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BENBROOK

2024 Annual Report



Annual Report

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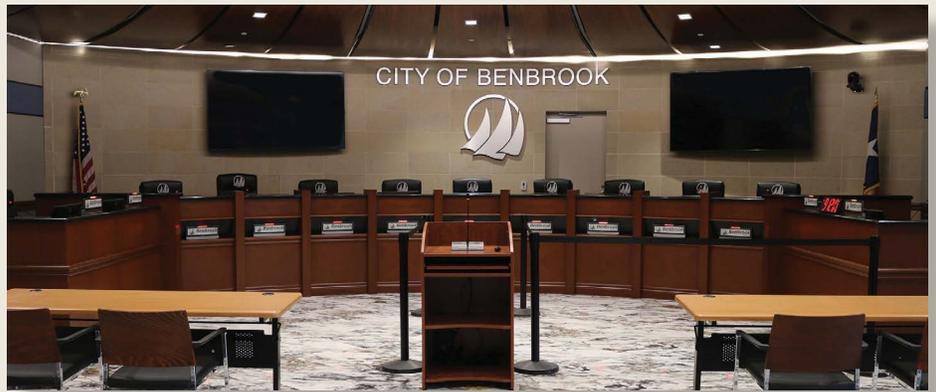
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Leadership City Departments

**Fire and Police
Emergency Response**
911

Police Department
Chief David Babcock
817-249-2752
(Administration)

Animal Control
817-249-1610

Fire Department
Chief Jason Tate
817-249-1727
(Administration)

City Manager
Jim Hinderaker
817-249-3000

**City Secretary
Civil Service**
Beth Fischer
817-249-3000

**Assistant City Manager
Building Inspections
Planning
Community Development**

Ethan Cox
817-249-6003

**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



Message from

CITY Council

In 2024, Benbrook experienced exciting progress with the completion of community projects and the opening of many new businesses. The City Council and Staff continued to focus on infrastructure improvements to help address current and future needs of the community. The opening of the new Benbrook Municipal Complex further demonstrated City Council's unwavering commitment to meeting the demands of the citizens by providing a one-stop shop for city services.

Infrastructure continued to be a top priority for the City Council and Staff to better serve residents. Approximately nine miles of streets in the northern part of Benbrook were upgraded to help with improved drainage and ensure quality access throughout the community. City Staff started design on drainage projects outlined in the Dutch Branch Park Master Drainage Plan. The plan was designed to minimize flooding while maintaining the quality of the park for residents to enjoy. The Timberline Drainage Project was also completed which improved the existing storm drain system on Timberline Drive between High Ridge Road and Edgehill Road. It included adding an additional 1,000 feet of storm drain line and associated inlets. In addition, the Cedar Creek Townhome Drainage Project was completed which included extending a storm drain line and adding a new headwall where the storm drain line connects

to the Trinity River. Both residential drainage projects were aimed at helping to reduce flooding in those neighborhoods.

The completion of the new Benbrook Municipal Complex building was a huge milestone towards the overall project. Staff moved into the new building while the former Police Department was demolished, and the environmental remediation was completed on the former City Hall. This remediation was required prior to the demolition of the building. While challenging, this staged construction allowed City Hall to continue to fully operate with no service interruptions to residents. Remaining site improvements are expected to be completed by early summer. A grand opening will be held for residents once the project is complete.

Benbrook continued to experience growth as more than \$28 million was invested into the community through new development or redevelopment projects. Twenty-six new businesses opened and expanded retail and service options for residents. In addition, six major projects started construction. There were many notable businesses that broke ground or opened during the year including Williams RDM, Aaron's Rent to Own Warehouse, The HQ Offices, Ballard Family Dentistry and Bortnem Orthodontics, Starbucks, Integrity Wellness, and HTeaO. The Benbrook Economic Development

Corporation provided more than \$286,000 in grants to local businesses and property owners to improve their store fronts and help make their buildings and businesses more sustainable.

Residents were also provided the opportunity to attend and participate in several community events. The City held three E-Waste/Shred events and collected more than 19,851 lbs. of electric waste and 16,058 lbs. of shredded paper material to be repurposed. During the City's 32nd Annual Benbrook Trash Bash, residents and civic groups showed their community pride by working together and cleaning up 70 bags of trash around Benbrook Lake and Dutch Branch Park. The 16th Annual Benbrook Heritage Fest and the 33rd Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show rounded out the year. Both events experienced record attendance.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of the entire community. The City Council thanks all those who volunteered their time selflessly throughout the year to help make Benbrook a wonderful community. As we look ahead, the City Council is proud and grateful to have the opportunity to serve the residents and work together to help Build a Better Benbrook.

Thank You.

Benbrook City Council

Awards & Special Recognitions

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.

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.

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, 2023. 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.

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.



City of Benbrook Recognized by Keep Texas Beautiful

Keep Texas Beautiful recognized Benbrook as a Silver Star Affiliate for its efforts to maintain beautification in the city. Benbrook participated in Electronic Waste and Shred events, an annual Hazardous Household Waste event, and the 32nd Annual Benbrook Trash Bash.

Community

Programs & Events

Benbrook Community Garden

The Benbrook Community Garden offers residents a space to connect with nature and grow their own fresh produce. Located within Timbercreek Park, the garden provides plots for individuals and families to cultivate vegetables, herbs, and flowers. This community-driven initiative promotes sustainable living, fosters a sense of community, and provides a peaceful outdoor retreat for Benbrook residents.

Benbrook Artisans & Farmers Market

Benbrook's Artisan and Farmers Market is a seasonal community event held on the first Sunday of each month from March through December at Dutch Branch Park. Local vendors offer a variety of fresh produce, handcrafted goods, and other unique items, providing an opportunity for residents to support local businesses and enjoy fresh, seasonal products.

Benbrook Heritage Fest

In 2024, the City of Benbrook hosted its 16th 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 the first ever corn on the cob eating competition.

Benbrook's 33rd Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show

The Benbrook Fire Department hosted Benbrook's 33rd 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.

Touch-A-Truck

During the month of May, the City of Benbrook hosted the highly favored Touch-A-Truck event. This event allows Benbrook residents and families to see the various types of vehicles that protect and serve the community on a daily basis. Attendees are able to climb into garbage trucks, ambulances, ladder trucks, and police cruisers.

Community Environmental Events

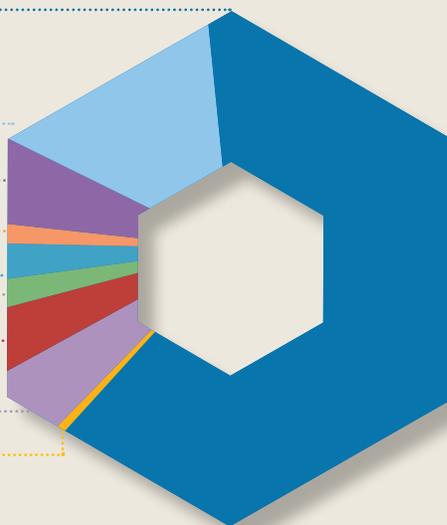
Benbrook residents did their part in 2024 helping to keep Benbrook beautiful by participating in multiple community environmental events. The City held three E-Waste/Shred events collecting more than 19,851 lbs. of electronic waste and 16,058 lbs. of shredded paper material to be repurposed. During the City's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event, 2,200 lbs. of oil, paint, solvents, and other chemicals were collected. The City also hosted its 32nd Annual Benbrook Trash Bash at Dutch Branch Park where residents and civic groups worked together to clean approximately 70 bags of trash around the lake and park.



Financial Highlights

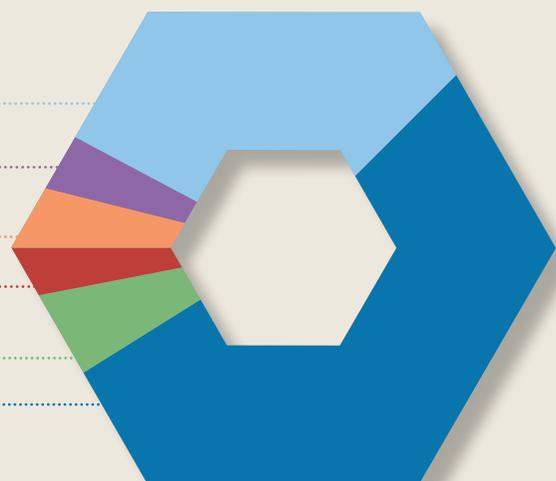
Revenues

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$16,157,559
Sales and Other Taxes.....	\$4,639,863
Franchise Taxes.....	\$1,553,474
Licenses and Permits.....	\$429,444
Fines and Forfeitures	\$692,637
Revenue from Other Agencies	\$563,806
Charges for Current Services.....	\$1,154,941
Use of Money and Property.....	\$1,333,829
Other Revenue	\$220,155



Expenditures

Services	Expenditures
Streets, Parks, Fleet & Bldg Maint.....	\$6,784,508
Community Development.....	\$872,915
Administration.....	\$922,865
Non Departmental.....	\$682,006
Staff Support Services	\$1,323,159
Public Safety.....	\$12,312,842



Tax Dollar Breakdown

Where Your Property Tax Dollars Go

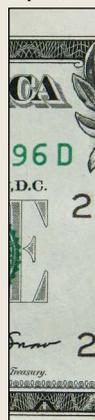
CITY OF BENBROOK
0.5550000
\$1,654



FWISD
1.0624000
\$3,167



Tarrant County
0.1875000
\$559



Tarrant County
Hospital
0.1825000
\$544



Tarrant County
College District
0.1122800
\$335



Average Taxable Value of Single Family Home \$298,088

Development

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation approved more than **\$286,000** in grants to local businesses and property owners through the Storefront Improvement Grant Program. This program is aimed at growing the Benbrook economy by helping local businesses and property owners improve their store fronts and making their buildings more sustainable while *Building a Better Benbrook*.



Current Development Under Construction

- Ballard Family Dentistry
- Bortnem Orthodontics
- The HQ Offices
- Williams RDM

Total Current Commercial Investment into Community

\$28 million

New Businesses

Opened in 2024

- Aaron's Rent to Own Warehouse
- TeaBevCo (HTeaO)
- West Fort Worth Endodontics
- R-Squared Welding
- DentPros
- MV Engineering, Inc.
- Franz Architects
- Poolwerx
- Starbucks
- Forte Fitness

Number of Building Permits

1,142

Performed

3,943

Total Inspections

New Residential Subdivision Under Construction Trinity Estates Phase 3

73 Lots
28.828 Acres

New Non-Residential Lots Created

10 Lots
28.511 Acres

\$286,000
in
BEDC Grants

Police

Department

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, or suspicious behavior.

Community Events

- ◆ National Night Out
- ◆ Hosted two Drug Take-Back Events
- ◆ ACH Child and Family Services Christmas Toy Drive
- ◆ Neighborhood Watch Program



Police Dispatched
1,338
Animal Control Calls

Police Dept
Responded to
14,636
Calls

Attended Hours of
Specialized and
Advanced Training
9,103



Citizens on Patrol
Hours Volunteered
827

Fire Department

Total Calls Responded to for Service

4,124



The Benbrook Fire Department provides many different services including:

- ◆ Firefighting
- ◆ Rescue Operations
- ◆ Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- ◆ Controls Hazardous Spills
- ◆ Fire Inspections
- ◆ Enforces Fire Codes

The Benbrook Fire Department performs many types of services. Firefighting is only part of the job. The Fire Department also manages Emergency Medical Services (EMS), conducts fire education in local schools, performs rescue operations, and more. The Fire Department received a \$25,000 grant through Tarrant County to assist with purchasing five new sets of bunker gear. This equipment is considered vital for the Fire Department to do their jobs in a safe and timely manner. This type of equipment aids in improving the protection of life and property in the Benbrook community and area.



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Full-time Staff

Fire Division Responded to

1,119

Service Calls

EMS Division Responded to

2,696

Service Calls

Transported

1,814

Patients to Area Hospitals

Main Goal:

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

Public Services



Parks and Recreation
Division Maintains

434

Acres of Park Land

81

Acres of Open Space

Public Works Division
Maintains

102

Miles of Streets

The City Milled and
Overlaid

8.9

Miles of
Asphalt Streets



Street and drainage improvements were prioritized throughout 2024. Key projects were completed including the Timberline Drainage Project and the Cedar Creek Townhome Drainage Project. The Timberline drainage project enhanced the storm drain system on Timberline Drive between High Ridge Road and Edgemoor Road by adding an additional 1,000 feet of drain line and inlets. The Cedar Creek Townhome drainage project included adding a storm drain line and installing a new headwall at its connection to the Trinity River. Approximately nine miles of streets in the northern part of Benbrook were also upgraded to help improve drainage and ensure quality access throughout the community. City Staff started construction on drainage projects outlined in the Dutch Branch Park Master Drainage Plan. The plan was designed to help minimize flooding while maintaining the quality of the park for residents to enjoy.

Department Responsibilities

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



Benbrook Community Spotlight





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