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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, hayrides, food, vendors, 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 competition, 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, Sallie's School of Dance, the Southern Chrome Band, and Stan Mahler; the headliner Chasing Texas Band will wrap-up the evening on the main stage with a country western musical performance. This year's "Cowboy Roundup" is brought to you in part by Pinnacle Bank Benbrook and the City of Benbrook. See insert for event details and schedule. For questions, call **817-249-6090**.



38th Annual National Night

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 outside the Benbrook Community Center YMCA (1899 Winscott Rd.), from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be food trucks, music, vendors, bounce houses, 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 keep Benbrook safe. If you have questions about the event or are interested in becoming a vendor,

contact Detective J. Hatton at jhatton@benbrook-tx.gov or **817-249-6089**.

National Drug Take-Back Day

In partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Benbrook Police Department is hosting a National Drug Take-Back Initiative to collect unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications for proper disposal. The event is FREE and open to the public on Saturday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Benbrook Fire Station (528 Mercedes St.). Please note: Inhalers, Intra-venous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens. For questions, contact Detective J. Hatton at jhatton@benbrook-tx.gov or **817-249-6089**.

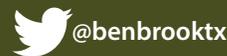
Benbrook City Hall Holiday Closures

Benbrook City Hall will be closed on Columbus Day (10/11) and for the Thanksgiving holiday (11/25 - 11/26). These holiday closures will not impact trash and recycling services. You may place your trash and recycling at the curb on your regularly scheduled pickup day.

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Watch public meetings live on our Benbrook Government Access Cable Channel: Spectrum, Channel 190

November 2, 2021

General Election Information for the Benbrook City Council and Benbrook Water Authority Board of Directors

City of Benbrook General Election to fill two-year terms:

- Mayor, Place 1
- Member of Council, Place 3
- Member of Council, Place 5
- Member of Council, Place 7

BWA's General Election:

The Benbrook Water Authority's (BWA) General Election is to fill three Board of Director positions (four-year terms). Learn more about BWA's Board positions at BenbrookWater.com.

When is the election? What are the hours?

The election is Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Who is permitted to vote in the election?

All persons residing within the City limits of Benbrook who possess a valid Voter Registration Certificate issued by the Tarrant County Election Administrator.

When and where is Early (absentee) Voting?

Early voting by personal appearance will be held at the Benbrook Community Center, (228 San Angelo Ave., Benbrook, TX 76126) and the Tarrant County Main Early Voting Site (2700 Premier St., Fort Worth, TX 76111). Other polling locations are listed on the Tarrant County Election website: TarrantCounty.com/evote.

Monday – Friday, October 18 – 22, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 23, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday, October 24, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Monday – Friday, October 25 – 29, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Can a ballot be obtained and cast by mail?

Yes, applications for Ballot by Mail may be downloaded at TarrantCounty.com/Elections and submitted by mail, fax, or email through October 22, 2021, to the following:

Tarrant County Elections

P.O. Box 961011, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0011
Phone: 817-831-8683
Email: votebymail@tarrantcounty.com
Fax: 817-850-2344

Express Courier Delivery

Tarrant County Elections Administration,
2700 Premier St., Fort Worth, TX 76111-3011

What are the requirements to obtain and cast a Ballot by Mail?

1. Voter is 65 years of age or older on Election Day
2. Voter is disabled
For #1 or #2, the ballot must be mailed to the voter registration residence address/ mailing address, or to a hospital, nursing home/long-term care facility, retirement center, or address of a relative. The relationship of the relative must be indicated.

3. Voter is confined in jail – ballot must be mailed to the jail or address of a relative.
4. Voter is expected to be absent from the county on Election Day and during hours of regular early voting by personal appearance – Applications must be submitted from outside the county if submitted after early voting by personal appearance has begun. **BALLOTS MUST BE MAILED TO AN ADDRESS OUTSIDE THE COUNTY. RETURN BALLOTS MUST BE POST MARKED AND RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTY.**

Where are the Election Day Polling Places?

A complete list of local polling places will be posted on the Tarrant County Elections website as soon as the polling place locations have been secured at TarrantCounty.com/evote. The local polling place will be held at the Benbrook Community Center (228 San Angelo Ave., Benbrook, TX 76126).

PLEASE NOTE:

VOTE HERE Tarrant County has been designated as a Vote Center. As a Vote Center, Benbrook voters may vote at any Tarrant County polling place on Election Day and during Early Voting and are not restricted to the voter's election precinct.

Fall and Winter Sports Programs

Registration is open for the fall and winter sports season! The YMCA will be offering football (5-12 yrs.) and basketball (3-15 yrs.). The football season begins November 6 and basketball season begins January 8. Sign up online at ymcafw.org or at the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA (1899 Winscott Rd.).

Trunk or Treat at the YMCA

Join us on October 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the YMCA's Annual Trunk or Treat event! On site, there will be a DJ, food trucks, and plenty of fun activities for the whole family. Best of all, this spooktacular community event is FREE for everyone! If you would like to have a trunk or booth at the event, please contact Tonya Gertz at tgertz@ymcafw.org.

40th Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot

Since 1981, new generations of families turn out on Thanksgiving Day to experience the fun, family-friendly atmosphere of the YMCA Turkey Trot. When you register, you are signing up for more than just a race. One hundred percent of the proceeds go towards YMCA program scholarships for families in the community. No matter where you Trot with us, you are helping the YMCA continue to provide opportunities and access for all. Register today at fwttrot.org.

Storefront Program

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) promotes a diverse and vital economy by attracting new businesses, retaining and supporting existing businesses, facilitating desired development, and by promoting Benbrook as a place to live, work, and play.

The BEDC offers a matching fund reimbursement grant through the Storefront Improvement Program to encourage aesthetic improvements to maturing buildings in the Benbrook Community by providing financial resources to businesses for exterior property improvements, not relating to regular maintenance. The Storefront Improvement Program offers a 50% matching grant, not to exceed \$20,000, for costs associated with approved eligible improvements. For more information, visit BenbrookEDC.com.

Yellow Bag Program

The City's Yellow Bag program allows Benbrook residents to have their trash collected twice per week. On Saturdays, Republic Services collects all yellow bags placed curbside. Residents may purchase yellow bags in bundles of 10 for \$5.64 at Benbrook City Hall (911 Winscott Rd.).

Benbrook Artisans and Farmers Market

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, flowers, and specialty items to include local honey, artisanal cheeses, dog treats, and more. The October market will be held on **Sunday, October 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, and the November market will be held on **Sunday, November 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** For more information, follow the Market's Facebook page [@BenbrookArtisansFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/BenbrookArtisansFarmersMarket).

Interested in becoming a vendor? Contact Serena at pinkyspeakprovisions@gmail.com or 817-821-7386.

Citizens on Patrol Academy

The Benbrook Police Department is now accepting applications from residents interested in joining the Citizens on Patrol. For more information about the program, contact Detective J. Hatton at 817-249-6089 or jhatton@benbrook-tx.gov.

Activities and Events for Seniors

This Fall, the Benbrook Senior Citizen Center (1010 Mercedes St.) is offering a variety of engaging events and activities. If you feel like movin' and groovin', drop by the Senior Dance on October 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. You are also invited to participate in Ceramics with Steve on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to help organize monthly events and activities, contact Karol Arnette at 817-249-6300 or karnette@benbrook-tx.gov. Learn more about upcoming events and activities by visiting the Benbrook Senior Citizens Center's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/BenbrookSeniorCenter](https://www.facebook.com/BenbrookSeniorCenter).

Brush and Bulk Pickup

Fall is the time for tree trimming! Brush and bulk materials placed on the curb by Wednesday at 7 a.m. are collected by a special truck within 72 hours (by Saturday at 7 a.m.). Contractors hired for tree limb service are responsible for their own brush disposal as curb service is reserved for residents.

For questions regarding brush pickup, please call Benbrook City Hall at 817-249-3000.

Free E-Waste and Shred Collection

Bring your electronic waste and old documents to the City of Benbrook's FREE E-Waste and Shred Collection event on Saturday, October 16, at Dutch Branch Park in the rear parking lot behind the YMCA (1899 Winscott Rd.) from 8 a.m. to noon, **or until the trucks are full**. For details, visit Benbrook-tx.gov/216/Trash-Recycling-Environmental or call 817-249-6008.



Serve on a Board or Commission

Looking for a volunteer service opportunity? The Benbrook City Council is now accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on a Board or Commission. Applications and additional information are available at Benbrook City Hall (911 Winscott Rd.) or online at Benbrook-tx.gov/114/Boards-Commission. For questions, contact Joanna King at jking@benbrook-tx.gov.

The application deadline is **November 8, 2021**.

Friends of the Library Accepting New Members

The Friends of the Benbrook Library is seeking new members! The mission of the Friends is to enhance the Library's ability to provide excellent service to the citizens of Benbrook by obtaining supplementary funding for the Library, helping organize and facilitate book sales both at the Library and the Benbrook Antique Mall, and by providing other assistance deemed appropriate and necessary by the Library Director and the Board of Trustees. The Friends meet at the Library on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Membership applications are available at the Benbrook Public Library (1065 Mercedes St.). For more information, contact friends@benbrooklibrary.org.

Vincent Hancock Day

At the August 19, 2021, Benbrook City Council meeting, Mayor Dittrich honored Benbrook resident Vincent Hancock by proclamation designating August 19, 2021, as "Vincent Hancock Day" in the City of Benbrook. Mr. Hancock won gold in the men's skeet event after shooting an Olympic record 59 out of 60. "I am thankful to be an athlete doing what I love to do, and this is special, thank you," said Mr. Hancock, after retelling his story of glory from the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic Games. The Benbrook resident defeated Jasper Hansen of Denmark and Abdullah Alrashidi of Kuwait to earn a third gold medal in his career. "This is my third gold," as he held up the medal so Council and the audience could see it, "and I will be trying to get a fourth in Paris."



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“The Real Dirt” Economic Development Update

The Real Dirt is intended to share timely and accurate information regarding commercial and other development in Benbrook. Even though the development industry has been impacted by the pandemic, as the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) proactively engages businesses and developers, the Board has seen a continued interest in the Benbrook market. Through this interest, the following projects have moved forward.

Payne’s Florist & Gifts (8905 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377, Ste. A)
 – Payne’s Florist & Gifts is opening a new flower and gift shop within the Benbrook Common’s Shopping Center. The shop is scheduled to open in October.

Chipotle Mexican Grill (8522 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377)
 – Chipotle Mexican Grill will be building a 2,400 SF restaurant with a mobile order pick-up lane. Construction is expected to start within the next month.

Basis Charter School (8901 Vista Way) – Basis Charter Schools is building a 43,000 SF charter elementary K-5 campus for approximately 720 students behind Walmart on Vista Way. The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2022.

Mr. Jim’s Pizza (8905 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377, Ste. G) – Mr. Jim’s Pizza plans to open a new pizza restaurant within the Benbrook Common’s Shopping Center.

Black Rifle Coffee Co. (9001 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377) – Black Rifle Coffee Co. is opening a coffee shop in the original Braum’s location and where Marksmen Firearms & Outfitters were previously located.

Cake Ballerina (963 Winscott Rd.)
 – Cake Ballerina will be opening a new bakery within the Timber Creek Shopping Center.

Ace Hardware (9450 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377) – Ace Hardware is planning to open its retail store within the Benbrook Plaza in October. The store has almost completed the finish-out of its 15,000 SF space.

Russell Feed & Supply (8704 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377)
 – Russell Feed & Supply will soon be starting construction on their new 14,700 SF building.

Audi Dealership (NE corner of I-20 Frontage Rd. and Hawkins Center Dr.) – The Audi Dealership has already started construction on their new full-service 7.185-acre dealership project.

Taco Bueno (8528 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377) – Taco Bueno is planning to open in the former Jack-in-the-Box building on Benbrook Boulevard. They are in the process of remodeling the space and will open when it is complete.

Victron (Corner Hawkins Rd. & Hwy 377) – The 3.627-acre tract has been subdivided into three commercial properties. Victron anticipates opening a convenience store on one of the tracts; the remaining two tracts are available for additional retail development.

Tint World (6260 Southwest Blvd.)
 – Tint World is currently remodeling their new space in the Ajax Glass Plaza.

Rooftops

Multi-Family Development
 – Album Benbrook, the 179-unit active senior adult multi-family development is ongoing. The Walnut Creek multi-family development (Creekside at Benbrook) is projected to start this year, which includes 374 residential units.

Residential Development
 – More than 230 residential lots will be developed in the Walnut Creek, Whitestone Point, Whitestone Heights Phase 2, Whitestone Crest Phase 2, and the Brookside Phase 4 subdivisions.

For additional questions, citizens can call the Economic Development Department at 817-249-6990.

Citizens can always stay informed by attending City Council Meetings or BEDC Board Meetings.

BACC News

The Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Annual Benbrook BBQ Cook-Off on Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16. Enter the competition or sign-up to be a judge today by calling 817-249-4451. This event is IBCA Sanctioned with a First Responder Challenge presented in part by Benbrook Par 3 & Driving Range and TotalCare ER. A portion of the proceeds go towards the Benbrook Police Officers Association and Benbrook Fire Association.

City Council

- Jerry Dittrich.....Mayor
- Renee FranklinPlace 2
- Larry MarshallPlace 3
- Dustin PhillipsPlace 4
- Alfredo ValverdePlace 5
- Laura Mackey.....Place 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.).