



Newspaper

FROM THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS



Candidate Filing Information for Tuesday, November 5, 2024

City of Benbrook Officials (positions up for election):

- Member of Council, Place 2
- Member of Council, Place 4
- Member of Council, Place 6

The filing period for a place on the ballot begins **July 20, 2024**, and goes through **August 19, 2024**.

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 the City of Benbrook for 12 months before the date of the 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 a 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 2024.

Applications must be returned to the City Secretary's Office at Benbrook City Hall by **5 p.m., August 19, 2024**. 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.

Benbrook Heritage Fest Returns Saturday, September 28, 2024

Benbrook Heritage Fest 2024 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 a street dance. Tickets for the chuckwagon dinner will go on sale **August 1, 2024**, tickets must be purchased in advance due to limited availability.

Attendees are also invited to compete in a dog costume contest, stick horse race competition, and a corn on the cob eating contest. Participating hotels are offering a 10% discount on stays during the festival if you mention "Heritage Fest" when booking.

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**.



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benbrook-tx.gov



Free E-Waste and Shred Event

YMCA News

Summer Bash

Celebrate the start of summer at the Y, **May 24, 2024, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.** Free food will be provided, as well as, giveaways and community swimming!

Floating Melon Patch

Beat the summer heat with the Y's Floating Melon Patch, **July 12, 2024, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.** Pay \$5 and dive into the pool to bob for your own watermelon. Refreshing watermelon-themed snacks will also be provided. For more information, call **817-249-0500**.

Middle School Madness

Join the Y and play Esports, basketball, and dance! Middle School Madness is hosted **every Friday, 8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.** The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. 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**.



Dutch Branch Park
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Saturday, June 15, 2024

Bring your electronic waste and old documents to the **FREE** E-Waste and Shred Event **Saturday, June 15, 2024**, 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 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

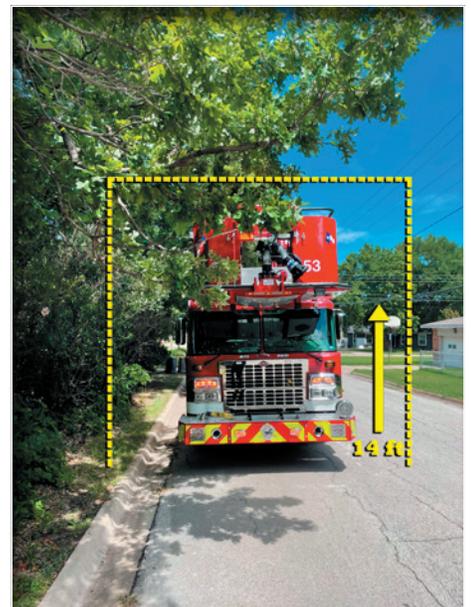
Sierra Shred will also be onsite to shred documents. Please limit documents to a reasonable household amount (**no large quantities of business documents**). Please do not place plastic materials such as credit cards or compact discs with documents to be shredded.

For more information, call Cecilia Ventura at **817-249-6008**.

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. Please 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**.





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 broadcasted 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/or 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 which circuits are 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**.

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 28, 2024**, and **July 26, 2024**, **7 p.m. - 9 p.m.** You are also invited to participate in the activities listed below.

- **Bridge:** Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m.
- **Hand and Foot:** Daily, 9 a.m.
- **Dominoes 42:** Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m.
- **Canasta:** Thursday, 9 a.m.
- **Mexican Train Dominoes:** Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m.
- **Ceramics with Steve:** Thursday, 1 p.m.
- **Line Dance Lessons:** Thursday, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Chair Yoga:** Monday, 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Benbrook Public Library Summer Reading Program

Children of all ages are invited to participate in the Benbrook Public Library's Annual Summer Reading Program starting **June 1** through **August 3, 2024**. 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 the summer.

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



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Brush and Bulk Collection

The City of Benbrook contracts with Republic Services to provide solid waste services for residential trash, recycling, brush removal, and bulk waste collections. To promote safe, sanitary, and efficient conditions, the City of Benbrook requires by ordinance (*Ordinance No. 642*) that all residents and businesses subscribe to the refuse service. The following guidelines apply for brush and bulk collections:

ACCEPTED BULK ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Bathtubs
- Bookcases
- Couches
- Desks
- Bicycles
- Box springs
- Toilets

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Federal laws **prohibit** the **collection of refrigerator or freezer units** unless certification is provided by a certified technician that has removed chlorofluorocarbons (CFC). Check the Yellow Pages under “Appliances – Repair and Service” to locate a certified technician.
- Due to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) restrictions, Republic Services will **NOT** pickup used tires, batteries, petroleum products, containers of paint, herbicides, pesticides, or other hazardous chemicals and solvents.
- Republic Services will **NOT** pick up construction materials such as sheetrock, tile, roofing, or earthen materials.

Brush and bulk materials placed at curbside on **Wednesdays by 7 a.m.** will be collected within 72 hours. Loose brush should **NOT** exceed 4 feet in length, 6 inches in diameter, or 100 pounds. Large brush and bulk materials are collected with a special brush truck built for collecting boxes, furniture, and appliances (*50lb. weight limit*).

Bulk items may also be taken to the Southeast Landfill (6288 Salt Road, Fort Worth, TX 76140).

For more information on residential solid waste services, contact Cecilia Ventura at **817-249-6008**.



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 **817-249-6090**.

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

The first City Council meeting in July is rescheduled for **Tuesday, July 2, at 7:30 p.m.** All other meetings will follow the regular schedule of the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Benbrook City Hall (911 Winscott Rd.).

Benbrook City Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4, 2024.