



Newsletter

FROM THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS

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Candidate Filing Information for Tuesday, November 8, 2022



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 16, 2022, through August 19, 2022.

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 Benbrook for 12 months before the date of 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 court.
7. 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 2022.

Applications must be returned to the City Secretary's Office at Benbrook City Hall by 5 p.m. on August 19, 2022. 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.*

2022 Benbrook Business & Community Showcase



The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC), and the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC), would like to thank everyone who made the 2022 Benbrook Business & Community Showcase (BBCS) happen! It was a great success.

Thank you to all our generous sponsors and supporters of the event, including HighRidge Church (Title Sponsor), Pinnacle Bank, Chisholm Trail Dental, Key Properties, Benbrook Community Center YMCA, Smile Doctors, Benbrook Lighted Par 3, Pressley Design & Co, TotalCare Emergency Room, and the City of Benbrook. In-Kind Sponsors Include: Benbrook Water Authority, Audi Car Dealership, BASIS Charter School Benbrook, Black Rifle Coffee Company, Camp Gladiator, Chicken Express, Epic Office Solutions, Hoffbrau Steak & Grill House, In-N-Out Burger, Pulido's Tortilla Factory, Raising Cane's, Risky's BBQ, SCORE – Fort Worth Chapter, Sparky's Breakfast Burritos & Bowls, and Taco Bueno. Without your support this would not have been possible!!

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Watch public meetings live on our Benbrook Government Access Cable Channel: Spectrum, Channel 190

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Benbrook Heritage Fest Returns Saturday, October 1, 2022

Benbrook Heritage Fest 2022 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 entertainment by the Southern Chrome Band at 6 p.m. Attendees are invited to participate in a dog costume contest, stick horse race competition, and a homemade cookie contest.

Reserve your sponsorship or vendor spot now! Space is limited. Vendor applications and sponsorship packages are available online. If you do not wish to be a vendor but instead want to explore the competitive edge of Heritage Fest, be sure to enter in one of our many contests throughout the day. For more information or to register for the event, visit Benbrook-tx.gov/HeritageFest or call **817-249-6091**.

Summer Reading at Benbrook Public Library

Registration for Benbrook Public Library's 2022 Summer Reading Club will begin Saturday, June 4. 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 pick up gift cards for 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. Pick up a calendar at the Library, or visit benbrooklibrary.org for more information.

Free E-Waste and Shred Event

Dutch Branch Park
Saturday, June 25, 2022 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Bring your electronic waste and old documents to the FREE E-Waste and Shred Event Saturday, June 25, 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).

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 Jared DeVries at 817-249-6008.

Benbrook Artisans and Farmers Market

Visit the 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 Sunday, June 5, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., and the July market will be held Sunday, July 3, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, follow the Benbrook Artisans and Farmers Market's Facebook page.





Drainage System Maintenance

The City's drainage system is designed to allow rainwater to drain from streets into inlets or storm drains, which in turn pipes excess water into local creeks. The system guides excess rainwater away from streets and homes, thus preventing flooding in the community.

Drainage system maintenance is critical in keeping the system functioning properly. It is important that the system is maintained, even in the times of drought. City ordinance prohibits the dumping of dirt, rock, debris, rubbish, brush and tree cuttings, grass clippings or other material into creeks or drainage channels. Dumped materials can reduce the capacity of the drainage system, which may lead to flooding when rain occurs.

Not only do yard clippings and leaves wash into channels and cause obstruction, but excess fertilizer and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens can wash into channels and pollute streams. Using these chemicals sparingly helps limit run-off into storm drains and creeks, which in turn helps prevent contamination of water.

To help reduce pollution:

- Use organic mulch.
- Use natural pest control products instead of chemicals.
- Compost or use yard waste as mulch whenever possible.



By City ordinance, yard waste cannot be left in the street or swept into storm drains or streams. The City attempts to remove obstructions from all drainage channels that are within public drainage easements; however, landowners are responsible for keeping the storm drains clear of debris and well maintained. For storm drainage channels located on private property with no drainage easement, property owners are fully responsible for all maintenance.

For more information or to report illegal dumping, call the Code Enforcement Department at 817-249-6078.



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 24, 2022, from 7-9 p.m. You are also invited to participate in Ceramics with Steve on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., and drop in for Canasta, Mahjong, and Spades on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Other games are continued throughout the week.

The monthly calendar is posted on the Benbrook Senior Center Facebook page. For more information, call the Senior Citizens Center at **817-249-6300**.



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.

Summer Day Camps and Specialty Camps

Experience more this summer with our Summer Day Camps 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 2022-2023 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. The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) is here to answer your questions, as much as possible, without jeopardizing possible developer deals.

Russell Feed & Supply (8704 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377) – Russell Feed & Supply has started construction on their new 14,700 SF building and hope to be finished with construction by the end of the summer.

Basis Charter School (8901 Vista Way) – Basis Charter School is working to complete their new 43,000 SF building for the 2022 school year. The campus will serve approximately 720 students.

Mr. Jim’s Pizza (8905 Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377, Ste. G) – Mr. Jim’s Pizza has finished construction in the Benbrook Common’s Shopping Center and is now open for business.

Dermatology Specialists of Fort Worth (6131 Southwest Blvd.) – Dermatology Specialists of Fort Worth is building a new 12,634 SF office in Benbrook. Construction is expected to start in the next few months.

Audi Dealership (7330 Hawkins Center Drive) – The Audi Dealership is finishing construction on their new full-service dealership, which sits on 7.185 acres. Audi anticipates opening this summer.

Victron Convenience Store (Corner Hawkins Rd. & Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377) – The Victron Convenience Store is part of the 3.627 acre Gateway of Benbrook Development. Jimmy John’s Sandwiches and Einstein Bros. Bagels will also be located in the Victron Convenience Store. There are two additional pad sites in the Gateway of Benbrook Development available.

Chisholm 20 Commerce Park (NE corner of I-20 Frontage Rd. and Winscott Rd.) – The Chisholm 20 Commerce Park Development is 69 acres and will include four buildings totaling 917,000 SF.

Rooftops Multi-Family Development – Construction on the Creekside at Benbrook multi-family development has started. It will include 374 residential units.

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

BEDC’s Storefront Improvement Grant Program

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) supports the local economy by attracting new businesses and supporting existing businesses. To enhance the overall sustainability of Benbrook’s businesses and commercial buildings, the BEDC offers Storefront Improvement Grants. 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 817-249-6990.

City Council

- Jason Ward.....Mayor
- Renee FranklinPlace 2
- Dr. Larry MarshallPlace 3
- Dustin PhillipsPlace 4
- Gary AddisonPlace 5
- Laura Mackey.....Place 6
- Keith Tiner.....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 4, 2022.