



CITY  
of  
**BENBROOK**

The logo for Benbrook, Texas, features the word "Benbrook" in a white, curved font above a stylized sailboat with yellow, blue, and red sails. Below the sailboat, the word "TEXAS" is written in a simple, white, sans-serif font.



2022 Annual Report

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# 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



(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

# Message from **CITY** Council

In 2022, Benbrook experienced exciting progress throughout the community. New businesses opened, many existing businesses expanded, and community projects came to fruition. Improving the quality of life in Benbrook continued to be the focus of the City while addressing current and future needs of residents.

The Benbrook City Council unanimously adopted the Parks and Open Space Master Plan. The plan was prepared with citizen input and direction from the Parks and Recreation Board. This is a component of the City's Comprehensive Plan, and it will provide guidance for the community's parks and open space properties.

City Council and Staff continued to focus on the infrastructure needs of the community to better serve the residents. The Vista Way Street expansion and two-way conversion project was completed, which will aid in the flow of traffic between the southside and northside of

Benbrook. Furthermore, the City Council approved an increase to the Street Overlay Program budget. This additional funding is critical as we work to preserve and maintain the streets throughout our community.

Benbrook continued to experience growth throughout the year as several new commercial projects started and new businesses opened. One of the largest commercial developments in Benbrook, Chisholm 20, broke ground on its 69 acre business park. There were many other notable developments and businesses that broke ground or opened including the Gateway of Benbrook Development, Basis Charter School, Audi Car Dealership, Russell Feed & Supply, Black Rifle Coffee Company, Dermatology Specialists of Fort Worth, Dairy Queen, Taco Bueno, MrJims, Pizza, and Chipotle. Russell Feed & Supply's new building displays a beautiful historic Benbrook mural and was made possible through a partnership with the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation.

The City also started construction on its new 35,000 SF Municipal Complex. The former Senior Citizens Center was demolished and site work for the new building is underway. The project is expected to take approximately 18 months. The Complex will provide residents with a one-stop shop for city services including a new Police Station, Senior Citizens Center, Municipal Court, Administrative Offices, and Visitor's Center.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of the residents and businesses. Benbrook's residents and business owners are truly the heart of the community. The City Council feels blessed to be able to work together with all our partners to help Build a Better Benbrook!

*Thank You.*

Benbrook City Council

# Awards & Special Recognitions

## 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.



Finance Department



## 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.

## 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, 2021. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the government accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the City of Benbrook and its management team.

## Planning Excellence Award

The City of Benbrook's Planning Division received the Certificate 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.

# Community

## Programs & Events



### Dr. Jerry Dittrich Park Dedication

On May 7, the City of Benbrook renamed South Benbrook Park to Dr. Jerry Dittrich Park. The dedication honored the former Mayor's many years of public service. The Benbrook City Council, Tarrant County Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks, members of the community, and his family attended the event.

### 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.

### Community Environmental Events

Benbrook residents did their part in 2022 to keep Benbrook beautiful by participating in multiple community environmental events. The City held three E-Waste/Shred events collecting more than 22,000 lbs. of electronic waste and 14,000 lbs. of shredded paper material to be repurposed. During the City's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event, 19,000 lbs. of oil, paint, solvents, and other chemicals were collected. The City also hosted its 30th Annual Benbrook Trash Bash at Dutch Branch Park where residents and civic groups worked together to clean around the lake and park.



### Benbrook Business & Community Showcase

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation hosted the Benbrook Business & Community Showcase in partnership with the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce. Over 65 businesses were showcased at the event highlighting the different services they provide to Benbrook residents. Attendees were also treated to free food samples from area restaurants. In addition, the Fort Worth Chapter of SCORE provided a short seminar on the free services available to local businesses.

### Benbrook Heritage Fest

In 2022, the City of Benbrook hosted its 14th 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, stick horse race, and a homemade cookie contest.

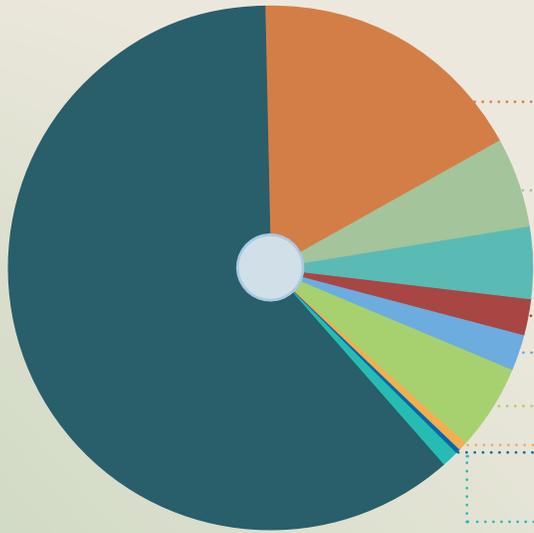


### VITAL LINK

Students from Monnig Middle School toured City departments, the Benbrook Library, and the Benbrook Water Authority as part of the VITAL LINK program with the Fort Worth ISD. VITAL LINK provides students real world work experience by observing how skills learned at school are used in the workplace. VITAL LINK allowed students to see public work vehicles up close, participate in a mock trial with the Benbrook Court, play games with the seniors at the Senior Center, and more! Some City employees credit the start of their career in public service to the VITAL LINK program when they participated.



# Financial Highlights

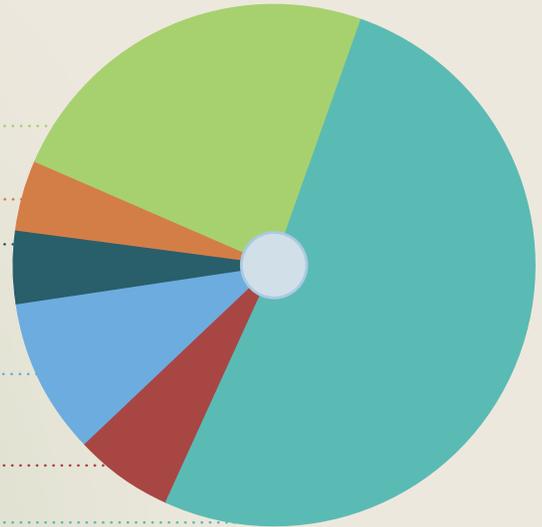


## Revenues

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sales and Other Taxes .....        | \$ 3,907,011 |
| Franchise Taxes .....              | \$ 1,207,899 |
| Licenses and Permits .....         | \$ 1,010,720 |
| Fines and Forfeitures .....        | \$ 510,500   |
| Revenue from Other Agencies .....  | \$ 530,960   |
| Charges for Current Services ..... | \$ 1,188,827 |
| Use of Money and Property .....    | \$ 95,941    |
| Other Revenue .....                | \$ 56,169    |
| Transfers .....                    | \$ 258,064   |
| Ad Valorem Taxes .....             | \$13,871,510 |

## Expenditures

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Streets, Parks, Fleet & Bldg. Maint. .... | \$ 4,492,915 |
| Community Development .....               | \$ 820,121   |
| Administration .....                      | \$ 840,811   |
| Non Departmental .....                    | \$ 1,827,674 |
| Staff Support Services .....              | \$ 1,174,034 |
| Public Safety .....                       | \$ 9,680,743 |



## Where Your Property Tax Dollars Go

|                                       | Tax Rate  | Tax Bill |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| City of Benbrook .....                | 0.5950000 | \$ 1,471 |
| FWISD .....                           | 1.2816000 | \$ 3,169 |
| Tarrant County .....                  | 0.2240000 | \$ 554   |
| Tarrant County Hospital .....         | 0.2244290 | \$ 555   |
| Tarrant County College District ..... | 0.1301700 | \$ 322   |

**Average Taxable Value of Single Family Home \$247,301**



# Development



## The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) invested **\$829,788** back into the Benbrook community in infrastructure projects and grants for local businesses and property owners. These funds were used to help *Build A Better Benbrook* through improved transportation for residents and helping to make buildings and businesses more sustainable for the future.

## New Businesses Opened in 2022

Basis Charter School

Sakura Japanese Restaurant

Audi Dealership

Taco Bueno

Dairy Queen

Tint World

Chipotle Mexican Grill

Russell Feed & Supply

Cake Ballerina

Mr Jims.Pizza

**\$84 million**

TOTAL CURRENT COMMERCIAL  
INVESTMENT INTO COMMUNITY

**\$120,702**

IN BEDC GRANTS

## Current Development Under Construction

- Benbrook City Hall
- Dermatology Specialists of Fort Worth
- Boulevard Office Park
- HQ at Southwest Blvd
- Gateway Convenience Store & Einstein Bros. Bagels & Jimmy John's
- Jackson Shaw – Chisholm 20

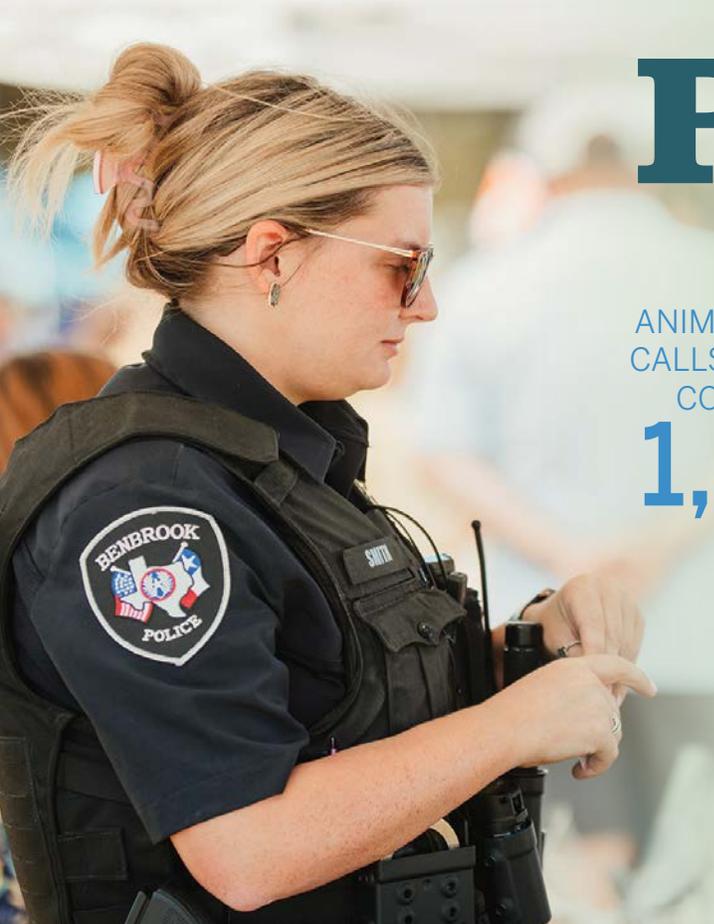
PERFORMED  
**3,916**  
TOTAL  
INSPECTIONS

NUMBER OF  
BUILDING PERMITS  
**1,306**

RESIDENTIAL ACRES PLATTED  
**34.76, 95** LOTS,

MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEX  
**374** UNITS

NON-RESIDENTIAL  
**13 LOTS,**  
**80.24** ACRES



# Police

## Department

ANIMAL CONTROL  
CALLS WITHIN THE  
COMMUNITY

1,220

CALLS POLICE DEPT  
RESPONDED TO

14,037

CITIZENS ON  
PATROL HOURS  
VOLUNTEERED

742

ATTENDED HOURS  
OF SPECIALIZED AND  
ADVANCED TRAINING

3,198

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, and suspicious behavior.

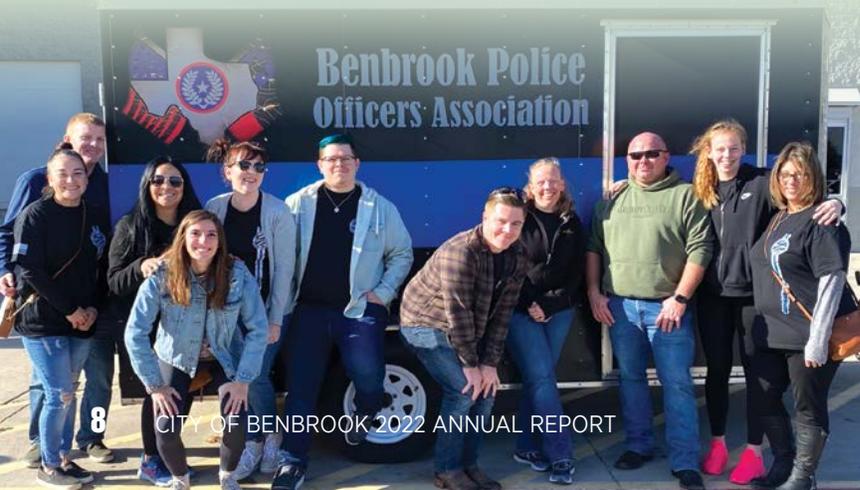


## Community Events

**National Night Out**

**Hosted two Drug Take-Back Events**

**ACH Child and Family Services Christmas Toy Drive**



# Fire Department

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

# 3,859

TOTAL CALLS RESPONDED TO FOR SERVICE

# 31

FULL-TIME STAFF

FIRE DIVISION RESPONDED TO  
**1,426**  
SERVICE CALLS

TRANSPORTED  
**1,877**  
PATIENTS TO AREA HOSPITALS

EMS DIVISION RESPONDED TO  
**2,772**  
CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Fire Department received, and placed in service, a new ladder truck and ambulance that were purchased the previous year. Both pieces of equipment aid in improving the protection of life and property in the Benbrook community and area. The new ladder truck provides the department with an extremely powerful tool for rescue, ventilation, and extinguishing fires. The new ambulance ensures EMS can provide reliable life-saving response when needed by residents. The department also received a \$25,000 grant through Tarrant County to assist with purchasing needed equipment.



## Main Goal:

Protecting lives and property in Benbrook and surrounding areas from fire and emergencies.



# Public Services

The Parks and Recreation Board, a citizen board appointed by the Benbrook City Council, worked throughout 2021 and 2022 gathering public input to update the Parks and Open Space Master Plan. The Board conducted citizen surveys and hosted public meetings for residents to provide public input on park needs. This community feedback was compiled with other City goals and objectives and was used to develop a community focused and fiscally responsible plan update. The Parks and Open Space Master 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. The Benbrook City Council adopted the updated plan in 2022.

PARKS AND RECREATION  
DIVISION MAINTAINS

**434**  
ACRES OF PARKLAND

&

**81**  
ACRES OF OPEN SPACE

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION  
MAINTAINS

**102** MILES  
OF STREETS

THE CITY MILLED AND  
OVERLAYED

**6.2** MILES  
OF ASPHALT STREETS

## Dutch Branch Park

Dutch Branch Park is an important amenity to the community and continues to be a main focus for the Parks and Streets Divisions. Staff dedicated more than 120 hours resurfacing the lower tennis courts in addition to regular maintenance of the park. Furthermore, all tennis and pickleball courts were restriped as well.



## Department Responsibilities

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



# *Benbrook Community Spotlight*





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