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# Newsletter

FROM THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS

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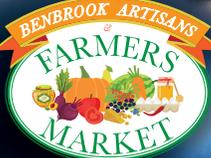
## Benbrook's 34th Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show

Capture the spirit of the season by joining the fun during Benbrook's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show **Saturday, December 6, 2025**, at Dutch Branch Park behind the Benbrook Community Center YMCA (1899 Winscott Rd.). The show will start at **7 p.m.** Attendees can watch Mr. & Mrs. Claus ride in on the Fire Truck, take pictures in the old-time sleigh, and even enjoy a cup of hot cocoa during the lighting of the tree and the fireworks show. The event is free to the public and hot chocolate will be available for purchase.



## Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus will return to the Benbrook YMCA **Friday, December 5, 2025**, from **6 p.m. - 8 p.m.** Refreshments will be provided along with reindeer games during the event. Pictures are \$5.00 each and all proceeds go to The Spirit of Christmas. This benefits Benbrook families in need during the holiday season. For more information, contact the Benbrook Fire Department at **817-249-1727**.



December 7th  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information,  
call 817-821-7386.

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benbrook-tx.gov

## YMCA News



### Join the Y this January and Save!

Pay the Day, whatever the date is, that is what you pay to join. The earlier you join the more you save. Remember, Benbrook Residents always receive 20% off their monthly dues, with proof of residency.

### Middle School Madness

Want a fun, safe place for your Middle School kids to hang out? Bring them to the Y for Middle School Madness **December 19** from **7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.** The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. This cost includes dinner, games, prizes, and a great time. Sign up in person at the Benbrook Y or online at [ymcafw.org](http://ymcafw.org).

### YMCA's Homeschool P.E.

This program is designed to help kids improve fitness and motor skills. Register now for the Y's next six-week session starting **December 3** through **January 28**. Classes are every Wednesday from **1 p.m. - 2 p.m.** Stop by the Benbrook YMCA to register or visit [ymcafw.org/programs/homeschool-programs](http://ymcafw.org/programs/homeschool-programs).

## My Benbrook Mile

The City of Benbrook invites individuals and groups to participate in the Adopt-a-Mile program and make a positive impact on the community. By adopting a city roadway or park area, you can help keep streets clean and beautiful. To participate, register online at [benbrook-tx.gov/216/Trash-Recycling-Environmental](http://benbrook-tx.gov/216/Trash-Recycling-Environmental).

For more information, contact Cecilia Ventura at **817-249-6008**.



## Tips for a Warmer, More Efficient Home

As the temperature drops, it's important to ensure your home is energy efficient to stay warm and comfortable while reducing your energy bills. Here are some tips to help you save energy and money this winter.

- **Seal up drafts:** Check your windows and doors for drafts and seal them with weatherstripping or caulk.
- **Program your thermostat:** Set your thermostat to a lower temperature at night and when you're away from home. Consider using a programmable thermostat to automate this process.
- **Use energy-efficient appliances:** When replacing appliances, choose energy-efficient models with ENERGY STAR certification.
- **Install LED light bulbs:** LED bulbs use less energy and last longer than traditional incandescent bulbs.
- **Unplug electronics:** Even when turned off, electronics can consume energy. Unplug them when not in use.
- **Maintain your HVAC system:** Regular maintenance, including cleaning and tune-ups, can help your HVAC system operate more efficiently.

For more information, visit [energy.gov](http://energy.gov).



## Protect Your Irrigation Systems from Freezing Before Winter Arrives!

Most BWA customers with home irrigation systems have reduced pressure zone (RPZ) backflow prevention devices. These devices are essential for protecting the public water supply from potential contamination caused by backflow events. To ensure proper operation and prevent damage, homeowners are responsible for maintaining and winterizing their RPZ devices to protect them from freezing. For more information, visit the BWA's cross-connection control web page: [benbrookwater.com/159/Backflow-Cross-Connection](http://benbrookwater.com/159/Backflow-Cross-Connection)



## Benbrook PD Household Watch Program

The Benbrook Police Department provides a House Watch program that enables residents to notify patrol personnel of short-term absences from their homes. Homeowners complete a House Watch form with basic information regarding the duration of the stay, vehicles, pets, emergency contacts, etc. The information is passed on to officers, who will periodically provide extra patrol during the designated time. The application is available on the City website, but it must be submitted in person to the Police Department at 1080 Mercedes St. For more information, call the Benbrook Police Department at **817-249-1610**.





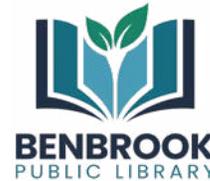
## Christmas Tree Disposal

For your convenience, Republic Services offers curbside Christmas tree pick-up. Simply place your tree at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesdays, to be picked up within 72 hours, like normal brush collection. Remove nails, stands, plastic bags, and decorations from all trees.



## Holly Jolly Holiday at the Benbrook Public Library

The Benbrook Public Library will host its 11th Annual Holly Jolly Holiday celebration **Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.** This holiday celebration is **FREE** for the entire family. It features a harpist, a reindeer photo opportunity, the Uptown Carolers performing holiday songs, balloon making, a special appearance by Mrs. Claus, and a holiday elf show. Arts and crafts, laser engraved ornaments, hot chocolate, and other refreshments will be available throughout the day. All ages are invited to attend and celebrate the holiday season.



### Holiday Gift Wrapping

For those who need time and space to do holiday gift wrapping away from prying eyes, the Library is offering the space to wrap! **Tuesday, December 2, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.,** and **Thursday, December 18, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** The Library will provide wrapping paper, tape, scissors, and ribbon to help make your presents sparkle. The Library provides the space; you do the wrapping!

For more information, visit [benbrooklibrary.org](http://benbrooklibrary.org), or call the Benbrook Public Library at **817-249-6632**.

## Holiday Cooking Tips

Don't let fats, oils, and grease ruin your holidays! As you prepare your festive meals, remember to:

- Cool grease and pour it into a can, such as a coffee or soup can.
- Seal the can and place it in the trash.
- For larger amounts of oil from deep-frying a turkey, mix it with an absorbent material like cat litter or sawdust before throwing it out.
- Wipe greasy pots and pans with a paper towel before washing.
- Never pour fats, oils, or grease down the drain



## Weatherizing Your Pool for the Winter



Weatherizing your pool for the winter will help save you thousands of dollars in repairs. It is important to know how your pool equipment operates as weatherization can vary depending on its features. Always call a professional for advice on how to weatherize your specific pool.

For more information, visit [ndpa.org](http://ndpa.org)

## Senior News

Winter is here, and the Benbrook Senior Citizen Center has plenty of exciting indoor activities to keep you warm and entertained. The Senior Citizen Center hosts a Bingo Night on the first Friday of every month from **6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**, and Rock Painting on the second Wednesday of every month starting at **11:30 a.m.** Seniors are also invited to participate in the following activities:

- **Bridge:** Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m.
- **Pegs and Jokers:** Monday and Friday, 12 p.m.
- **Chair Yoga:** Tuesday, 9 a.m.
- **Canasta:** Thursday, 9 a.m.
- **Dominoes 42:** Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m.
- **Hand and Foot:** Daily, 9 a.m.
- **Mexican Train Dominoes:** Tuesday and Thursday, 12 p.m.

The monthly calendar is posted on the Benbrook Senior Citizens Center Facebook page. For more information, call the Benbrook Senior Citizens Center at **817-249-6093**.





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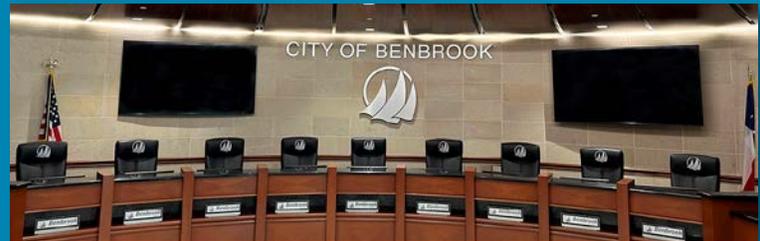
## Republic Trash

### Trash & Recycling Collection Dates

Republic Services will not be adjusting trash and recycling collection dates for the holidays. All trash and recycling collection will take place on the City of Benbrook's normal collection day. The bulk pick-up schedule is not affected by these holiday changes.

For more information, contact Republic Services Customer Service at **817-332-7301**.

## City Council



Benbrook City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at **7 p.m.** at the Benbrook City Hall (911 Winscott Rd.).

# Support Benbrook Businesses by Shopping Local This Holiday Season!

The Benbrook Economic Development's ZoomBusiness website makes it easy to find shops and services in Benbrook.

Simply visit ***BenbrookZoomBusiness.com***.

If you are interested in listing your Benbrook business for **FREE**, call the Economic Development Department at **817-249-6990**.



## City Hall Closures

Benbrook City Hall will be closed December 25 and 26, 2025, for the Christmas Holiday, and closed January 1, 2026, for New Year's Day.