



# Newsletter

FROM THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS

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## Free E-Waste and Shred Event

Dutch Branch Park  
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Saturday, October 14, 2023

Bring your electronic waste and old documents to the City's FREE E-Waste and Shred Event on Saturday, October 14, at Dutch Branch Park from 8 a.m. to 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 destroys the hard drive)

- 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**.

## Yellow Bag Garbage 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 the following sizes of yellow bags at City Hall:

- \$13.53 for a roll of 25
- \$27.06 for a roll of 50
- \$40.59 for a roll of 75
- \$54.12 for a roll of 100.

## 15th Annual Benbrook Heritage Fest

The City of Benbrook would like to extend a "Thank You" to all those who supported the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Fest this year! The event was a great success. Thank you to all the generous sponsors and supporters of the event, including the Title Sponsor, Benbrook Lighted Par 3 & Range, ACE Hardware, Pat Gray Realty, PNC Bank, Simple Things Furniture, Ballard Family Dentistry, Dogtopia, Fort Worth Concierge Plus Medical & Wellness, and Raising Cane's. A special thank you to the In-Kind Sponsors, Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club, Benbrook Stables, Benbrook Water Authority, Chick-Fil-A, Comfort Suites, MrJims.Pizza, Russell Feed & Supply, Premier Nursery, Benbrook YMCA, Benbrook Public Library and Shoot Smart. See you next year!



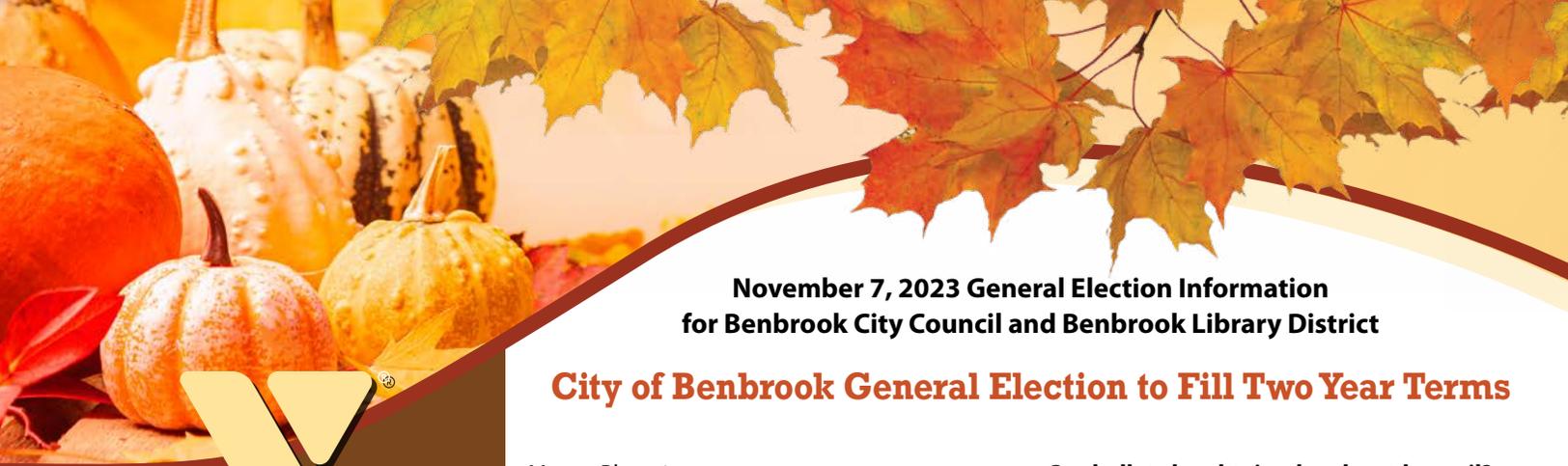
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Watch public meetings live on our Benbrook Government Access Cable Channel: Spectrum, Channel 190

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**November 7, 2023 General Election Information  
for Benbrook City Council and Benbrook Library District**

**City of Benbrook General Election to Fill Two Year Terms**



**Middle School and Teen Nights**

The YMCA offers Teen Night the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month from 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. for Middle School and High School kids. The Y is also hosting Middle School Madness the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sign up online at [ymcafw.org](http://ymcafw.org) or in person at the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA (1899 Winscott Rd.) Contact Chezeray Jackson at [Chazeray.jackson@ymcafw.org](mailto:Chazeray.jackson@ymcafw.org) for more information.

**Trunk or Treat at the YMCA**

Join the Y October 27, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the YMCA's Annual Trunk-or-Treat event! There will be a DJ, food trucks, and plenty of fun activities for the whole family. Best of all, this year the Y teens will be hosting a Spooktacular Haunted House in the Gym. There is a small fee for the Haunted House, but the Trunk-or-Treat event is free to the community. For more information or to have a booth at the event, contact Tonya Gertz at [tgertz@ymcafw.org](mailto:tgertz@ymcafw.org).

**41st Annual Moritz YMCA Fort Worth Turkey Trot Welcomes New Home & Sponsor**

The YMCA invites you to participate in the Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot. Come join the fun, family-friendly atmosphere while you run for a good cause. When you register, you are signing up for more than just a race. One hundred percent of the proceeds go towards supporting YMCA program scholarships for families in our community. When you "trot" with us, you are helping provide opportunities and access for all. Register today at [fwtrt.org](http://fwtrt.org).

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

**Benbrook Library District to Fill Three Board of Director positions for Two Year Terms**

**When is the election? What are the Hours?**

Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 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 an effective and valid Voter Registration Certificate issued by the Tarrant County Elections Administrator.

**Election Day Polling Places:**

The local polling place is the Benbrook Community Center, 528 San Angelo Avenue, Benbrook, Texas 76126. A complete list of local polling places will be posted to the Tarrant County Elections website as soon as the polling place locations have been secured. [www.tarrantcounty.com/evote](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/evote).

**Please note:** Tarrant County has been designated as a Vote Center county. 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.

**When and where is Early (absentee) Voting?**

Early voting by personal appearance will be held at Benbrook Community Center, 228 San Angelo Avenue, Benbrook, Texas, 76126 and Tarrant County Main Early Voting Site, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76111. Other polling locations are listed on the Tarrant County Election website [www.tarrantcounty.com/evote](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/evote).

October 23-27	Monday-Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 28	Saturday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
October 29	Sunday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
October 30-31	Monday-Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
November 1-3	Wednesday-Friday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Can ballots be obtained and cast by mail?**

Yes, application for a Ballot by Mail may be downloaded from Tarrant County website: [www.tarrantcounty.com/elections](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/elections).

Information by phone: Tarrant County Elections Administration, 817-831-8683

Applications for a Ballot by Mail may be submitted between January 1, 2021, and October 27, 2023, if delivered by mail, fax or email to:

**Tarrant County Elections**  
P.O. Box 961011  
Fort Worth, TX 76161-0011

**Express Courier Delivery**  
Tarrant County Elections  
2700 Premier  
Fort Worth, TX 76111-3011

Fax: 817-850-2344  
Email: [votebymail@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:votebymail@tarrantcounty.com)

**What are the requirements to obtain and cast a ballot by mail?**

The requirements to be eligible to vote by mail are:

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.**



## 31st Annual Benbrook Trash Bash Rescheduled

Join us for the Benbrook Trash Bash! The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual clean-up event is rescheduled for Saturday, October 21, at Dutch Branch Park. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and cleanup begins at 9 a.m. A free hotdog lunch is provided to all volunteers. This event offers an opportunity for Benbrook residents, volunteers, visitors, groups, and organizations to take part in a fun cleanup! Participants will gather at the pavilion located behind the concession stand, in the rear parking lot.

The City will be providing giveaway items and prizes. Advance registration is requested. To register, call Jared DeVries at **817-249-6008**. We all want to keep Benbrook looking beautiful, and every "litter bit" helps!



## Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NASJRB) Fort Worth is the first Joint Reserve Base in the country. NASJRB Fort Worth provides support and training for all branches of the Armed Services. The base is also an active participant in the area and coordinates with the cities of Benbrook, Fort Worth, Lake Worth, River Oaks, Sansom Park, Westworth Village, and White Settlement in conjunction with Tarrant County.

Scan the QR code to learn more about NASJRB Fort Worth, the base's economic impact, noise mitigation, planning and zoning, community involvement, and rules for drones/UAS.



## New Municipal Complex Update

Construction continues on the new two-story municipal complex building that will house the Police Station, Senior Citizen's Center, Municipal Court, City Hall Offices, and Visitor's



Center. Once completed, the current city hall will be demolished and construction of a parking area and an outdoor green space with a water feature will begin. The current Benbrook Police Department building will also be demolished for additional parking. All city offices are currently open and will remain accessible during construction. For questions, contact Jim Hinderaker, Assistant City Manager, at [jhinderaker@benbrook-tx.gov](mailto:jhinderaker@benbrook-tx.gov) or **817-249-6005**.

## National Drug Take-Back Event

In partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Benbrook Police and Fire Departments are hosting a National Drug Take-Back Initiative to collect unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications for proper disposal. The event is FREE and open to the public Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Benbrook Fire Station (528 Mercedes St.).

Please note: Inhalers, intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens. For questions, contact Detective J. Hatton at **817-249-6089**.

## Senior Center Activities Relocated

The Benbrook Lions Club will be utilized by Tarrant County for voting starting October 16 through November 10. During this time, the Senior Center activities will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church located at 4551 Southwest Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas, 76116. For more information, call the Senior Center at **817-249-6300**.

## Platinum Flashback Prom Night

The Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce presents The Platinum Flashback Prom Night scheduled for Saturday, October 21, from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., at 7816 Lous Court, Benbrook, Texas, 76126. This event hosts music, dancing, karaoke, games, prizes, appetizers, and beverages. The cost is \$50 per person and there is limited seating. Tickets must be purchased before the event. For information, contact Andi Arabie at **817-249-4551**.





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### 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 November market will be held on Sunday, November 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, follow the Benbrook Artisans and Farmers Market's Facebook page.



### Benbrook City Hall Closure

Benbrook City Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday (11/24). This holiday will not impact trash and recycling services. Trash and recycling will be collected on its regular scheduled pick-up day.

For trash questions, call Jared DeVries at **817-249-6008**.

### Storefront Improvement Program

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) supports the local economy by attracting new businesses and supporting existing businesses. To enhance the overall sustainability of Benbrook's businesses and commercial buildings, the BEDC offers Storefront Improvement Grants. 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, visit [BenbrookEDC.com](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Benbrook City Hall (911 Winscott Rd.).