizes may be collected at the library after individual goals are met; last day to complete the log and collect prizes is Sat. July 18.

Note: Children do NOT need to come to any story/activity programs to participate in this reading incentive program.

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS AT BPL

Reading and activities at the library for children 2 yrs old & older, June 9 to July 14.

- Unearth a Story: Tuesdays 10-10:45 a.m. for children ages 2 and older.

*Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by their caregiver.

Note: that the library is open only to the SLP participants and their caregivers during the scheduled program times but will reopen to the general public at 1:00 p.m. There is no charge to participate in SLP.

BENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
48 W. Main St. (Hwy. 11)
Benton, WI 53803
608-759-BOOK (2665)

www.bentonpubliclibrary.wordpress.com

LIBRARY HOURS:

Mon. 1-8 p.m.

Tue. 1-6 p.m.

Wed. 1-6 p.m.

Thu. 1-6 p.m.

Fri. 9 a.m.-noon

Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sun. Closed



Community Center Project Receives Grant

Village officials were recently notified that their application has been selected to receive a \$250,000 matching grant through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's Community Development Investment Program. The grant will help cover direct construction costs for the Benton Community Center, Library, and Museum, allowing other fundraising dollars to be used for furnishings, shelving, security systems, and technology for the new facility.

Excitement continues to build on Main Street as JSquared and their many local subcontractors work steadily on construction of the Benton Community Center, Library, and Museum. The Village expects to receive the keys to the building by mid-June. At that time, volunteers will begin preparing the library and installing both permanent and rotating museum displays.

There is still limited time to participate in several recognition opportunities, including honoring an Extraordinary Woman or purchasing an engraved paver to recognize your family, a loved one, a past or present local business, or a beloved veteran. For more information or to make a donation, use the link below or contact Michelle Savatski at (608) 778-5794.



Benton Community Fund

a charitable endowment for the Benton area

Benton Community Fund Continues to Support Local Projects

The Benton Community Fund continues to make a meaningful impact throughout our community. Since its inception in 2011, the Fund has distributed more than **\$235,000 in grants** supporting projects and initiatives that strengthen and enrich the Benton area.

Recent grant awards have benefited both the **Benton Fire Department** and the **Benton School System**. These grants help provide important resources that support safety, education, and the overall well-being of our community. Photos accompanying this article highlight just a few of the many ways these funds are being put to good use locally.

We extend our sincere thanks to the generous donors who make this work possible. Through your support, the Benton Community Fund continues to invest in projects that make Benton a great place to live, work, and raise a family.



I am pleased to show my support of the **Benton Community Fund**

Please accept this pledge or donation of \$ _____

Special Projects Fund (immediate needs)

Endowment Fund

Your Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This donation is made (circle one) in honor or memory of:

Please make your check payable to "Benton Community Fund"
Donations can also be made securely online via the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin website at cfsw.org.

MAILING ADDRESS:

Benton Community Fund Processing
PO Box 8125
Janesville, WI 53547

All donations to the Benton Community Fund are tax deductible.