

2023 *Annual Report*

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## LEADERSHIP *City Departments*

### Fire and Police Emergency Response

911

### Police Department

Chief David Babcock  
817-249-2752  
(Administration)

### Animal Control

817-249-1610

### Fire Department

Chief Tommy Davis  
817-249-1727  
(Administration)

### City Manager

Andy Wayman  
817-249-3000

### City Secretary Civil Service

Joanna King  
817-249-3000

### Assistant City Manager

Building Inspections  
TIF Board  
Planning  
Community Development

Jim Hinderaker  
817-249-6005

### Public Services Public Works Code Enforcement Parks

Bennett Howell  
817-249-6063

### Economic Development Marketing Tourism

Jessica James  
817-249-6990

### Finance Department

Rick Overgaard  
817-249-6001

# Message from CITY COUNCIL

In 2023, the City of Benbrook continued its commitment to serving the current and future needs of residents and businesses. City services and infrastructure projects were the top priorities for the City Council and Staff. In addition, City Council was dedicated to ensuring residents had the opportunity to help make important decisions for the future of Benbrook by serving on various boards and committees.

The construction of the new Municipal Complex continued through 2023. While a project of this magnitude takes time to be completed, the vision remained clear on providing residents and businesses with a one-stop shop for City services including the Police Station, Senior Citizens Center, Municipal Court, and Administrative Offices.

The City focused on streets in the community throughout the year as well. Key street projects were completed including the Mercedes Bridge project, reclaiming Westpark Dr. and Timbercreek Rd., and the final touches of the Vista Way extension project. The Mercedes Bridge was built to provide access for land development on the other side of Walnut Creek. In addition, the City Council approved funding to overlay nine miles of streets in 2024. This investment back into the community will help protect our business and property values while providing quality access throughout Benbrook.

Improving drainage also remained a priority. The Master Drainage Plan was completed for Dutch Branch Park, and it will serve as the guidance for prioritizing future projects and budgets. In addition, the Timberline Drainage Project was also approved by City Council. The project will improve the existing storm drain system on Timberline Dr. between High Ridge Rd. and Edgehill Rd. by adding an additional 1,000 feet of drain line. This additional drainage work will help protect our residents' homes against flooding in the Timberline Dr. area.

Benbrook continued to see new businesses opening or relocating to our community. More than \$37.2 million was invested in Benbrook through new development and redevelopment projects. Eleven new businesses opened providing residents with additional retail, restaurants, and professional services options. In addition, the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation provided more than \$47,000 in grants to local businesses and property owners through the Storefront Improvement Grant Program to help improve the sustainability of our community.

Residents were able to participate in a wide variety of community activities and events throughout the year. This included community environmental events such as the 31st Annual Benbrook Trash Bash, multiple E-Waste/Shred

Events, and the City's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection. The City hosted its 15th Annual Benbrook Heritage Fest at Dutch Branch Park providing residents with a family friendly event. The Police Department worked to provide toys during the holidays by coordinating its annual toy drive. In addition, the Fire Department held Benbrook's 32nd Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show. This event proved to be one of the most attended shows ever.

These activities and accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of the residents and businesses in our community. Residents donated thousands of hours to help support our community through serving on City Boards and Commissions, the Benbrook Police Department's Citizens on Patrol, and special event committees. Businesses also sponsored many of our events by providing financial as well as volunteer assistance.

As the City Council looks back on 2023, we are proud of the projects we have been able to bring to fruition. We are honored to be able to serve you and all those who call Benbrook home. Most importantly, the City Council is excited about the future of our wonderful community as we all work together to Build a Better Benbrook.

*Thank You.*  
Benbrook City Council



(Left to Right) Front Row: Laura Mackey—Place 6, Jason Ward, Mayor—Place 1, Dr. Larry Marshall—Place 3  
Back Row: Gary Addison—Place 5, Dustin Phillips—Place 4, Renee Franklin—Place 2, Keith Tiner—Place 7

# Awards & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

AMERICAN PLANNING ASSO  
TEXAS CHAPTER

RICHARD R. LILLIE  
PLANNING EXCELLENCE



## Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

– The City of Benbrook’s Finance Department was awarded the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the City of Benbrook and its management team.

## City Maintains Bond Credit Rating

– The City of Benbrook maintained its exceptional bond rating of AA+ with S&P Global. The ability to maintain this rating continues to demonstrate the City’s strong creditworthiness through sound financial management and liquidity.

## The Benbrook Fire Department

maintained its outstanding Class 2 ISO Rating, known as the Public Protection Classification (PPC) program. This program assesses the ability of local fire departments to protect their community and homes. This high level of performance allows the Benbrook Fire Department to stay in the top 4% of the fire departments in the country, which helps lower the cost of Benbrook homeowner’s insurance.

## Planning Excellence Award

– The City of Benbrook’s Planning Division received the Award for Planning Excellence from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association. This award recognizes cities that demonstrate professional planning standards and increase awareness of professional planning.

## City of Benbrook Recognized by Keep Texas Beautiful

– Keep Texas Beautiful recognized Benbrook as a Silver Star Affiliate for its efforts to maintain beautification in the city. Benbrook participated in Electronic Waste and Shred events, an annual Hazardous Household Waste event, and the 31st Annual Benbrook Trash Bash.



## Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

– The City of Benbrook’s Finance Department received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget. Budgets must be rated proficient in four different categories, and fourteen mandatory criteria within these categories, to receive this distinguished award.

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & *Events*

**Honorary General Michael E. Langley Street Dedication** – The City of Benbrook, in partnership with the Tarrant County Chapter of the NAACP, worked together to dedicate Boston Ave. in North Benbrook to General Michael E. Langley of the United States Marine Corps. General Langley is the first African American Four-Star General in the history of the Marines.

**Touch-A-Truck** – During the month of May, the City of Benbrook hosted the highly favored Touch-A-Truck event. This event allows Benbrook residents and families to see the various types of vehicles that protect and serve the community on a daily basis. Attendees are able to climb into garbage trucks, ambulances, ladder trucks, and police cruisers.

**Benbrook Heritage Fest** – In 2023, the City of Benbrook hosted its 15th Annual Benbrook Heritage Fest at Dutch Branch Park. This free family event proved to be one of the largest Heritage Fests ever held. Guests enjoyed western entertainment, mechanical bull riding, axe throwing, vendors, a chuckwagon dinner and dance, and many other activities honoring Benbrook's western heritage. Attendees also participated in a dog costume contest and a stick horse race.

**Community Environmental Events** – Benbrook residents did their part in 2023 helping to keep Benbrook beautiful by participating in multiple community environmental events. The City held three E-Waste/Shred events collecting more than 16,500 lbs. of electronic waste and 11,300 lbs. of shredded paper material to be repurposed. During the City's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event, 20,000 lbs. of oil, paint, solvents, and other chemicals were collected. The City also hosted its 31st Annual Benbrook Trash Bash at Dutch Branch Park where residents and civic groups worked together to clean approximately 100 bags of trash around the lake and park.

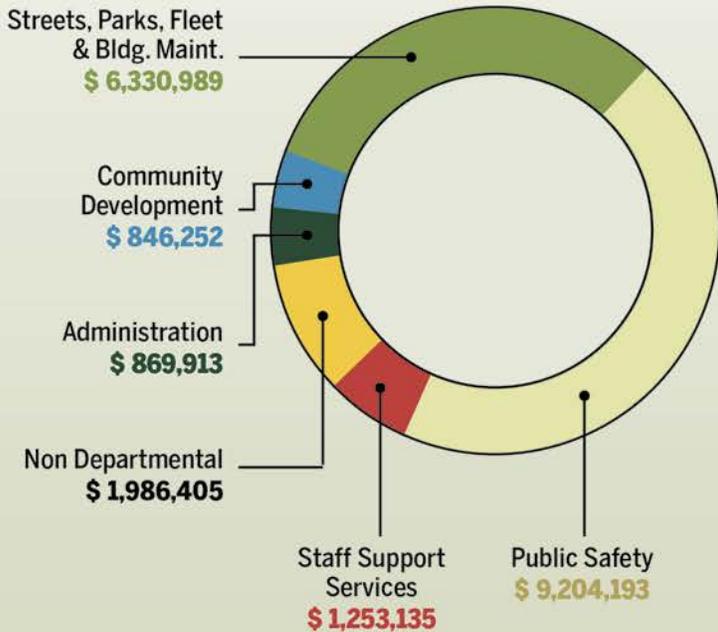
**Benbrook Business & Community Showcase** – The Benbrook Business & Community Showcase was hosted by the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation in partnership with the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce to encourage business retention efforts in the community. Over 65 businesses were showcased at the event highlighting the different services they have to offer Benbrook residents. Attendees were also treated to free food samples from area restaurants, and a performance by Sallie's Dance Studio.



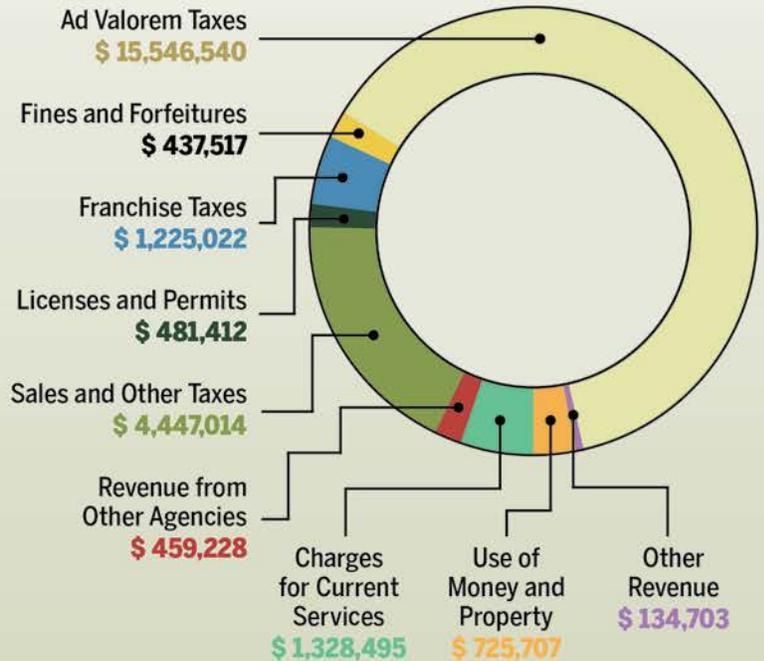
**Benbrook's 31st Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show** – The Benbrook Fire Department hosted Benbrook's 31st Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show. Residents and visitors came from all over the area and tailgated before the show. Mr. & Mrs. Claus made their annual appearance riding on the Fire Truck to greet all the children. The fireworks and tree lighting continue to be one of the community's favorite events.

# FINANCIAL Highlights

## EXPENDITURES



## REVENUES



## WHERE YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO



Average Taxable Value of Single Family Home \$280,799

# DEVELOPMENT

## THE BENBROOK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation provided more than **\$47,000** in grants to local businesses and property owners through the Storefront Improvement Grant Program. This program is aimed at helping local businesses and property owners improve their store fronts and make their buildings more sustainable while *Building a Better Benbrook*.

## NEW BUSINESSES OPENED IN 2023

Sir Speedy

Marco's Pizza

Jimmy John's

Gateway of Benbrook

Einstein Bros. Bagels

J5 Plumbing, LLC

Dermatology Specialists of Fort Worth

Trendy Rebel Boutique

Urgent Care TX

Glitz Bakery

Jersey Mike's

Number of Building Permits

**1,244**

Total Current commercial investment into community more than

**\$37.2 million**

Performed

**4,096**

Total Inspections

**\$47,000**

in  
BEDC Grants

## CURRENT DEVELOPMENT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Integrity Urgent Care
- Ballard Family Dentistry
- Chisholm 20
- HQ at Southwest Boulevard
- Benbrook Municipal Complex

Non-Residential

**8.18 acres**

Residential Acres Platted

**46.13  
51 lots**



# Police DEPARTMENT

Animal Control  
Calls within the  
Community  
**1,147**

Citizens on  
Patrol Hours  
Volunteered  
**890**

Attended Hours  
of Specialized and  
Advanced Training  
**3,876**

Police Dept  
Responded to  
**14,541**  
CALLS

The Benbrook Police Department takes great pride in engaging and supporting the community while making it a safe place for residents and businesses. The Benbrook Citizens on Patrol (COPs) volunteers continued their partnership with the Police Department to assist with special events and during critical incidents. In addition, members provided regular patrols to help observe and report criminal activity, hazards, or suspicious behavior.

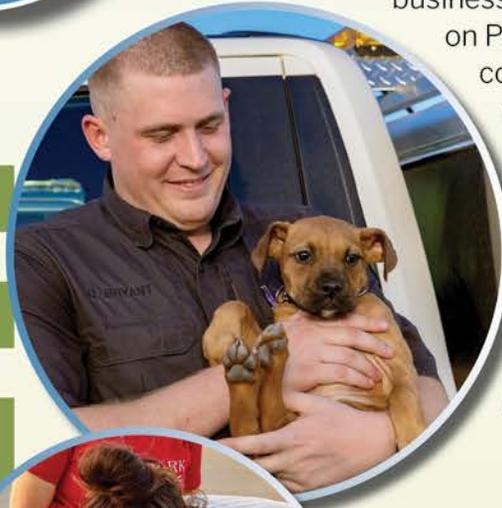
## COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Night Out

Hosted two Drug Take-Back Events

ACH Child and Family Services  
Christmas Toy Drive

Neighborhood Watch Program



# Fire DEPARTMENT

The Benbrook Fire Department performs many types of services. Firefighting is only part of the job. The Fire Department also manages Emergency Medical Services (EMS), conducts classes on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), performs rescue operations, and more. The Fire Department received a \$25,000 grant through Tarrant County to assist with purchasing six new sets of bunker gear as well as more hand tools. This equipment is considered vital for the Fire Department to do their jobs in a safe and timely manner. Both types of equipment aid in improving the protection of life and property in the Benbrook community and area.

Total Calls Responded to for Service  
**3,924**

**31**  
Full-time staff

Fire Division responded to  
**1,103**  
service calls

EMS Division responded to  
**2,521**  
service calls

Transported  
**1,830**  
patients to area hospitals

**MAIN GOAL:** Protecting lives and property in Benbrook and surrounding areas from fire and emergencies.

**THE BENBROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES MANY DIFFERENT SERVICES INCLUDING:**

Firefighting

Rescue Operations

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Classes

Controls Hazardous Spills

Fire Inspections

Enforces Fire Codes



# PUBLIC *Services*

The City focused on the streets and drainage needs in the community throughout the year. Key street projects were completed including the Mercedes Bridge project, reclaiming Westpark Dr. and Timbercreek Rd., and the final touches of the Vista Way extension project. The Mercedes Bridge was built to provide access for land development on the other side of Walnut Creek. In addition, the City Council approved funding to overlay nine miles of streets in 2024. Improving drainage also remained a priority. The Master Drainage Plan was completed for Dutch Branch Park. In addition, the Timberline Drainage Project was also approved by City Council. The project will improve the existing storm drain system on Timberline Dr. between High Ridge Rd. and Edgehill Rd. by adding an additional 1,000 feet of drain line.



Public Works Division Maintains **102 miles** of Streets

## DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Engineering
- Parks
- Landscaping in Public Spaces
- Building Maintenance
- Streets
- Drainage
- Traffic Signals and Signs
- Code Enforcement
- Fleet Services

## STREETS, PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION MAINTAINS

**434 acres** of Park Land

The City milled and overlaid **5.3 miles** of asphalt streets

**81 acres** of open space



The City of Benbrook in partnership with Texas Parks & Wildlife released over 800 trout in the pond at Dutch Branch Park in 2023. This provided Benbrook residents with a unique opportunity to fish close to home. Residents who obtained fishing licenses were able to fish from the pond as soon as the trout were released. This partnership has been ongoing for 10+ years and proves to be a popular pastime within the community.

# BENBROOK COMMUNITY *Spotlight*





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