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FROM THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS

Benbrook Citizens Approve Bond for New Municipal Complex

On Saturday, May 1, 2021, Benbrook citizens approved a \$22 million dollar bond for the design and construction of a new two-story, approximately 35,000 SF **Benbrook Municipal Complex** to house the Police Station, Senior Citizen's Center, Municipal Court, City Hall Offices, and a Visitor's Center. Planned outdoor amenities include a large green space for picnics/relaxation, a water feature for public enjoyment, and a band shell for festivals and events. This project will take approximately two to three years to complete and will not increase Benbrook's property tax rate.



For questions, please contact Jim Hinderaker, Assistant City Manager, at jhinderaker@benbrook-tx.gov or 817-249-6005.

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Benbrook Artisan and Farmers Market

The Benbrook Artisan 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 June market will be held on **Sunday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, and the July market will be held on **Sunday, July 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

For more information, follow the Benbrook Artisan and Farmers Market's Facebook group.

Interested in becoming a vendor?
Contact Serena at 817-821-7386 or pinkyspeakprovisions@gmail.com.

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Watch public meetings live on our Government Access Cable Channel (Spectrum, Channel 190), or on our website at Benbrook-tx.gov.

Call for Vendors and Sponsors

Benbrook Heritage Fest 2021

Benbrook is saddling up to host Heritage Fest on **Saturday, October 2, 2021**, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Dutch Branch Park. This year's event will be packed full of family-friendly fun entertainment, music performances, food, artisan vendors, a pumpkin patch, and much more!

Reserve your sponsorship or vendor spot now! Space is limited. Vendor applications and sponsorship packages are available at Benbrook-tx.gov/HeritageFest.

CONTACT

Email: HeritageFest@benbrook-tx.gov
Call: 817-249-6990

Free E-Waste and Shred Event

Dutch Branch Park
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Saturday, June 26, 2021

Bring your electronic waste and old documents to our FREE E-Waste and Shred Event on Saturday, June 26, at Dutch Branch Park from 8 a.m. to noon, **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 is required (e.g., driver's license or utility bill).

For more information, visit Benbrook-tx.gov or contact Benbrook City Hall at 817-249-3000.

Candidate Filing Information for Tuesday, November 2, 2021 General Election

City of Benbrook Officials (positions up for election):

- Mayor, Place 1
- Member of Council, Place 3
- Member of Council, Place 5
- Member of Council, Place 7

The filing period for a place on the ballot begins July 17, 2021, and ends August 16, 2021.

What are the requirements to run for a place on City Council?

- Be a United States citizen.
- Have resided continuously in the State of Texas for 12 months preceding the deadline for filing an application.
- Have resided in the City of Benbrook for 12 months before the date of the election.
- Be a registered voter of the City of Benbrook.
- Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled.
- Have not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court.
- Have not been convicted of a felony from 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 2021.

Applications must be returned to the City Secretary's Office at Benbrook City Hall by 5 p.m. on August 16, 2021.

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 Public Library Summer Programs

Registration for the Benbrook Public Library's 2021 Summer Reading Club begins Saturday, June 5. All children 12 and under are invited to join the fun and earn exciting prizes between June 5 and July 31. The library will also be offering a variety of fun, family-friendly programs for kids to enjoy all summer long including Storytime, STEAM activities, LEGO Club, movie screenings, Fun Fridays, and much more! **Visit BenbrookLibrary.org for details.**

Adults are encouraged to enjoy summer reading by playing the Plinko-inspired game "Summer Reading Book Drop." Players will earn entries into drawings for big prizes, including a tablet. Anyone 12 and up is welcome to participate. The game will begin on Saturday, June 5 and run until Saturday, August 14. **To sign up, visit the Benbrook Public Library's Information Desk. Questions? Call 817-249-6632.**



Enjoy your Summer; Avoid Mosquitoes

Summer is a time to have fun outside, but nothing spoils fun faster than mosquitoes. Not only are they a nuisance, but they can carry potentially serious illnesses including West Nile and Chikungunya Virus. Reducing your risk of being bitten is your best defense.

Here are some things you can do to reduce your risk:

- Use insect repellent whenever you spend time outdoors, day or night. Look for a repellent with DEET or other EPA-registered repellent such as Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), PMD, or IR3535.
- Wear long sleeves and pants to leave less of your skin exposed.
- Remove stagnant water from your property. Any amount of standing water can give mosquitoes a place to lay their eggs. Standing water may be found in stagnant swimming pools, bird baths, flower pots, trash containers, children's toys, clogged rain gutters, and other places.
- Place environmentally friendly Bti Briquets (mosquito pellets) in standing water that cannot be drained. Mosquito pellets can be purchased at local home and garden stores.
- Properly maintain your landscaping to help reduce the mosquito population. Mosquitoes go to cooler, humid, shady areas in your yard during the daytime to rest and escape the heat of the day. Thinning shrubs and cutting down tall grass and weeds will reduce the harborage areas and number of mosquitoes in your yard.

The City of Benbrook works closely with Tarrant County Public Health Department to monitor for mosquito-borne illnesses and implement mosquito control activities. **Visit TarrantCounty.com for more information.**

Benbrook Senior Citizen Center NOW OPEN!

The Benbrook Senior Citizen Center (1010 Mercedes St.) has re-opened its doors providing educational, recreational, and social programs for Benbrook citizens ages 50 and above.

Learn more about upcoming events and activities by visiting the Senior Center's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/BenbrookSeniorCenter](https://www.facebook.com/BenbrookSeniorCenter).

Interested in becoming a member? Contact the Center at 817-249-6300 or visit Benbrook-tx.gov/213/Senior-Citizens. Membership is FREE to Benbrook residents.

Animal Summer SAFETY TIPS



Animals are vulnerable to heat just like us. Please protect your pets as the temperature gets warmer. Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind:

- Animals should not be left alone in a vehicle with no air conditioning and the windows rolled up. Studies have shown that heat spikes to dangerous levels within only minutes.
- Make sure your pets have access to shade and water at all times.
- If you take your pet for walks, remember that paved surfaces get REALLY hot. The pads on their paws don't provide enough protection for prolonged walks on paved surfaces in extreme heat.
- Fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes thrive in warm, humid conditions. Take preventative measures to protect your pet.

For help with animal control issues, call the Benbrook Police Department's non-emergency number at 817-249-1610.

Benbrook Community Center/YMCA News

Join the Y this June and Save!

Sign up for a membership with the YMCA in the month of June and pay no activation fee. Bring your Benbrook water bill with you for a 20% resident discount.



Sports Clinic and Specialty Camps

Experience more this summer with our Sports and Specialty Camps at the Y. Everything from learning to kick a goal to cooking a delicious dish – the Y has you covered. For more information about our summer programs, visit ymcafw.org or call 817-249-0500.

Afterschool Childcare

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open for the YMCA's Afterschool Childcare program for students attending Benbrook, Westpark, and Waverly Park Elementary schools. Register at ymcafw.org/programs/education.



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“The Real Dirt” Economic Development Update

The Real Dirt is intended to share timely and accurate information regarding commercial and other development in Benbrook. Even though the development industry was impacted by the pandemic, as the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) proactively engages businesses and developers, we see a continued interest in the Benbrook market. Through this continued interest, the following projects have moved forward.

Russell Feed & Supply (8704 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377) – Russell Feed & Supply will soon be starting construction on their new 14,700 SF building.

Ace Hardware (9450 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377) – Ace Hardware is planning to open its retail store within the Benbrook Plaza Shopping Center in late summer or early fall. The store has begun the finish-out of its 15,000 SF space.

American Masonry Supply, Inc. (500 Winscott Rd. & 5701 Old Benbrook Rd.) – American Masonry Supply (AMS), Inc. is expanding their business and relocating from Arlington to Benbrook. AMS is a manufacturer of specialty cast stone architectural products such as fountains and fireplace mantels. AMS has already begun developing and repurposing both sites to fit their manufacturing needs.

Audi Dealership (NE corner of I-20/I-820 Loop frontage road and Hawkins Center Dr.) – The Audi Dealership has already started construction on their new full-service 7.185-acre dealership project.

Taco Bueno (8528 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377) – Taco Bueno is planning to open in the former Jack-in-the-Box building on Benbrook Blvd. They are in the process of remodeling the space and will open when it is complete.

Tint World (6260 Southwest Blvd.) – Tint World is opening a location in Ajax Glass Plaza. They specialize in the sale and installation of automotive accessories and window tinting. Currently, they are in the process of remodeling the space and will open when it is complete.

Victron (Corner of Hawkins Rd. & Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377) – The 3.627-acre tract has been subdivided into three commercial properties. Victron anticipates opening a convenience store on one of the tracts; the remaining two tracts will be available for additional retail development.

Wingstop (8723 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377) – Wingstop is planning to open a location next to Domino’s Pizza. They are in the process of remodeling the space and will open when it is complete.

ROOFTOPS

Multi-Family Development – Album Benbrook, the 179-unit active senior adult multi-family development is ongoing. The Walnut Creek multi-family development (Creeside at Benbrook) is projected to start this year, which includes 374 residential units.

Residential Development – More than 230 residential lots will be developed in the Walnut Creek, Whitestone Point, Whitestone Heights Phase 2, Whitestone Crest Phase 2, and the Brookside Phase 4 subdivisions.

For additional questions, citizens can call the Economic Development Department at 817-249-6990. Citizens can always stay informed by attending City Council Meetings or BEDC Board Meetings.

City Council

- Jerry Dittrich.....Mayor
- Renee Franklin..... Place 2
- Larry Marshall Place 3
- Dustin Phillips..... Place 4
- Alfredo Valverde Place 5
- Laura Mackey Place 6
- Jason Ward..... Place 7

Benbrook City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Benbrook City Hall (911 Winscott Rd).



**Benbrook
 City Hall
 will be closed
 Monday,
 July 5, 2021.**