



Newsletter

FROM THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS



Candidate Filing Information for Tuesday, November 7, 2023

City of Benbrook Officials (positions up for election):

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

The filing period for a place on the ballot begins July 22, 2023, and goes through August 21, 2023.

What are the requirements to run for a place on City Council?

1. Be a United States citizen.
2. Have resided continuously in the State of Texas for 12 months preceding the deadline for filing an application.
3. Have resided in Benbrook for 12 months before the date of election.
4. Be a registered voter of the City of Benbrook.
5. Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled.
6. Have not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of court.
7. Have not been convicted of a felony for which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability.

Candidate packets will be available at Benbrook City Hall (911 Winscott Rd.) or online at Benbrook-tx.gov, beginning mid-June 2023.

Applications must be returned to the City Secretary's Office at Benbrook City Hall by 5 p.m., August 21, 2023. For questions, call **817-249-6004**.

The Benbrook Library District Board of Trustees and the Benbrook Water Authority Board of Directors are separate entities from the City of Benbrook. Contact those entities for information on their General Elections.

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Benbrook Heritage Fest Returns Saturday, September 30, 2023



Benbrook Heritage Fest 2023 will kick off at 10 a.m. with exciting western entertainment, musical performances, food, vendors, hayrides, a petting zoo, and more. The event will wrap up with a chuckwagon dinner and street dance. Attendees are also invited to compete in a dog costume contest and a stick horse race competition.

Reserve your sponsorship or vendor spot today. Vendor applications and sponsorship packets are available online at Benbrook-tx.gov/HeritageFest. Space is limited. For more information, call **817-249-6091**.

STAY UP TO DATE:



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

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Free E-Waste and Shred Event

The Republic Services & Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament

The Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Republic Services Golf Tournament, Monday, June 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Mira Vista Country Club, 6600 Mira Vista Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76132.

For more information, contact the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce at **817-249-4451** or andi.arabie@benbrookchamber.org.



Benbrook Public Library's Summer Reading Party

Children ages 2 - 12 are invited to the Benbrook Public Library's Summer Reading Party, Friday, July 28, 2023, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. There will be a slip and slide, snow cones, dunk tank, snacks, and crafts.

For more information, call the Benbrook Public Library at **817-249-6632**.

Dutch Branch Park
Saturday, June 24, 2023
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Bring your electronic waste and old documents to the **FREE** E-Waste and Shred Event Saturday, June 24, 2023, Dutch Branch Park, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., or until the trucks are full. The event takes place in the back parking lot behind the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA (1899 Winscott Rd.). Proof of Benbrook residency is required (e.g., driver's license or utility bill).



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Televisions/Radios/Telephones (No CRT)
- Computers/Monitors/Printers (**Innovative Electronics** will destroy the hard drives.)
- Fax Machines/Copiers
- Microwave Ovens/Dishwashers/Washers/Dryers/Refrigerators
- Gaming Systems (Xbox, PlayStations, etc.)
- Vacuum Cleaners
- VCR Players
- Smoke Detectors

Sierra Shred will also be onsite to shred documents. Please limit documents to a reasonable household amount (**no large quantities of business documents**). Please do not place plastic materials such as credit cards or compact discs with documents to be shredded.

For more information, call Jared DeVries at **817-249-6008**.

Benbrook Artisans and Farmers Market

Visit this open-air market the first Sunday of each month at Dutch Branch Park, 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 sweet treats, local honey, artisanal cheeses, meats, preserves, tamales, dog treats, candles, soaps, artwork, and much more.

The June market is Sunday, June 4, 2023, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and the July market is scheduled for Sunday, July 2, 2023, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Follow the Benbrook Artisans and Farmers Market Facebook page to learn more.



Senior News

Summer is in the air and there are many engaging events and activities happening at the Benbrook Senior Citizens Center. If you feel like movin' and groovin', the Senior Citizens Center will host a Senior Dance June 23, 2023, from 7 – 9 p.m. You are also invited to participate in Ceramics with Steve on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 12 p.m., and drop in for Canasta and Bridge on Thursdays at 9 a.m. Other games are continued throughout the week.

The monthly calendar is posted on the Benbrook Senior Citizens Center Facebook page. For more information, call the Benbrook Senior Citizens Center at **817-249-6300**.

Benbrook 
Community
Center/YMCA News

Summer Bash

Celebrate the Y's new pool renovation and the start of summer June 10, 2023, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Free food will be provided, as well as giveaways and community swimming!

Teen Night

On June 16, 2023, Esports will make its debut during Teen Night. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Teen Night is hosted every Friday, 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Food, prizes, and snacks will be provided.

Y's Away and Play Program

Is your family new to the Benbrook Community? The Y's Away and Play program provides the opportunity for parents to gather and visit while the kids play. This is a FREE community program. For more information, call the Benbrook YMCA at **817-249-0500**.

Summer Day Camps and Specialty Camps

Experience more this summer with Summer Day Camps and Specialty Camps at the Y. The Y offers a wide range of camp options, including an all-day camp program, specialty camps like cooking, cheer, art, sports camps, swimming lessons, and much more. For more information about summer programs at the Y, visit ymcafw.org or call **817-249-0500**.



Flood Safety Tips

Flooding kills more people each year than any other hazard associated with extreme precipitation occurrences. Most flood deaths occur when a vehicle is driven into dangerous floodwater. Fortunately, you can safeguard yourself, your family, and your house during and after a flood. Follow these tips to prepare for a flood.

Before the Flood

- Learn how to cut off your home's gas and electricity.
- Create a list of emergency contacts and evacuation options.
- Prepare an inventory of your home.
- Keep prescription drugs, insurance policies, and other valuables in a secure place.
- Create a disaster plan for the family and a 72-hour emergency pack. (Visit KnoWhat2Do.com.)
- Join CodeRed to receive alerts about emergencies. For assistance, contact the Benbrook Fire Department at **817-249-1727**.

During and After the Flood

- Pay attention to warnings broadcast on radio and TV weather reports including those displayed on road signs.
- Request the services of a qualified professional to inspect or turn on your power, water, and gas.
- Do not wade through flood waters due to the risk of pollution, debris (such as nails and glass), and animals (such as snakes and ants).
- Flood waters are frequently dark, making it difficult to judge depth. Drive carefully around floodwaters. Do not drown; turn around!
- If an emergency evacuation is required, listen to the City Emergency Services Department's warnings. Comply with the directions given. This will help save your life as well as the lives of the emergency personnel who are responding.

Long-term Flood Defense Methods

- Label your fuse box to highlight circuits located in flood-prone areas of your home. Be prepared to turn off these breakers before an area floods. This helps reduce property damage (fires) and saves lives.
- Consider alternative flood protection options such as flood walls or berms.

For more information, contact the Public Services Department at **817-249-6063**.



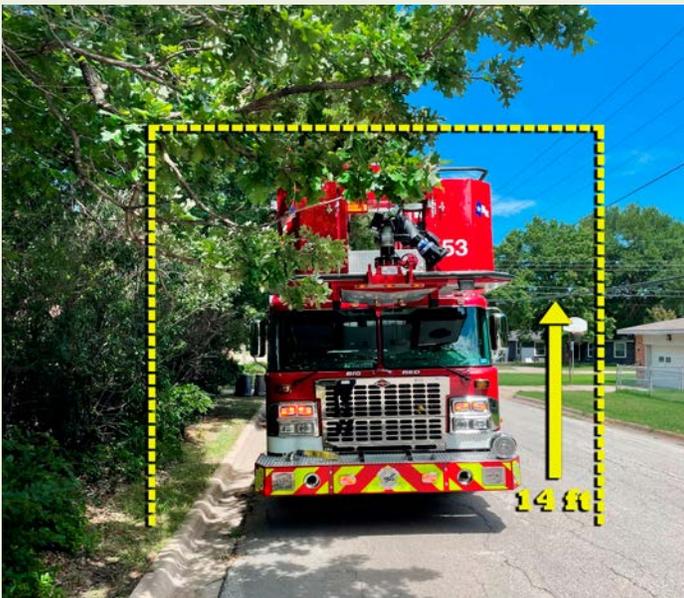
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Overhanging Tree Limbs

The Benbrook Fire Department provides residents with the highest quality of emergency services possible. Overhanging tree limbs can delay emergency vehicles when seconds make the difference between life and death. These obstructing limbs can also cause costly damage to fire trucks – putting them out of service. Help the Benbrook Fire Department provide the fastest and safest service possible by being “tree-sponsible” and keeping limbs trimmed back from streets, sidewalks, and alleys. Trees, shrubs, vines, and similar plants must be trimmed to fourteen feet above the ground surface to allow for fire trucks, ambulances, and other service vehicles to pass through safely.

For questions, call Chief Davis at **817-249-1727**.



BEDC's Storefront Improvement Grant Program

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) supports the local economy by attracting new businesses and supporting existing businesses. The BEDC offers Storefront Improvement Grants to enhance the overall sustainability of Benbrook's businesses and commercial buildings. These matching fund reimbursement grants are aimed at helping eligible businesses to improve the facades and signage on their commercial buildings and attract customers.

By improving your storefront, you are helping to Build A Better Benbrook. For more information about the program, call the Economic Development Department at **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.).

Benbrook City Hall will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023.