



Benson Clean & Beautiful

What's Happening

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We owe you an apology

Yes, you forgot all about us, didn't you? And it is all our fault for not staying on our toes to produce a Newsletter and keep you informed. Excuses aren't helpful here and we won't make any. Let us just say that it is obvious that we have many things to take care of and this is just one of the items that dropped between the cracks.

We (the committee) apologize for not keeping you informed and for that we are sorry.

Monthly Meeting

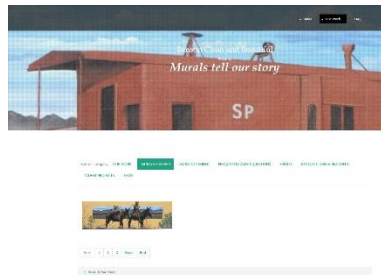
Our monthly meetings continue. We are now meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12:00 pm. We meet in the conference room at the SAEDG/Chamber of Commerce building, 168 E 4th Street. Please join us and provide suggestions you may have or just sit and listen. We look forward to meeting others who are interested in making

When kids volunteer it tells others that they don't have to be perfect or famous or even grown up to make a difference.

- Kalyann Dobos, age 7

Benson a more eye catching city.

BC & B Website



We have a [website](http://www.BensonsAZMurals.org) up and running so check us out at <http://www.BensonsAZMurals.org>. This site was put together for us so we could have a presence on the internet. We are currently looking at updating the site with better links to display our murals. If you have any suggestions attend a meeting or e-mail us at BensonCandB@Yahoo.com.

We Support the Benson Mural Program

Not all enterprises in Benson have walls large enough to place a mural. It is for this reason the mural committee is looking at providing businesses

with a way to show their support in other ways. One of these is to provide various size paintings (on wood) of indigenous wild life for display either on the exterior of their business or inside their offices to show they support the mural program. A small nameplate will be placed on the painting stating: "***We support the Benson Mural Program, (Year)***" Each year they can update with a new painting and even have a theme of paintings to display. Look for more on this in the future.

LATEST UPDATES

Benson Hits 35 Murals

Since we last left you we are now up to around 35 murals placed at various locations throughout Benson. So you see we have been busy since our last newsletter. Our most recent mural is located at the Medicine Shoppe and has an apothecary theme. It can be seen as you drive into Benson on the west side of the building by the drive-thru on 4th Street.

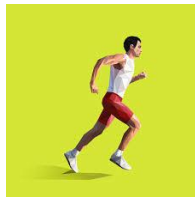
Sock Hop Fund Raiser

Benson Clean & Beautiful is holding a 50's Sock Hop Sat., Sept. 10, from 7-9 p.m. at the Benson Lion's Club. Food will be available starting at 6 p.m., with the sales benefiting the

Lion's Club. Costumes are optional with a prize for best costume. Also, there will be bucket raffles and art sales with those proceeds to benefit the mural fund. Cost is a \$10 donation per ticket, limited to 100 people. Pre-sale only. Tickets available at Benson Chamber of Commerce office.

Butterfield Stage Days

Work is on-going and in the planning stages for the Butterfield Stage Days. We will provide more information as we get closer to that event.



HELP KEEP US RUNNING

Many people fear commitment to an organization or group for a number of reasons. This is understandable. One of the primary reasons after, *"I just don't have the time"* is, *"I just don't have the talent for that kind of thing"*. In a way that is a cop-out, but really I can understand that.

It is intimidating to walk into a group or organization and not really know those already in a group. You might have some ideas, but you don't want to speak up and say anything, you don't want to look ill-informed or as many would say of themselves, "stupid". I think that is a holdover from when we were in school and being made fun of was one of our worst nightmares.

Well, I can say from experience that this just isn't going to happen here. When we were kids

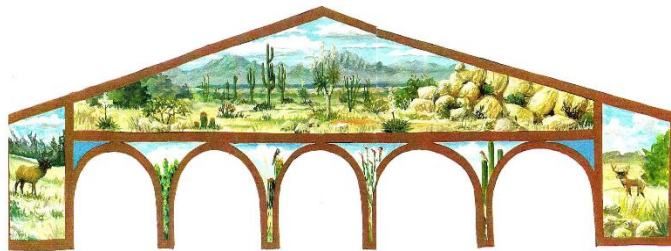
we did childish things, but today we are adults and we tend to act like adults. Big difference, right?

So let me say that you shouldn't be afraid to come join our group. If you are interested in making Benson a better place to live, then you've made the right choice by joining our organization.

Please consider attending a meeting, seeing how we work together, and how we really have the interest of making Benson a more pleasant and enjoyable place to live.

What is Our next Mural?

In the planning and fund raising stage is our next mural at Quiburi Mission. This mural will depict wild life and natural landscape as can be seen here in the concept drawing.



Our Team Needs You!	
LITTLE JOBS	BIG JOBS
Produce Certificates of Appreciation	Fund Raising: Business & Individual
Publish a bi-monthly Newsletter	Membership: Business & Individual
Communications	Events Coordinator
Hold Office (any position)	Advertising/Promotion
Help with New Murals	Web site updates
Help with New Projects	Publish a Coffee table book and/or Calendar

Before We Go

Just a few words before we leave you until the next Newsletter.

Benson Clean and Beautiful is not just a Mural Program. Yes, that is a big part of it, but there are other things in the work that have nothing to do with murals. Many of them are simply little projects that will have a lasting effect on our community.

We here at BC&B know that this is a slow and plodding effort. We can only work on a limited number of ideas and that is why we look for new members. They bring a new insight that we just hadn't imagined and it is refreshing to hear other people opinions about what we have done or better yet what they think we should take on as a project.

An organization like BC&B can't make it without fresh ideas and budding enthusiasm.

PLEASE think about coming to one of our meetings, see how we work together, and enjoy one another's company. We would really like to meet you and listen to what you have to say.

Until the next time!
See you soon in the next Newsletter.

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

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