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Parks and Recreation Board Invites Residents to Open House

Residents are invited to a Parks and Recreation Open House Wednesday, April 27, 2022, from 4-8 p.m. at the Benbrook Senior Citizens Center, located at 911 Winscott Rd. The Open House will gather public feedback on the proposed updates to the Parks and Open Space Master Plan with a drop-in style format, allowing residents to come and go.

The master plan update process began as a goal of the Benbrook Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted by the Benbrook City Council in February 2020. Prior to the plan being adopted, residents were asked to participate in a Community Interest Survey to gather viewpoints on existing parks, and future recreational and facility needs. Over 500 survey responses were submitted to the City.

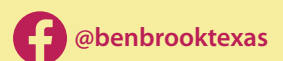
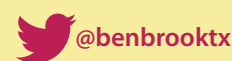
The Parks and Recreation Board, a citizen board appointed by the Benbrook City Council, met monthly throughout 2021 to compile the survey results with other City goals and objectives. The Board used this information to develop a community focused and fiscally responsible plan update. The plan is an outline for the future of the community's parks and open space properties, which will determine priorities when funding and other opportunities become available.

Residents are invited to learn more about the proposed updates and provide comments on the plan. City Staff will be available during the Open House to answer questions and take comments.

For questions regarding the meeting, contact Bennett Howell, Director of Public Services, at 817-249-6063.



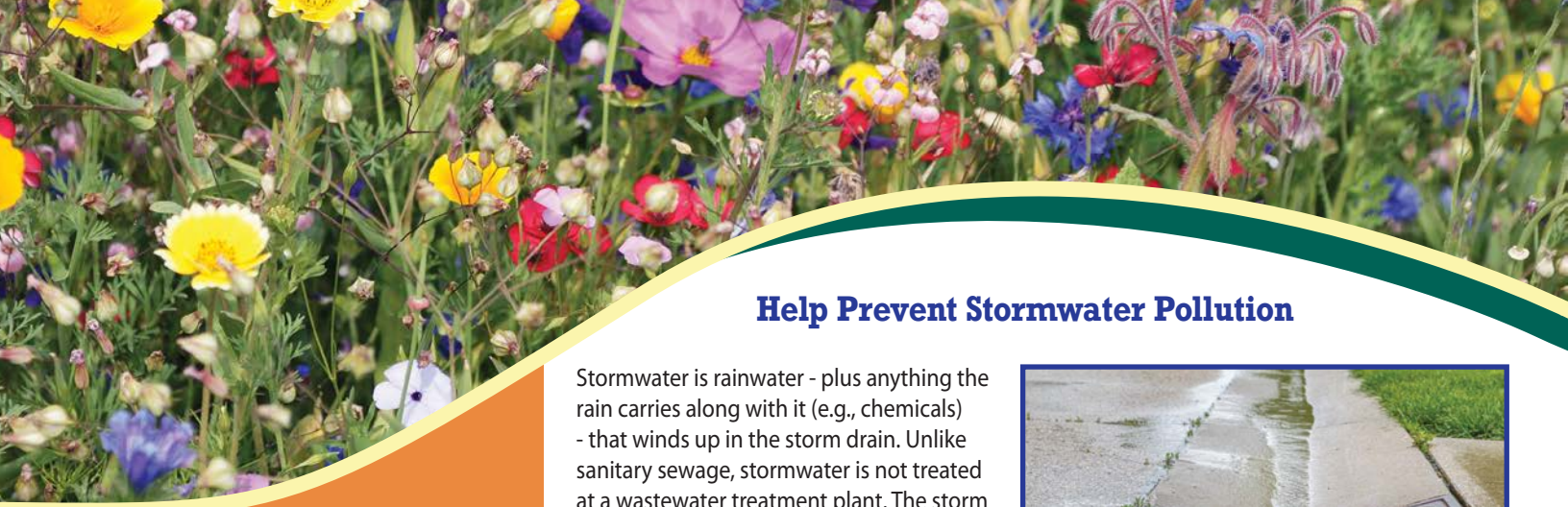
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Watch public meetings live on our Benbrook Government Access Cable Channel: Spectrum, Channel 190



Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution

Stormwater is rainwater - plus anything the rain carries along with it (e.g., chemicals) - that winds up in the storm drain. Unlike sanitary sewage, stormwater is not treated at a wastewater treatment plant. The storm drainpipes lead directly to Benbrook Lake and other local creeks. **To ensure we do not pollute our drinking water source, visit www.benbrook-tx.gov for 10 easy prevention steps.**



YMCA's Community Easter Egg Hunt

Have an "Eggcellent Adventure" at the Community Easter Egg Hunt, Friday, April 15, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at the Benbrook Y. The event is **FREE** to the public, and donations are being accepted for plastic filled candy eggs. **For questions, call the Benbrook Y at 817-249-0500.**

30th Annual Healthy Kid's Day

Come join us for the Y's 30th Annual Healthy Kid's Day. This **FREE** event will be held at the Benbrook Y April 30, 2022. Healthy Kid's Day is an opportunity for families to come out and learn how to keep active and engaged during the summer. If you are a local business and would like to have a booth at this event, contact **Tonya Gertz at tgertz@ymcafw.org.**

Camp Registration Open

Day Camp registration is now open for the Benbrook Community Center Y. Camp starts May 31, 2022. To learn more about day camps at the Y, visit ymcafw.org/summer-day-camp, or contact **Stephanie Johnson at sjohnson3@ymcafw.org.**

Swim Lessons

Come learn to swim at the Y. The Y invented the concept of group swim lessons, and there is no organization more qualified to teach your child water safety. **For more information, visit the YMCA's website at ymcafw.org.**

Golf Tournament – FUNdraiser!

The Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) will host the BACC Annual Golf Tournament Monday, June 20, 2022, at Mira Vista Country Club, 6600 Mira Vista Blvd., in Fort Worth. All BACC members and the public are invited to join in the fun! The open tournament is played on the championship 18-hole golf course, offering winding paths and stunning views. **For more information, please contact the BACC office at 817-249-4451.**



CodeRED Emergency Notification System Reverse 911

As Benbrook moves into the spring storm season, residents are encouraged to register or update cell phone numbers with CodeRED. This emergency notification service allows the City to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, and email regarding public health and safety emergency situations such as boil water alerts, evacuations, garbage and recycling updates, gas leaks, and severe weather alerts. The system can send messages to specific neighborhoods or the entire community, should the need arise. Residents can sign up for CodeRED by visiting www.benbrook-tx.gov and clicking on the communication link. **When registering for CodeRED, you must select the Emergency Notifications and all severe weather warnings to receive weather notifications, otherwise you will only receive general notifications.** Here are some basic questions and answers regarding the emergency notification service.

Does this mean that I will be called constantly?

No. You will only receive calls for important City notifications or severe weather warnings.

What types of situations will CodeRED be used?

If you register for general notifications and severe weather warnings, you will receive notifications for severe weather situations, substantial utility outages, evacuation notices, missing or lost

persons, fires or floods, major roadway issues, significant criminal situations, chemical spills, and gas leaks.

Why do I need CodeRED when I have TV to keep me informed?

CodeRED provides an additional level of safety. If power goes out, you may not be able to depend upon TV. However, because telephone lines are self-powered and most people now have cell phones, we can continue to keep you informed through messages delivered by CodeRED.

How do I know if my phone number is included in the CodeRED service?

You will need to register your phone numbers and email using the CodeRED link on the City's website at www.benbrook-tx.gov. You must keep your information updated with the service in order to receive the notifications.

How will I recognize a CodeRED message?

A CodeRED message will have a caller ID with one of the following numbers:

- **866-419-5000** or Emergency Alert for Emergency Notifications, or
- **855-969-4636** or Community Alert for General Notifications, or
- **800-566-9780** or Weather Alert for CodeRED.



Touch-A-Truck

Join us at the Benbrook YMCA parking lot May 23 for Benbrook's Touch-A-Truck from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. You can interact and explore a variety of service vehicles and meet the people who protect and serve the Benbrook community! This **FREE** event is great for kids of all ages! Come explore these vehicles: Ambulance, Patrol Car, Tractor, Ladder Truck, Fire Engine, and more. IN-N-OUT burger will be on-site serving meals to the first 400 attendees. Donations for meals are encouraged. **For more information, call 817-249-6008.**



Senior News

Spring is in the air at the Benbrook Senior Citizens Center! The Benbrook Senior Citizens Center is a fun, inclusive facility for seniors to experience time with others in friendly fellowship! Games such as dominoes and cards happen daily. If you feel like moving and grooving, the Senior Citizens Center will host two Senior Dances April 22 and May 30 from 7-9 p.m. On May 12, the Senior Citizens will be attending the Senior Synergy Expo at the Will Rogers-Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibit Hall. The monthly calendar is posted on the Benbrook Senior Citizens Center Facebook page. **For more information, contact the Senior Citizens Center at 817-249-6300.**



Spring Household Hazardous Waste

Do you have old paint or cooking oil sitting around your home? Old batteries or automotive fluids taking up space in your garage? You can dispose of these items at the Spring Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event in Benbrook Saturday, April 16, 2022. The event will take place at the Dutch Branch Park Complex, off Winscott Rd., in the rear parking lot behind Par 3 Golf (follow signs), from 9-11 a.m. (or until the collection trailer is full).

Please bring proof of Benbrook residency (e.g., water bill or driver's license). Staff will be on-site to direct traffic and assist in unloading items from vehicles. Please drive slowly as you enter the drop-off location.

Typical household, garden, and automotive chemicals are accepted for proper disposal. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit www.benbrook-tx.gov/441/Household-Hazardous-Waste.

PLEASE NOTE: This is the ONLY 2022 HHW event scheduled in Benbrook. The City of Fort Worth has the authority to cancel this event.

Throughout the year, Benbrook residents may also take Household Hazardous Waste items directly to the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center, 6400 Bridge St., Fort Worth. For hours of operation, please call 817-392-5257.

For event questions, call 817-249-6008.

We suggest you program these numbers in your cell phone as "new contacts" and use "CodeRED Emergency," "CodeRED Community," or "CodeRED Weather" as each of the contact names. If you need to replay the emergency notification message, simply dial this number and you will be able to hear the message again. A CodeRED message will usually begin, "This is the Benbrook Police Department or City of Benbrook with an emergency message."

What should I do if I receive a CodeRED message?

Listen carefully to the entire message. It will be brief and will not be repeated. Follow the instructions given. You may be directed to a commercial TV or radio station for further information. Do not hang up until you have heard the entire message, or you might miss vital information. Do not call 911 for further information unless directed to do so or if you need immediate aid from the Police, EMS, or Fire Department.

Will CodeRED leave me a message?

Yes, CodeRED will leave a message on a machine or on voicemail. Part of the CodeRED solution is the patented ability to recognize answering devices and leave the message.

What happens if the line is busy?

If the line is busy, CodeRED will try two more times to connect.

For additional questions, please call 817-249-6098.

Benbrook Police and Fire Departments Host Prescription Drug Take-Back

The Benbrook Police and Fire Departments, working with the Drug Enforcement Administration, are hosting a National Take-Back Initiative to collect unused or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications for proper disposal. The event will take place April 30, 2022, between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Benbrook Fire Station, 528 Mercedes St. The event is **FREE** and open to the public.

Please Note: Intra-venous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens.

For questions, contact the Benbrook Police Department at 817-249-2752 or the Benbrook Fire Department at 817-249-1727.



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For more information, contact
**Cynthia Williams, Assistant EDC
 Director, at 817-249-6090.**

2022 Benbrook Business & Community Showcase

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) and the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) are gearing up for the 2022 Benbrook Business & Community Showcase (BBCS), which will highlight local businesses and organizations, connect our community, and provide plenty of family fun. This year's event will be held at HighRidge Church, 10100 Rolling Hills Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76126, Thursday, May 5, 2022, from 4-8 p.m. The Showcase is **FREE** to the public and will feature tasty food samples, raffles, prizes, and exhibits!

The BEDC Shop 'n Drop Benbrook program is back as part of the Showcase. Shoppers who spend at least \$25 at Benbrook businesses can bring their paper receipts to the Benbrook City Hall Visitor's Center, 911 Winscott Rd., beginning Feb. 21 – April 18, 2022, and simply deposit receipts (with contact information on the back of the receipt) at the Shop 'n Drop exhibit from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to be eligible for prize drawings at the BBCS event. You do not have to be present at the BBCS to win.

SUPPORT BENBROOK BUSINESSES BY SHOPPING LOCAL!

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

Simply visit www.BenbrookZoomBusiness.com.

Interested in listing your
 Benbrook business for **FREE**?

Go to www.BenbrookEDC.com
 or call **817-249-6990**.

City Council

- Jason Ward.....Mayor
- Renee Franklin.....Place 2
- Dr. Larry Marshall.....Place 3
- Dustin Phillips.....Place 4
- Gary Addison.....Place 5
- Laura Mackey.....Place 6
- Keith Tiner.....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.).

City Hall will be closed for Memorial Day – May 30, 2022