

Another *Benton Spirit* Production...

# Benton Harbor Celebrates!

You are invited to the party – Benton Harbor's two-year long birthday party.  
It's your birthday, Benton Harbor. Let's come together and celebrate.

## Why Benton Harbor Celebrates?

On March 14, 1865 -- 150 years ago -- Brunson Harbor became the *village* of Benton Harbor. Then on June 5, 1891 -- 124 years ago -- the state of Michigan granted a charter and Benton Harbor was incorporated as a *city*. These historical events were confirmed *via* documents received by the *Benton Spirit* Community Newspaper from the Secretary of State for Michigan. So, within the next two years Benton Harbor has a lot of celebrating to do!!!

In celebration of this history, *Benton Spirit* will observe in our publication, online and in hardcopy, the sesquicentennial (150 years) anniversary of the name change in 2015 and continue throughout 2016 in celebration of 125 years of Benton Harbor as an incorporated and chartered city.

## What can you do?

1. **Create your own birthday greeting for March 14, 2015.** Tell *Benton Spirit* about it. Send us a copy of your greeting, along with your picture (if desired). Upload your greeting to the **Benton Harbor Celebrates** Facebook page or email it to [bentonspirit@bentonharborcelebrates.com](mailto:bentonspirit@bentonharborcelebrates.com) or mail it in using the attached form. Birthday greetings received by March 15, may be published in our March 19 edition.
2. Join the **Benton Harbor Celebrates** Facebook group. Updates will be placed there.
3. Send us your ideas, photos, videos, and stories about people, places and events (past and present) that you want published in *Benton Spirit* as part of our two-year celebration. We want to hear from every group, every church, every business, every school, every resident **and everyone who loves Benton Harbor.**

## How can you reach us?

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**Benton Harbor Celebrates** is about you...by you...for you.

Benton Harbor. Join in!