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Newsletter

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**Event Postponed to Saturday,
December 14, 2024, at 7 p.m.**

Benbrook's 33rd Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show

Capture the spirit of the season by joining the fun during Benbrook's 33rd Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show **Saturday, December 7, 2024**, at Dutch Branch Park behind the Benbrook Community Center YMCA (1899 Winscott Rd.). The show will start at **7 p.m.** Attendees can watch Mr. & Mrs. Claus ride in on the Fire Truck, take pictures in the old-time sleigh, and even enjoy a cup of hot cocoa during the lighting of the tree and the fireworks show. The event is free to the public and hot chocolate will be available for purchase.

Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus will return to the Benbrook YMCA **Friday, December 6, 2024**, from **6 p.m. - 8 p.m.** Refreshments will be provided along with reindeer games during the event. Pictures are \$5.00 each and all proceeds go to The Spirit of Christmas. This benefits Benbrook families in need during the holiday season.

For more information, contact the Benbrook Fire Department at **817-249-1727**.

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benbrook-tx.gov

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YMCA News



Join the Y this January and Save!

Benbrook residents who sign up for a membership with the YMCA in the month of January will receive a 20% discount. Bring your Benbrook water bill to ensure the discount.

Middle School Madness

Want a fun, safe place for your Middle School kids to hang out? Bring them to the Y for Middle School Madness **December 13 from 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.** The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. This cost includes dinner, games, prizes, and a great time. Sign up in person at the Benbrook Y or online at www.ymcafw.org.



BENBROOK WATER AUTHORITY

Conserve Now, Save Later

Your water consumption from November until March will influence your sewer charges for the entire year. The Winter Quarter Average (WQA)* billing method means you will incur the same monthly fee for wastewater services, calculated based on your average water usage over the winter months.

**WQA is applicable only to residential customers.*

For more information, call the Benbrook Water Authority at **817-249-1250**.

Tips for a Warmer, More Efficient Home

As the temperature drops, it's important to ensure your home is energy efficient to stay warm and comfortable while reducing your energy bills. Here are some tips to help you save energy and money this winter.

- **Seal up drafts:** Check your windows and doors for drafts and seal them with weatherstripping or caulk.
- **Program your thermostat:** Set your thermostat to a lower temperature at night and when you're away from home. Consider using a programmable thermostat to automate this process.
- **Use energy-efficient appliances:** When replacing appliances, choose energy-efficient models with ENERGY STAR certification.
- **Install LED light bulbs:** LED bulbs use less energy and last longer than traditional incandescent bulbs.
- **Unplug electronics:** Even when turned off, electronics can consume energy. Unplug them when not in use.
- **Maintain your HVAC system:** Regular maintenance, including cleaning and tune-ups, can help your HVAC system operate more efficiently.

For more information, visit energy.gov.



My Benbrook Mile

The City of Benbrook invites individuals and groups to participate in the Adopt-a-Mile program and make a positive impact on the community. By adopting a city roadway or park area, you can help keep streets clean and beautiful.

To participate, register online at www.benbrook-tx.gov/216/Trash-Recycling-Environmental. Registered individuals and groups are responsible for organizing clean-up events and requesting supplies from the City, such as trash bags, latex gloves, and reflective vests. Clean-up events can be scheduled monthly, quarterly, or as the area dictates. Together, we can create a cleaner, healthier Benbrook for everyone to enjoy.

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

Benbrook PD Household Watch Program

The Benbrook Police Department provides a House Watch program that enables residents to notify patrol personnel of short-term absences from their homes. Homeowners complete a House Watch form with basic information regarding the duration of the stay, vehicles, pets, emergency contacts, etc. The information is passed on to officers, who will periodically provide extra patrol during the designated time.

The application is available on the City website, but it must be submitted in person to the Police Department at 1080 Mercedes St.

For more information, call the Benbrook Police Department at **817-249-1610**.





Christmas Tree Disposal

For your convenience, Republic Services offers curbside Christmas tree pick-up. Simply place your tree at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesdays, to be picked up within 72 hours, like normal brush collection. Remove nails, stands, plastic bags, and decorations from all trees.



Holly Jolly Holiday at the Benbrook Public Library

The Benbrook Public Library will host its 10th Annual Holly Jolly Holiday celebration **Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.** This holiday celebration is FREE for the entire family. It features a harpist, a reindeer photo opportunity, the Uptown Carolers performing holiday songs, balloon making, a special appearance by Mrs. Claus, and a holiday elf show. Arts and crafts, laser engraved ornaments, hot chocolate, and other refreshments will be available throughout the day. All ages are invited to attend and celebrate the holiday season.



Holiday Gift Wrapping

For those who need time and space to do holiday gift wrapping away from prying eyes, the Library is offering the space to wrap! **Thursday, December 12, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., and Tuesday, December 17, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.,** the Library will provide wrapping paper, tape, scissors, and ribbon to help make your presents sparkle. The Library provides the space; you do the wrapping!

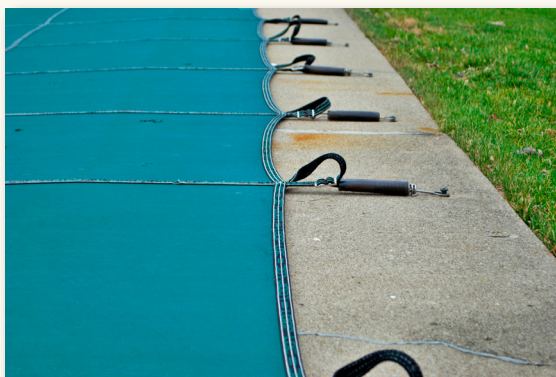


For more information, visit benbrooklibrary.org, or call the Benbrook Public Library at **817-249-6632**.

Weatherizing Your Pool for the Winter

Weatherizing your pool for the winter will help save you thousands of dollars in repairs. It is important to know how your pool equipment operates as weatherization can vary depending on its features. Always call a professional for advice on how to weatherize your specific pool. Here are some basic winter weatherization tips for all pools.

- **Clean the surface and structure of the pool.**
- **Remove and drain equipment when needed.**
- **Keep the water clean.**
- **Clean the filter if needed.**
- **Shock the pool and add appropriate chemicals.**
- **Maintain the appropriate water level.**
- **Install a pool cover when possible.**
- **Keep the filter pump running when the temperature falls below 32 degrees.**



Senior News

Winter is here, and the Benbrook Senior Citizen Center has plenty of exciting indoor activities to keep you warm and entertained. The Senior Citizens Center hosts a Senior Dance on the 4th Friday of every month from **7 p.m. – 9 p.m.** Seniors are also invited to participate in the other activities listed below.

- **Bridge:** Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m.
- **Canasta:** Thursday, 9 a.m.
- **Chair Yoga:** Thursday, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Dominoes 42:** Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m.
- **Hand and Foot:** Daily, 9 a.m.
- **Mexican Train Dominoes:** Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m.
- **Spinners Dominoes:** Friday, 9 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**.





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Republic Trash

Trash & Recycling Collection Dates

Republic Services is adjusting trash and recycling collection dates for the holidays. Trash and recycling service for Christmas will be moved to Thursday, December 26, 2024. Service normally provided on Wednesdays will shift to Thursday, January 2, 2024, due to the New Years holiday. The bulk pick-up schedule is not affected by these holiday changes.

For more information, contact Republic Services Customer Service at **817-332-7301**.

City Council

- Jason Ward.....Mayor
- Renee FranklinPlace 2
- Dr. Larry Marshall.....Place 3
- Dustin Phillips.....Place 4
- Gary AddisonPlace 5
- Laura MackeyPlace 6
- Keith TinerPlace 7

Benbrook City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at **7 p.m.** at Benbrook City Hall (911 Winscott Rd.).

Support Benbrook Businesses by Shopping Local!



The Benbrook Economic Development’s ZoomBusiness website makes it easy to find shops and services in Benbrook.

Simply visit *BenbrookZoomBusiness.com*.

If you are interested in listing your Benbrook business for **FREE**, call the Economic Development Department at **817-249-6990**.

City Hall Closures

Benbrook City Hall will be closed December 24 and 25, 2024, for the Christmas Holiday, and closed January 1, 2025, for New Year’s Day.