



Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026 City Proclamation

Whereas, National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized throughout the United States during April, 2026;

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations without community resources, and don't know how to cope;

Whereas, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking;

Whereas, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

Whereas, together we can strengthen families and prevent child abuse right from the start;

Now, Therefore, I, Tyler Gottschalk, do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Benton, KS and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Signed



PROJECT SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
4/14/2026	4/20/2026	M. Engels

CONCENTRATED PROJECT UPDATE

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	NOTES
Streets	30	2026	Continuing crack seal/crew maintenance as needed
Drainage	**	2026	KwikShop Drainage complete – to work west from there ASM to provide overall study
Sewer	continuous	2026	Replaced fuses/parts at Stearman due to storm
Water	0	2026	Received one set of bids for tower. Getting competitive bids.
Pond	55	2026	Part II concrete started. Spray and mowing. Other two tables delivered and awaiting installation.

NOTES:

Administration:

Staff has been building a template for the 2027 Budget and planning the budget calendar. Requesting a workshop before the May meeting to discuss timeline, line item amounts, and continued strategy. Met with SME Claycamp for direction.

I've been closely watching and lobbying our legislature this session. The proposed bills have an impact on local elected officials autonomy on how to run their Cities and Counties. The legislation is still sitting on the Governors desk and I will keep Governing Body up to date as I get information.

Sent out orientation packages to surrounding property owners of our RHID financing option. Also sent information package out to property owner at 254 and Andover Road. We had a meeting to explore options for that corner and what KDOT has planned for any intersection changes.

There is a Zoning hearing to hear a case of vacating a utility easement in Stearman. I have included the notice in the packet. The Board will meet on May 12th and then send a recommendation to you for the May meeting.

Clean up day went well. The citizens used the opportunity to get rid of some unwanted junk.

Benton Day is this upcoming Saturday. If you can, please spread the word and hope for good weather. I've included the flyer of activities in the packet. Crew will be on hand to help with any logistics.

Maintenance:

Worked the ditch on N Main. Now we can watch it and make any modifications as needed.

The crew had some breakers blow at the Stearman lift during the storm. We think it was a lightening strike. They sat throughout the nights and ran it manually until we could get the parts installed.

Mowing has begun. Lagoons, common areas have been sprayed for weeds. We did order a weed eater from Hoover mowers.

Sidewalk on Main has been repaired and parking lot re-rocked in preparation for Benton Day.

NOTICE

A Petition has been filed in the office of the city clerk of the City of Benton, KS, praying for the amendment of a utility easement on the following described real property located within the City's limits:

Stearman 2nd Addition, S21, T26, R03E, Block C, Lot 27

A hearing on such Petition shall be held by the Benton Planning and Zoning Commission on the 12th day of May, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Benton Community Building at 150 S Main. The Commission will then make a recommendation to the Governing Body. All interested person may attend said hearing and be heard on the issue.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2026,



Matt Engels
Zoning Administrator

To Interested Parties:

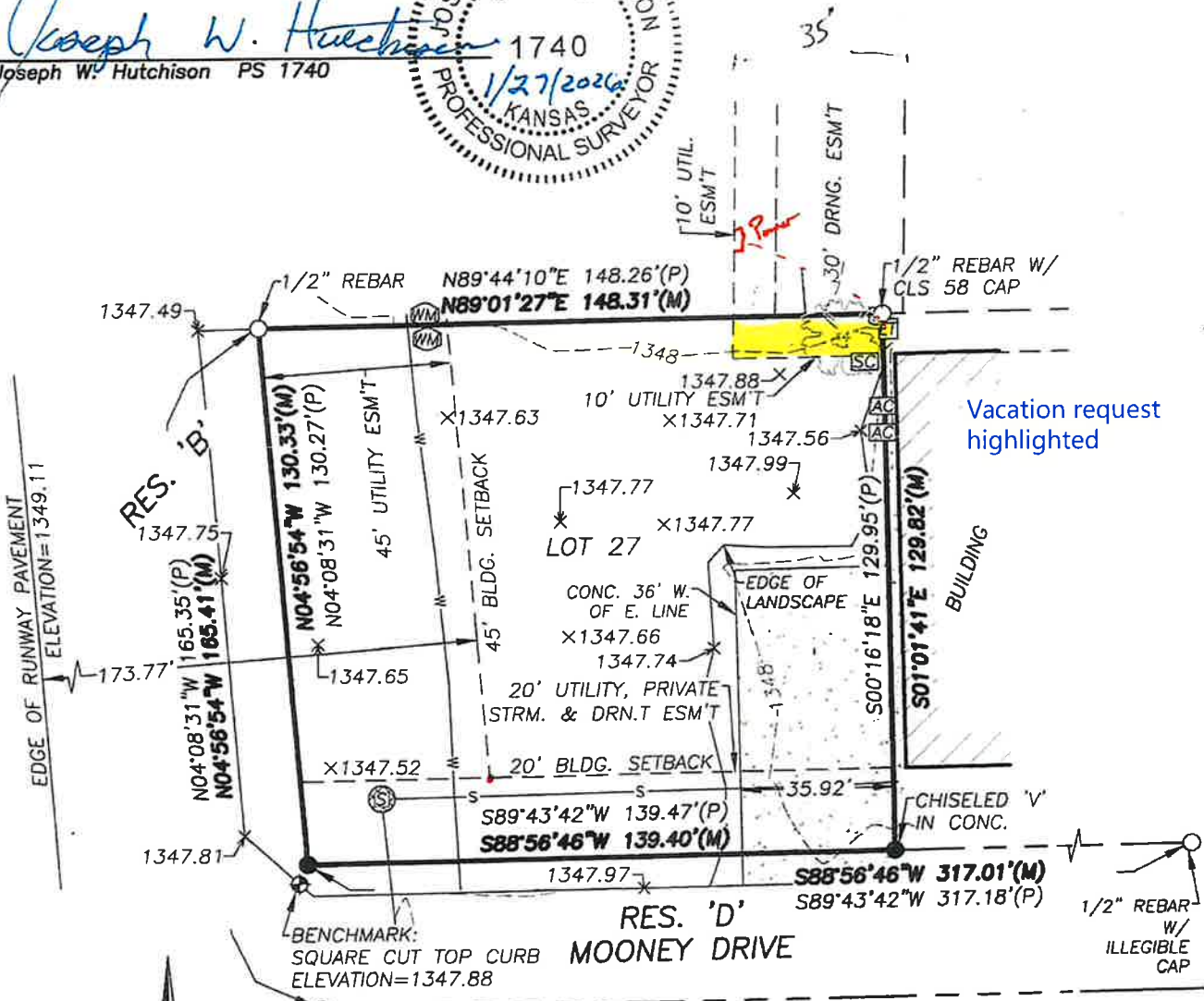
All related documents pertaining to this hearing are available at City Hall during regular office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Appointment not necessary but recommended.

City of Benton
154 S Main
Benton, KS 67017
316-778-1625
mengels@bentonks.org

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss
 COUNTY OF BUTLER)

I, Joseph W. Hutchison, a Professional Land Surveyor in the State of Kansas, do hereby certify that I prepared this Certificate of Survey in said County and State.

Joseph W. Hutchison
 Joseph W. Hutchison PS 1740

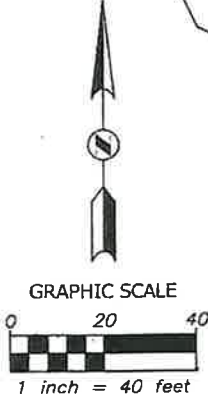


Vacation request highlighted

EDGE OF RUNWAY PAVEMENT
 ELEVATION=1349.11

RES. 'B'

RES. 'D'
 MOONEY DRIVE



LEGEND	
●	Set Survey Monument (1/2" x 24" Reinforcing Rod w/cap: KS CLS 175) unless otherwise noted
○	Found Survey Monument
(M)	Measured
(P)	Platted
⊕	Benchmark
—w—	Water Line
WM	Water Meter
SC	Sprinkler Control Box
ET	Electric Transformer
—s—	Sanitary Sewer Line
⊗	Sanitary Sewer Manhole
AC	Air Conditioner Unit
	Deciduous Tree and Size

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 1/22/2026
 1/23/2026

Project:
 BOUNDARY/TOPO
 LOT 27, BLOCK C,
 STEARMAN EST 2ND

Client:
 RYAN SHEIVE



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OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS
AND THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**



The FIREWOOD Guy
Brevon Hoover
(316)259-2278



MAIN STREET SYSTEMS



INFINITY ART GLASS



**Benton Day Logo/T-shirt Design:
Alex Kessler**

City of Benton
P.O. Box 388
154 S. Main St
Benton, KS 67017

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

Local Postal Patron

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

T-Bird Trot 5K Walk/Run

Breakfast

Kid's Fun Run

Marketplace

Tractor Pull

Dodgeball Tournament

Face Painting

Food Trucks

Parade

Ice Cream Social

Cornhole Tournament

Car Show

Street Dance with Live Music

**Circle Benton Elementary
Spring Fling Friday Night!**



Celebrating 250 years of American Liberty



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BENTON DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

4/24

FRIDAY NIGHT SPRING FLING

4/24

Circle Benton Elementary
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Carnival Games and Other Fun Events
Wristbands for Purchase
\$10 for Unlimited Games
Sponsored by CBE PTO

BREAKFAST

Community Building
6:30 am - 10:30 am
Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy
Free Will Donation
Sponsored by Circle Booster Club

T-BIRD TROT 5K RUN/WALK

Community Building
Registration - 7:00 am
Race - 8:00 am
Packet Pickup Friday Evening
Sponsored by Circle Booster Club

KID'S FUN RUN

Main Street Downtown
Registration - 8:30 am
Races Start - 9:00 am
Separate Age Divisions
Sponsored by the City of Benton

RAFFLE BASKETS

Community Building
Baskets on Display until Noon
Tickets \$1/Each, 6/\$5, 13/\$10, 30/\$20
Winners Drawn Following Parade
Sponsored by CBE PTO

KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL

Main Street Downtown
Starts - 9:30 am
Sponsored by The Benton Church

MARKETPLACE

Inside The Benton Church
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Free Admission
Over 50 Vendors
Hourly Raffle Drawings Beginning at 11:00 am

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Circle Benton Elementary Gymnasium
10:00 am
Divisions for 3rd - 8th Graders
Sponsored by CBE PTO

FACE PAINTING

Outside Community Building
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Proceeds Will Go to CHS & CMS Teacher
Mrs. Redondo to Help with Medical Expenses
Sponsored by Circle Middle School

PARADE

Bring Your Lawn Chairs!
Float Lineup - 1:00 pm CMS Parking Lot
Parade Starts - 2:00 pm
Grand Marshal - Joyce Jones
Emcee - Police Chief Kevin Kichler
National Anthem - Megan Couey McMurphy

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Fire Station
Following the Parade
Sponsored by Butler County Fire District 7

FOOD TRUCKS

Downtown
11:00 am - 10:00 pm
Lemonade, Sweet Treats, Fruit Smoothies,
BBQ, Sandwiches and MORE!

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Main Street Downtown
3:00 pm
Registration Required
\$20 CASH ONLY Entry Fee per Team
(Singles or Doubles)
Double Elimination - Limited to 25 Teams
Sponsored by the City of Benton

CAR SHOW

Main Street Downtown
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Awards at 7:00 pm
\$15 Entry Fee, No Classes
Proceeds Go to Sunlight Children's Services
Sponsored by Rick and Vicki Prather

STREET DANCE

Downtown
7:00 pm
Live Music by Trent Crisswell

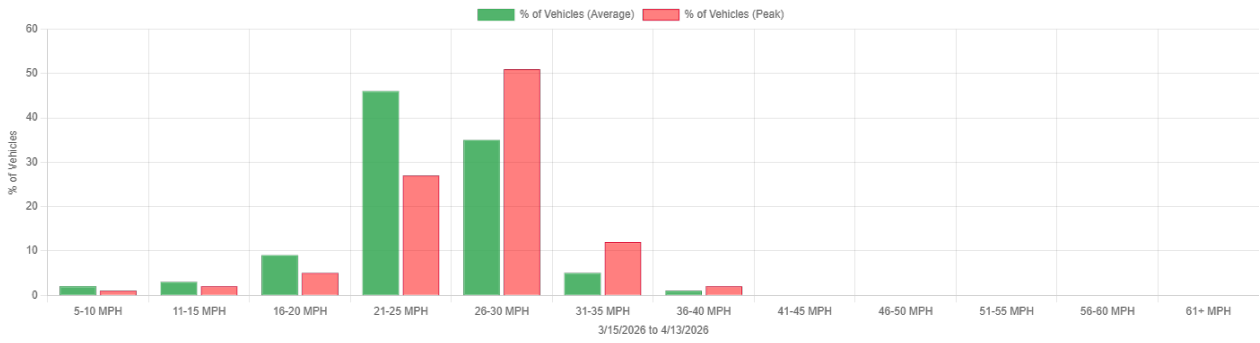
BENTON DAY T-SHIRTS

Available For Purchase Online ONLY
Visit <https://benton-t-shirts.printify.me/>

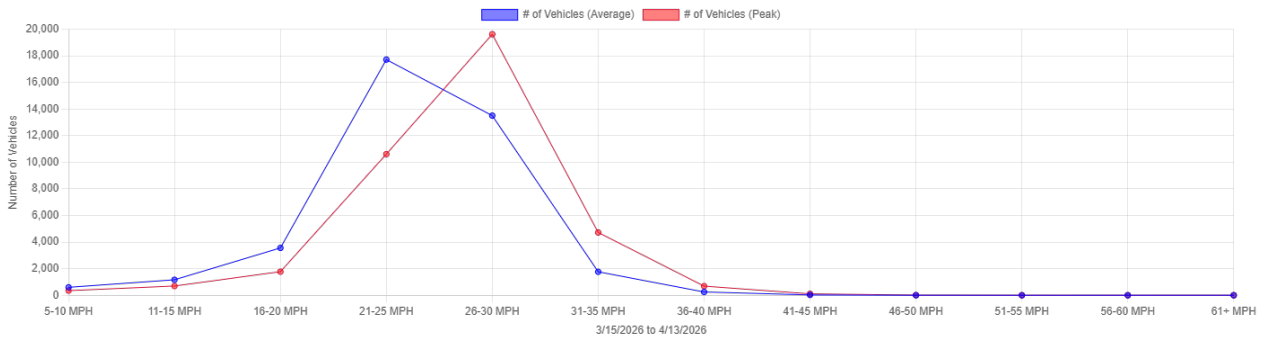


Benton Garage Sale Days May 15-17

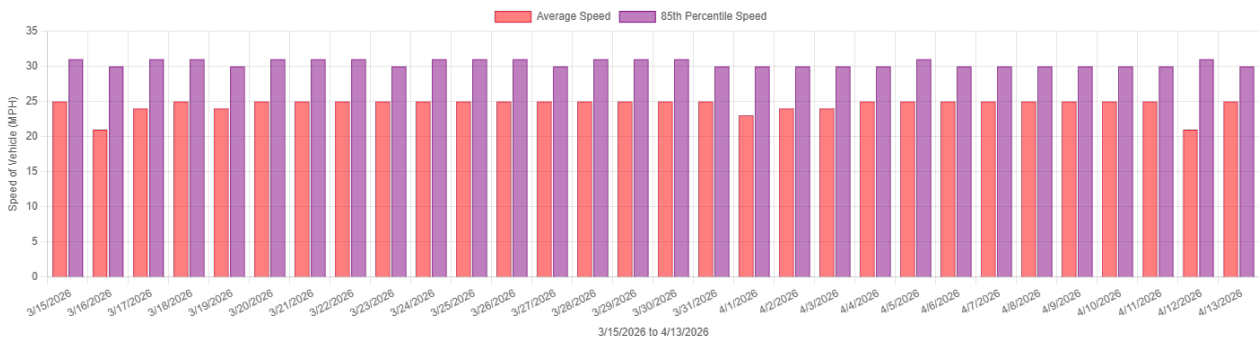
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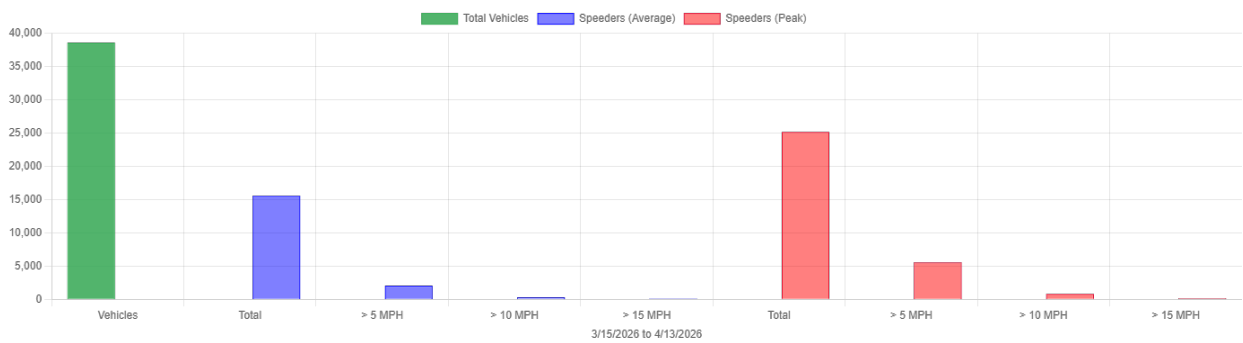
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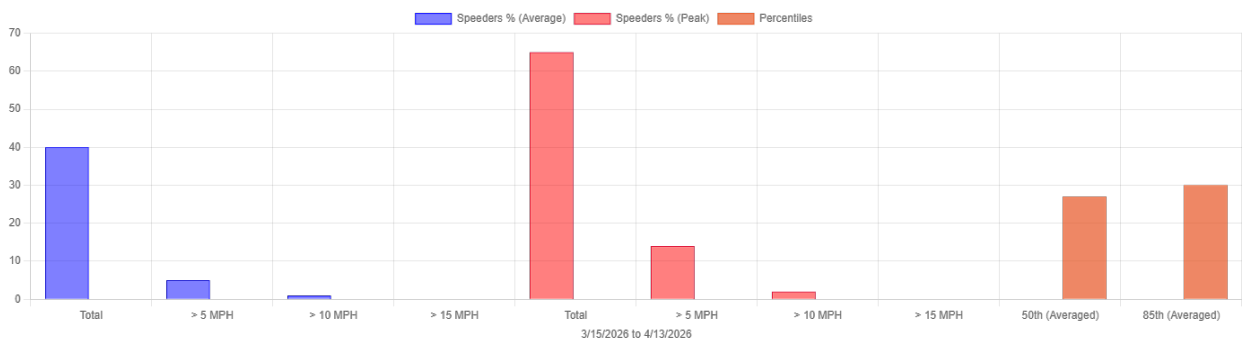
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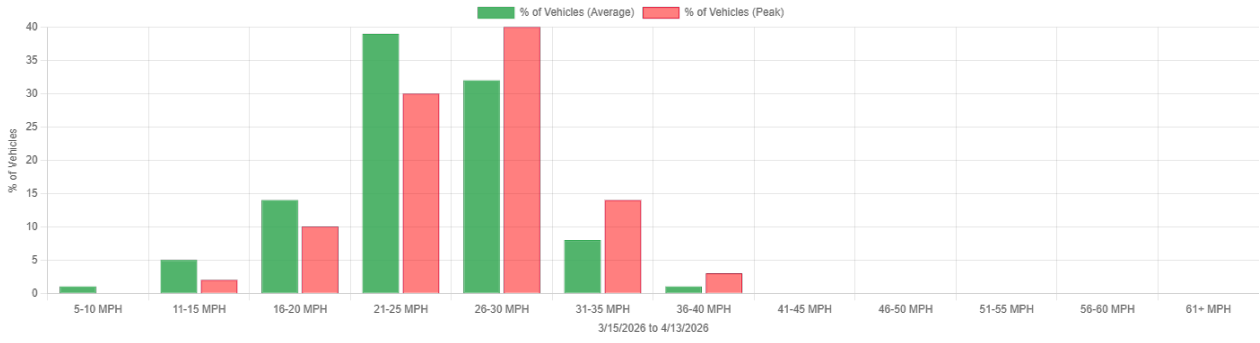
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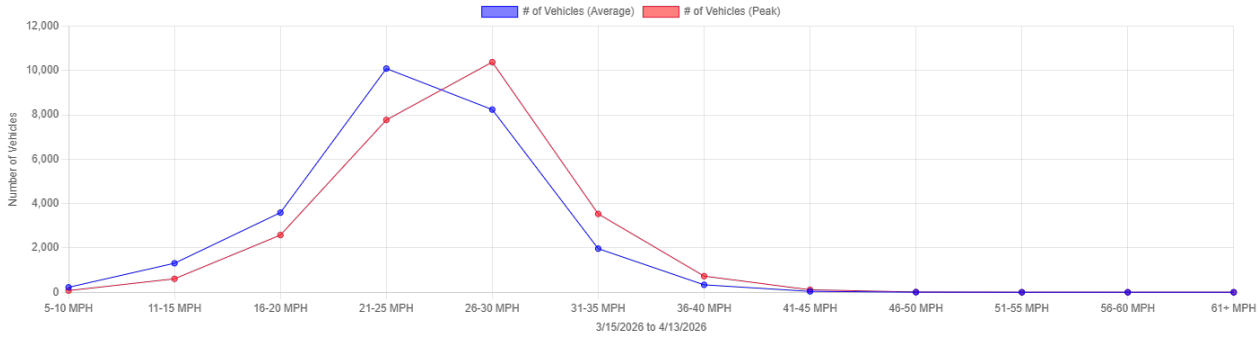
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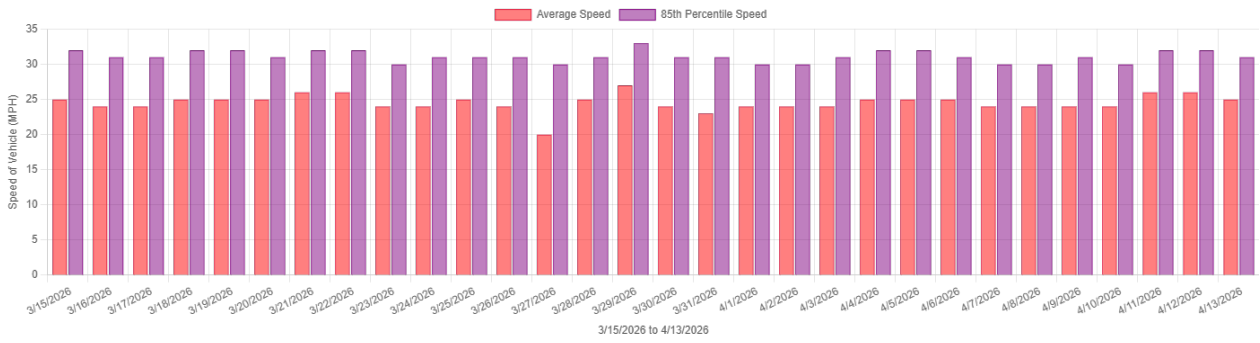
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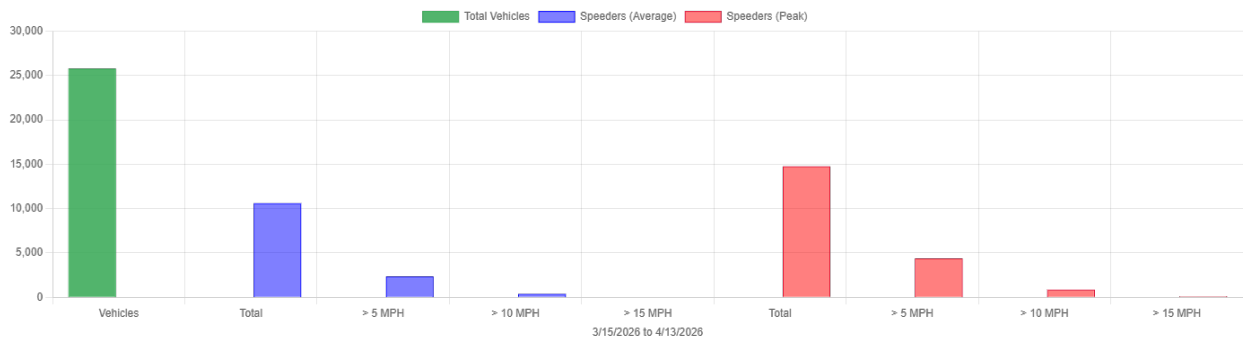
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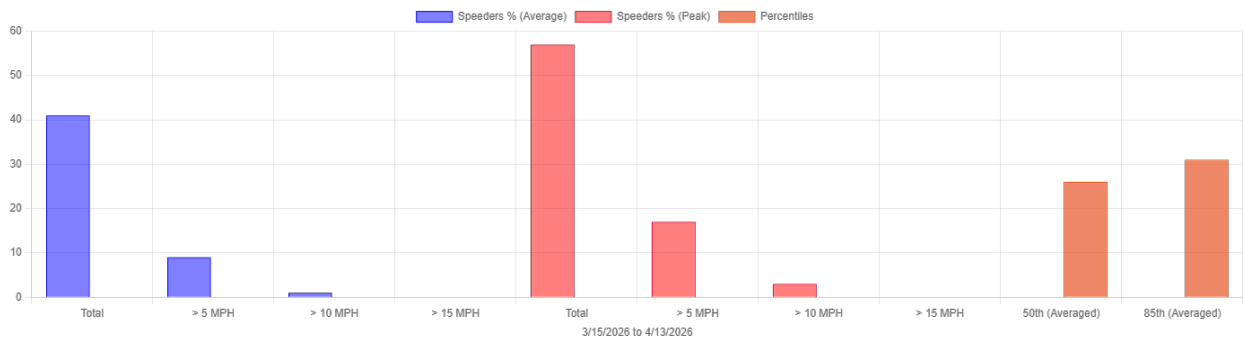
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2026 Benton Day

CORNHOLE *Tournament*

Sponsored by the Benton Police Department



April 25, 2026

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**Prizes for 1st and 2nd Place
Prizes based on entry fees collected**

Registration \$20 per team double elimination

**Pre-registration required. Contact Chief Kichler to register.
Onsite registration and fee payment begins at noon on day of event.
Event limited to 25 teams.**

CALL 316-778-1818 | kkichler@bentonks.org

3rd Annual

KID'S FISHING DERBY

@ The Benton Pond



Reel in the
Big One!

Saturday
May 30th

OPEN TO KIDS AGES 16 YEARS & YOUNGER

Prizes for Biggest and Most Fish Caught

Watch Facebook for Updates and More Information

Fishing Starts at 9 am

Winners announced around 11:30

Our FB page Police Department Benton Kansas

2027 Budget

- Workshop requested prior to May council meeting for discussion and line by line review.
- Current draft includes a 1% increase in property taxes, or \$7,000 in total from 2026 to 2027. (\$692K in 2026, to \$699K in 2027).
- Entirety of \$7K increase is funded by new additions on the property tax collection, plus additional properties reduce the amount paid by carry over properties.
- Average home should see an additional reduction in City of Benton property taxes for 2027.
- Forecasted Mill Levy Rate to be 39.00 Mills.
- Due to state procedure, the 1% increase may necessitate a Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing, which would be in June. This depends on the Revenue Rate calculation sent to us in May by the County Clerk.

Executive Session motion

Moved:

That the governing body recess into executive session IAW K.S.A. 75-4319(b) to discuss non-elected personnel matters/attorney client privilege. Further, required to attend this session is the Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator and the City Council. Further, that the governing body return to open session at _____PM