



**BENZIE  
COUNTY**

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# Zoning Newsletter

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## Special Information

- Planning Commission meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. Additional meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each month as needed.
- The ZORC meets each 2nd Wednesday of the month.
- Zoning Board of Appeals meets as necessary which is typically once a month.
- Zoning Department is open from 8-12 and 1-5 Monday through Friday.

## Permits

Permits for a number of activities are obtain through the Zoning Department. Please call us.

- New homes
- Additions
- Fences
- Decks
- Sheds
- Garages
- Signs
- Pools
- Ponds
- Earth moving activities near a lake or stream
- Tree removal
- Demolition



Excitement is spreading across Benzie County as more people rev up for the Grand Vision, a fascinating, fun way to figure out our future together.

Where will we put the people moving into Benzie County in the next 20 to 40 years? What about traffic, our scenery, our farms? What kind of growth will keep our economy strong and vibrant? How can we build a local economy that helps our children stay

here? How do we improve our quality of life?

The Grand Vision is helping to answer these questions and many more about the future of Benzie County and its neighboring Counties. This is a study of land use and transportation that is built from the “scenario planning process”. Scenario planning is a way to look at more than one possible future for the region by viewing computer-driven graphics

that show what will happen when making different decisions about development and transportation. The scenarios are created by interested citizens who attend workshops and mark up maps to show the areas to protect, the areas to develop, to show roads, and to show other transportation facilities they want to see. All this future information is gathered to create maps that show how the area would grow, and how it will be protected.

## Come to the Workshop on May 28th. It'll be a lot of fun! (really)

Here is a warm invitation to join friends, neighbors, and elected officials for an enjoyable evening figuring out how our County should grow over the coming decades.

Your thoughts, ideas and marked-up maps will be blended to create the best

and brightest future for us and our children.

The Benzie County Grand Vision Workshop will be held on May 28th, 2008 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Crystal Mountain Resort. The evening is open to anyone and everyone. You can enjoy good com-

pany, snacks and refreshments while helping to plan how things will look in Benzie County in the coming years.

Learn more about the Grand Vision process at [www.TheGrandVision.org](http://www.TheGrandVision.org) or by calling the Zoning Department at 882-9674.