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Do you have old paint, cooking oil, batteries, or automotive fluids taking up space around your home? You can dispose of these items at the Spring Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event in Benbrook **Saturday, May 18, 2024**. 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 a.m. – 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](http://www.benbrook-tx.gov/441/Household-Hazardous-Waste).

**PLEASE NOTE: This is the ONLY 2024 HHW event scheduled in Benbrook. The City of Fort Worth has the authority to cancel this event.**

Benbrook residents can take 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.



## Touch-A-Truck

Join us at the Benbrook YMCA parking lot **May 21, 2024**, for Benbrook's Touch-A-Truck from **6 p.m. – 8 p.m.** Residents are invited to 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! There will be an Ambulance, Patrol Car, Tractor, Ladder Truck, Fire Engine, and more. Vendors will also be on site where attendees can purchase food.

**For more information, call 817-249-6008.**

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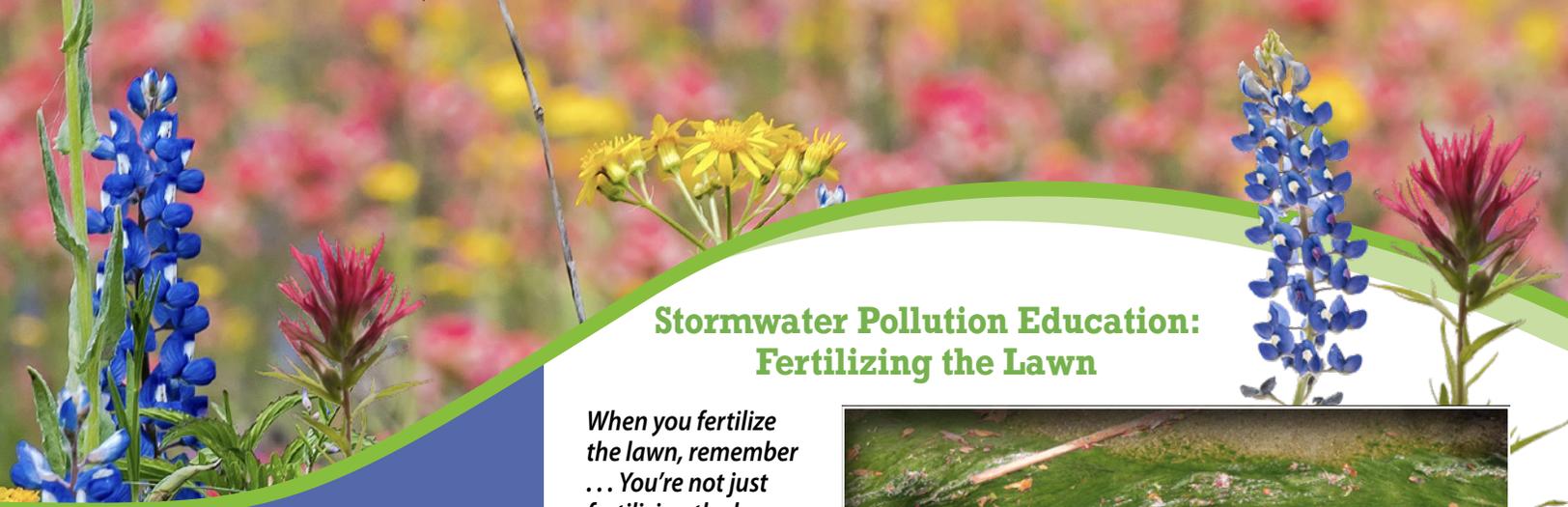
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[benbrook-tx.gov](http://benbrook-tx.gov)



## Stormwater Pollution Education: Fertilizing the Lawn

*When you fertilize the lawn, remember ... You're not just fertilizing the lawn.*

It's hard to imagine that a green, flourishing lawn could pose a threat to the environment, but the fertilizers you apply to your lawn are potential pollutants! More than 60 percent of water pollution comes from stormwater runoff. The



runoff picks up pollutants like leaking oil from cars, fertilizers from farms and gardens, and failing septic tanks. All these sources add up to a big pollution problem.

Unfortunately, fertilizer is a "growing" problem for lakes, rivers, and streams, especially if it's not used carefully. If you use too much fertilizer or apply it at the wrong time, it can easily wash off your lawn or garden into storm drains and then flow into lakes or streams. Just like in your garden, fertilizer in lakes and streams makes plants grow. In water bodies, extra fertilizer can mean extra algae and aquatic plant growth. Too many algae cause water quality problems and makes boating, fishing, and swimming unpleasant. As algae decays, it uses up oxygen in the water that fish and other wildlife need to survive. For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution](http://www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution).

## Thunderstorm Season Supply Kit

April showers bring May flowers! Be sure to stay alert during this storm season. Here are some things to keep on hand in case of a weather emergency:

- Food and Water
- Battery Powered Weather Radio
- Flashlights and Batteries
- Cell Phone (With Charger or Spare Battery Pack)
- First Aid Kit
- Pair of Shoes
- List of Emergency Contacts
- Whistle to Signal for Help



## 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 a Senior Dance **July 26, 2024** from **7 p.m. – 9 p.m.** 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.**



**BENBROOK**  
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## Evening at the Library

The Benbrook Library will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in style during the Evening at the Library event **Friday, May 10, 2024**, from **6 p.m. – 8 p.m.** In honor of serving the Benbrook community for 25 years, the Library will host a *Great Gatsby* themed party! This is a great opportunity for the community to get to know the staff and all the services the Library provides. Refreshments will be provided, and prizes will be awarded for the best costume.

## Summer Reading at Benbrook Public Library

Registration for Benbrook Public Library's 2024 Summer Reading Club will begin **Saturday, June 1**. The Library offers reading programs for all ages, and there are multiple options for the whole family to participate in the Summer Reading Club. Participants may play online or in person at the Library for a chance to win prizes. Players will also have opportunities to win gift cards from local businesses and library services as they play. The Benbrook Public Library offers a multitude of summer programs that are sure to encourage family fun activities to keep you occupied through the heat of summer. Visit [benbrooklibrary.org](http://benbrooklibrary.org) for more information.



## Benbrook Community Center YMCA News

### 32nd Annual Healthy Kid's Day

The YMCA is hosting its 32nd Annual Healthy Kids Day **April 27, 2024**. Healthy Kids Day is a **FREE** event and offers the perfect opportunity for families to learn how to keep active and engaged this summer. The YMCA will have fun activities and free prizes. For more information on how your business can be involved, contact Tonya Gertz at [tgertz@ymcafw.org](mailto:tgertz@ymcafw.org).

### Middle School Madness

Bring your teens to hang out at the Y's Middle School Madness Night every other Friday from **7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.** There is a \$10 fee for members and \$15 for non-members. Snacks, prizes, and food will be provided. Contact the front desk to register and learn the weekly themes!

## Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

Southern Painting and the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) will host the BACC Annual Golf Tournament Monday, **June 17, 2024**, at Mira Vista Country Club, 6600 Mira Vista Blvd., in Fort Worth. All BACC members and the public are invited to join in on the fun! This open tournament is played on the championship 18-hole golf course, offering winding paths and stunning views.

**For more information, contact the BACC office at 817-249-4451, or visit [www.gobenbrook.com](http://www.gobenbrook.com).**



## Benbrook Community Gardens Is Now Accepting New Gardeners

The Benbrook Community Gardens, located at Timber Creek Park (900 Park Dr.), has a few 16'x4' raised garden plot beds available for 2024. The annual fee is \$50 and includes a water source, gardening tools, and limited organic supplies. The Benbrook Community Gardens hosts a monthly meeting on the second Saturday of each month. To register for the meetings, email [benbrookgardens@gmail.com](mailto:benbrookgardens@gmail.com).

## 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 prescription medications for proper disposal. The event will take place **April 27, 2024**, 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**.



## Benbrook Artisans and Farmers Market



The Benbrook Artisans and Farmers Market is back! 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 May market will be held **Sunday, May 5, 2024**, from **10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** and the June market will be held **Sunday, June 2, 2024**, from **10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** For more information, follow the Benbrook Artisan and Farmers Market's Facebook page.



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## **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](http://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 a 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](http://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.

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 aide 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.**



### City Council

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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.).

## City Hall Closure

City Hall will be closed May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day.