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Spring Household Hazardous Waste Event

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 24, 2025**. The event will take place at the Dutch Branch Park Complex, off Winscott Rd., in the rear parking lot behind the Benbrook Lighted Par 3 & Range (*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.

PLEASE NOTE: This is the ONLY 2025 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, call **817-392-5257**. For event questions, call **817-249-6008**.



Touch-A-Truck

Join us at the **Benbrook YMCA** parking lot **April 8, 2025**, 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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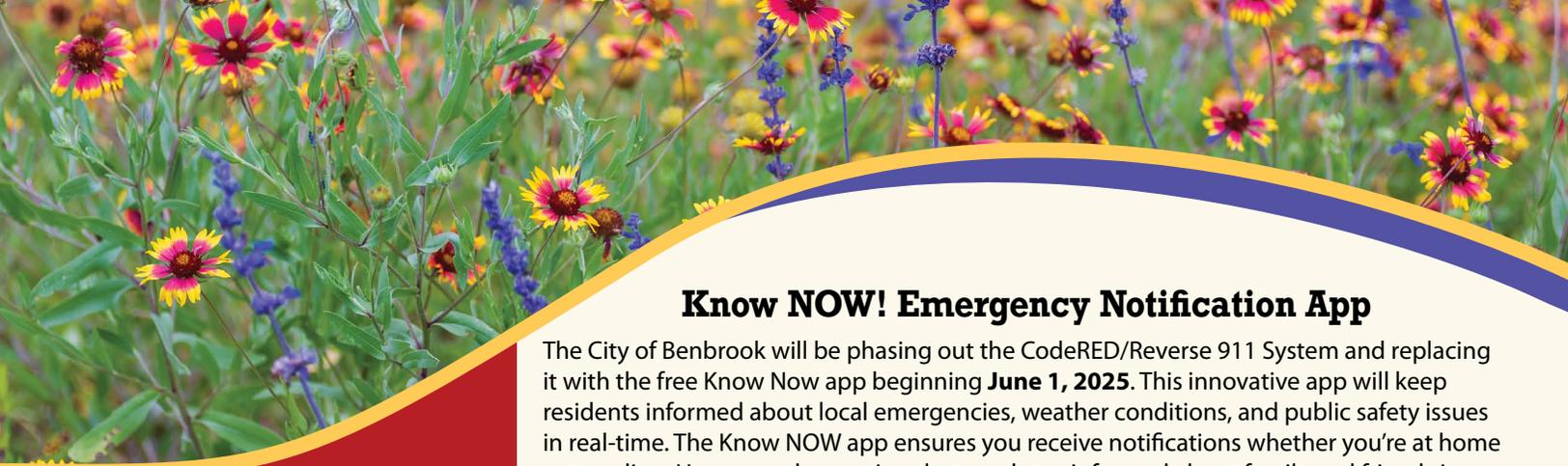


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benbrook-tx.gov



Know NOW! Emergency Notification App

The City of Benbrook will be phasing out the CodeRED/Reverse 911 System and replacing it with the free Know Now app beginning **June 1, 2025**. This innovative app will keep residents informed about local emergencies, weather conditions, and public safety issues in real-time. The Know NOW app ensures you receive notifications whether you're at home or traveling. Users can also receive alerts and stay informed about family and friends in the area during emergencies. These instant alerts will come directly to your mobile phone. The Know NOW app is live and ready for immediate use, and the setup process is simple and requires only a username, password, and one contact method (either an email address and/or phone number). To ensure residents continue to receive important emergency notifications, download the Know NOW app and select the Benbrook group to follow. For assistance or questions, email jtate@benbrook-tx.gov.



Benbrook Public Library

Evening at the Library

The Benbrook Library will be celebrating its 26th anniversary in style during the Evening at the Library event **Friday, May 2, 2025, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.** 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 attendees can enter for a chance to win exciting door prizes.

Summer Reading at Benbrook Public Library

Registration for the Benbrook Public Library's 2025 Summer Reading Club will begin **Saturday, May 31**. 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 for more information.



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. The Senior Citizens Center hosts a Senior Dance on the first **Friday** of the month from **12 p.m. to 2 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**.

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



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.





Benbrook Community Center YMCA News

Benbrook YMCA and Lighted Par 3 & Range Bunny Trail



Join us Friday, **April 18, 2025**, at **11:30 a.m.** for the 2nd Annual Benbrook Bunny Trail featuring a trail of fun booths and activities leading from the Benbrook YMCA to the Benbrook Lighted Par 3 & Range. Enjoy the bounce house, music, free hotdogs, lemonade, and pictures with the Easter Bunny at the Benbrook Lighted Par 3 & Range. If you are interested in having a booth, contact Chaz Jackson **chazeray.jackson@ymcafw.org**.

33rd Annual Healthy Kid's Day

The YMCA is hosting its 33rd Annual Healthy Kids Day **April 26, 2025**. 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 Sarah Dalmas **sdalmas@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 \$11 fee for members and \$16 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

The Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) will host the BACC Annual Golf Tournament **Monday, May 12, 2025**, at Ridglea Country Club, 3700 Bernie Anderson Ave., 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**.



Benbrook Community Gardens Is Now Accepting New Gardeners

The Benbrook Community Gardens, located at Timber Creek Park (900 Park Dr.), has 16'x4' raised garden plot beds available for 2025. The annual fee is \$55 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**.

The Benbrook Community Gardens will host their 10th Anniversary Open House following their monthly meeting and workday, **April 12, 2025, at 10 a.m.**, at the Benbrook Community Gardens. The public is invited to join in a cookout and a tour of the community gardens. The tour features the orchard, native plant garden, herb garden, and the "Save the Monarch" garden.

Benbrook Police and Fire Department 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 26, 2025, 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.



Scheduled Market Dates

April 6th	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	July 6th	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
May 4th	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	August 3rd	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
June 1st	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	September 7th	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



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



House Numbering Requirements

Clearly visible address numbers on homes are crucial for ensuring fast and accurate emergency response. In emergency situations, every second counts, and first responders rely on house numbers to locate those in need quickly. While it is permissible to place street address numbers on the curb, curb numbering alone is often insufficient due to parked vehicles obstructing the numbers. To improve safety, homeowners are required to place numbers on the face of the home fronting the street. The numbers need to be in a visible location near the front entrance and unobstructed by vegetation or decor. For questions, email ecox@benbrook-tx.gov.



Scan here for more information about the Chapter 12 Ordinance Code requirements.