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Benbrook Heritage Fest 2021

Benbrook is "Saddling Up" to host its annual Heritage Fest on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at Dutch Branch Park, from **10 a.m. to 7 p.m.** This **FREE** family-friendly event is packed full of exciting western entertainment, musical performances, food, hayrides, a chuckwagon dinner, and many other activities honoring our community's western heritage. Attendees are invited to participate in a dog costume contest, stick horse race, and a pie baking contest. Enjoy live entertainment by Heroes of the Old West, the Klassy Kloggers, the Odawa Native American Tribal Dancers, FootWorks Performing Arts Studio, Southern Chrome Band, Sallie's School of Dance, and country and western music singer Stan Mahler; headliner Chasing Texas Band will wrap-up the evening on the main stage with a country western musical performance. This year's "Cowboy Roundup" has something for everyone.



Chasing Texas Band



Come and get'm! Chuckwagon Dinner Tickets on sale now!! Step back in time and enjoy an authentic chuckwagon dinner. This family style chuckwagon dinner will offer chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuits, homemade cobbler, a drink, and all the fixins'. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids 12 and under. There are a limited number of tickets available. Call 817-249-6090 to purchase your tickets today!

The Stick Horse Race competition will be open to kids seven years of age and younger. Cow punchers will maneuver their ponies through the cloverleaf barrel pattern as fast as their little legs will carry them. They can show off their best dressed ponies at the contest too. Prizes will be given for the fastest three times and the top three best costumes. However, costumes are not required. All racers will receive a goodie bag. To sign your little cow puncher up to run the barrels with the other cowboys and cowgirls, visit Benbrook-tx.gov/HeritageFest. There are no entry fees, but you must register by September 1 to enter the contest.



Calling all pie bakers! If you think you bake a pretty good pie, then we have the contest for you. This year's event will host a pie baking contest for all ages. Contestants will be split-up into two age divisions including: 18 & under and 19 & up. Pies must be homemade by the contestant. Prizes will be awarded for the best tasting, best presentation, and most unique in each age division. There are no entry fees, but you must register by September 1 to enter the contest. Pie bakers can sign up by visiting Benbrook-tx.gov/HeritageFest or by calling 817-249-6090.



Do you have the cutest pooch around? Here is an opportunity for you to show off your dog's cutest costume. This year's event will host a dog costume contest for all ages. Any costume will work. Prizes will be awarded to the top three best costumes. There are no entry fees, but you must register by September 1 to enter the contest. Dog owners can visit Benbrook-tx.gov/HeritageFest to learn more about the rules and sign up their best dressed pooch.

For questions or to reserve your sponsorship or vendor spot, visit us online at Benbrook-tx.gov/HeritageFest or call 817-249-6090. Space is limited. This year's Heritage Fest is brought to you in part by the City of Benbrook and Pinnacle Bank.

Benbrook
Heritage Fest
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Watch public meetings live on the Benbrook Government Access Cable Channel: Spectrum, Channel 190



Boards & Commission Applications

Looking for a volunteer service opportunity? In mid-September, the Benbrook City Council will begin accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment/Board of Appeals, Park & Recreation Board, and the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation Board. Applications and information are available at Benbrook City Hall (911 Winscott Rd.). Information is also available online at Benbrook-tx.gov/114/Boards-Commission. You may also email your application to jking@benbrook-tx.gov. The application deadline is October 25, 2021.



38th Annual National Night Out

Please join us on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, as we partner with thousands of communities in Texas for the 38th Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime efforts, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and community partnerships. The event will be held at the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA (1899 Winscott Rd.) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be food trucks, music, vendors, and public safety equipment displays. Bring the kids and let them meet police and fire department personnel and get an up-close look at the equipment used to help make Benbrook safe. If you have questions about the event or are interested in becoming a vendor, contact Detective James Hatton at jhatton@benbrook-tx.gov or 817-249-6089.



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site

Do you have old paint or cooking oil sitting around your home? Old batteries or automotive fluids taking space in the garage? Benbrook residents may take household hazardous waste to the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center (ECC), located at 6400 Bridge St., throughout the year. The Fort Worth ECC is open every Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be prepared to present identification as proof of Benbrook residency (e.g., utility bill, driver license). Questions? Call 817-392-3279. A list of accepted items is available at Benbrook-tx.gov/441/Household-Hazardous-Waste.



29th Annual Trash Bash Cleanup

Join us for Benbrook's 29th Annual Trash Bash Cleanup on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at Dutch Branch Park. This event offers a fantastic way to show your Benbrook pride!

Volunteers will be assigned to pick up litter and debris — gloves and trash bags will be provided. The event is open to all ages, and groups are welcome. On the day of the event, registration will open at 8:30 a.m., cleanup will begin at 9 a.m. A free hot dog lunch will wrap-up the event.

Dutch Branch Park is located behind the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA (1899 Winscott Rd.). Volunteers will gather at pavilion #4 located behind the concession stand, in the rear parking lot. Advance registration is requested. To register, please call 817-249-6008.

BENBROOK HERITAGE FEST

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome from Mayor Jerry Dittrich
- 10:15 a.m. Old West Reenactment by Heroes of the Old West — Old Town City
- 10:15 a.m. Sallie's School of Dance
- 10:30 a.m. Dog Costume Contest
- 11:15 a.m. Pie Contest Winners Announced
- 11:30 a.m. Odawa Native American Tribal Dancers
- 12:00 p.m. Hometown Pride Business Recognition — Benbrook Lighted Par 3 & Range
- 12:30 p.m. Southern Chrome Band
- 1:30 p.m. Old West Reenactment by Heroes of the Old West — Old Town City
- 2:00 p.m. Klassy Kloggers
- 3:00 p.m. Stick Horse Race
- 4:00 p.m. Stan Mahler Country & Western Music
- 4:30 p.m. Old West Reenactment by Heroes of the Old West — Old Town City
- 5:00 p.m. FootWorks Performing Arts Studio
- 6:00 p.m. Chuckwagon Dinner with the Chasing Texas Band

ADDITIONAL FREE ACTIVITIES

- *Western-Themed Mini Golf sponsored by Benbrook Lighted Par 3 & Range
- Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides sponsored by Cartwright Ranch
- Punkin' Patch sponsored by Walmart
- Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Archery Range
- Tractor Hayrides sponsored by the Benbrook Stables
- Wild West Obstacle Course sponsored by the Benbrook YMCA
- Sand Art Station sponsored by the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club

*Enjoy one free round of mini golf from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Benbrook Lighted Par 3 & Range located next to the YMCA.



Benbrook Community Center/YMCA News

FALL SPORTS

Registration is open for our fall sports season! The YMCA will be offering soccer (3-12 years old), volleyball (7-15 years old) and football (5-12 years old). Sign up online or at one of our branches.

YOU BELONG AT THE Y!

Join the Y in September and save. Bring your Benbrook Water Bill in for a 20% resident discount on membership and programs. For details, contact us at 817-249-0500.

AFTERSCHOOL CHILDCARE

Register for the 2021-2022 YMCA Afterschool Childcare Program available to students attending Benbrook, Westpark, and Waverly Park Elementary schools. Register at ymcafw.org/programs/education.

Do you like working with children? There are many benefits to working for our Childcare Program including a consistent schedule, free YMCA membership, no late nights, no weekends, and much more. Visit our website at ymcafw.org/jobs to learn more.



Benbrook Senior Center Events

The Benbrook Senior Center offers many engaging and informative events and activities throughout the year. If you feel like moving and grooving, join us for our Senior Dances August 27 and September 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. On September 30, we will be hosting our annual Health Fair featuring presentations from various local vendors regarding healthcare, housing, medical, investments, and legal topics.

You're also welcome to drop by for daily social activities Monday through Friday. The Senior Center, located at 1010 Mercedes St., is open every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The monthly calendar is posted on the Benbrook Senior Center's Facebook page @BenbrookSeniorCenter. For more information, contact us at 817-249-6300.

New TextMyBenbrook Service

The City of Benbrook is making it easier than ever to engage with citizens by launching its new TextMyBenbrook messaging service. Residents can now report non-emergency concerns such as potholes, code violations, or missed garbage pickups by sending a text with a photo and location description to TextMyBenbrook at 817-443-6249. Residents can report their concerns to TextMyBenbrook 24/7; however, text messages will be processed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To report an emergency, call 911.

Benbrook Public Library Joins New Consortium

The Benbrook Public Library is becoming a member of MetroShare Libraries, a new North Texas library consortium. This will enable Benbrook cardholders to borrow items both in person and via courier from other MetroShare Libraries including Burleson, Forest Hill, Haltom City, Keller, Richland Hills, and Watauga public libraries. Additionally, the consortium will launch a new online catalog that provides a more user-friendly experience and an improved integration of digital titles. The new catalog and resource sharing will be available beginning Monday, August 23. Learn more at BenbrookLibrary.org.

Weekly Pet Adoption Events

Do you need a new four-legged family member? In-person adoptions are back in full swing! Benbrook 4Paws will be hosting adoption events at the Benbrook Animal Shelter (469 Winscott Rd.) every Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Questions? Call 817-372-9044.

Tips for Keeping your Pet Safe in the Heat of Summer

Summertime in Texas is here! We all like to find ways to stay cool especially during this time of year. Keep in mind animals are vulnerable to the heat just like us. Here are a couple of friendly reminders to keep in mind:

- ❑ Animals should not be left alone in vehicles with no air conditioning and the windows rolled up. Temperatures inside can reach dangerous levels within minutes.
- ❑ Always make sure your pets have access to clean water and shade when left outside.
- ❑ Your pets would like to stay cool too; here are some fun ideas to help your furry family member beat the heat when they aren't lounging on the couch enjoying the air conditioning:
 - ❑ A small kiddie pool with fresh water.
 - ❑ Use a sprinkler to water your yard and let your dog play in it.
 - ❑ Freeze water bottles for a fun cool toy.
 - ❑ Find recipes for "pupsicles" for a cool tasty treat.





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Waterline Renewal Project

The Benbrook Water Authority is planning improvements to portions of the water distribution system in North Benbrook during the Fall of 2021. In 2020, the Authority began preparing plans and specifications for the replacement and/or abandonment of various aging water distribution mains at the following locations:

- Van Deman Dr. from Chapin Rd. to Burkett Dr.
- Delmas Dr. from Chapin Rd. to Van Deman Dr.
- Van Deman Ct.
- Sirocka Ct.
- Schley Ct.

This project is being undertaken to renew aging water infrastructure that has been subject to several water main breaks in recent years, and primarily involves the installation of new 8-inch and 12-inch water mains. It also involves the replacement of water services between the water main and meter at each residence within the project limits. The project is being funded through revenue bonds received by the Authority in 2019, and it is currently estimated to cost approximately \$950,000. The Authority anticipates selecting a contractor in early August and beginning construction in September 2021. The project is anticipated to be complete by the end of this year. For more information, visit the Benbrook Water Authority website at BenbrookWater.com.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Benbrook Artisans and Farmers Market is open to the public the first Sunday of each month at Dutch Branch Park, located near the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA (1899 Winscott Rd.). A variety of vendors will be on-site offering fresh seasonal produce, plants and flowers, and specialty items to include local honey, artisanal cheeses, dog treats, and more. The August market will be held on **Sunday, August 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, and the September market will be held on **Sunday, September 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** For more information, follow the Market's Facebook page @BenbrookArtisansFarmersMarket. Interested in becoming a vendor? Contact Serena at pinkyspeakprovisions@gmail.com or 817-821-7386.

City Council

- Jerry Dittrich..... Mayor
- Renee FranklinPlace 2
- Larry Marshall.....Place 3
- Dustin PhillipsPlace 4
- Alfredo ValverdePlace 5
- Laura MackeyPlace 6
- Jason Ward.....Place 7

Benbrook City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Benbrook City Hall (911 Winscott Rd.).

Call for Volunteer Judges

The Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) is searching for volunteer judges to sample a variety of barbecue at their annual BBQ Cook-Off competition on October 16. To register, call 817-249-4451 or email info@BenbrookChamber.org.

Support Local Businesses SHOP LOCAL!

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation's (BEDC) ZoomBusiness website makes it easy to find businesses near you. Simply visit BenbrookZoomBusiness.com.

Interested in listing your business for free? Visit BenbrookEDC.com or call 817-249-6990.

**Benbrook
 City Hall
 will be closed
 Labor Day,
 September 6, 2021.**