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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, April 15, 2023. The event will take place at the Dutch Branch Park Complex, off Winscott Rd., in the rear parking lot behind Par 3 Golf (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](http://www.benbrook-tx.gov/441/Household-Hazardous-Waste).

**PLEASE NOTE: This is the ONLY 2023 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, please call 817-392-5257.

For event questions, call 817-249-6008.



## Touch-A-Truck

Join us at the Benbrook YMCA parking lot May 22, 2023, for Benbrook's Touch-A-Truck from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. You can interact and 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.

IN-N-OUT Burger will be on-site serving meals to the first 400 attendees. Donations for meals are encouraged.

For more information, call 817-249-6008.

## STAY UP TO DATE:



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



## Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution

Stormwater is rainwater - plus anything the rain carries along with it (e.g., chemicals) - that winds up in the storm drain. Unlike sanitary sewage, stormwater is not treated at a wastewater treatment plant. The storm drainpipes lead directly to Benbrook Lake and other local creeks. Follow these 10 easy steps to ensure we do not pollute our drinking water source.



## Thunderstorm Season Supply Kit

April showers bring May flowers! Be sure to stay alert during storm season. Keep these items 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

## Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce Hosts Golf Tournament

The Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) will host the BACC Annual Golf Tournament Monday, June 19, 2023, at Mira Vista Country Club, 6600 Mira Vista Blvd., 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](http://www.gobenbrook.com).



### 10 Steps to Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution:

1. Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it at home.
2. Properly dispose of motor oil at an oil recycling center.
3. Check your vehicle, boat, and motorcycle for leaks. Use an absorbent material (e.g., cat litter) to absorb oil-based products, and then sweep it up.
4. Never dump or sweep anything into the storm drain.
5. Pick up after your pet.
6. Limit the use of pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides on your lawn. If you must use them, don't apply them before it rains.
7. Use non-toxic or organic alternatives to pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides.
8. Drain your pool into the sanitary sewer where it can be treated. If this option is not available, then the pool water must be dechlorinated prior to draining into the storm drain. Make sure your pool service does this job.
9. Dispose of paint and other household hazardous waste at a Benbrook recycling event or take it to the City of Fort Worth's Environmental Center (6400 Bridge St.), with proof of residency, for free disposal. Leave old paint cans open to dry completely before disposing in the trash.
10. Reduce, reuse, and recycle. To learn more about stormwater pollution and how you can help prevent it, visit our website at [www.benbrook-tx.gov/546/Storm-Water-Runoff](http://www.benbrook-tx.gov/546/Storm-Water-Runoff).



**YMCA's**

## **Benbrook Police and Fire Departments 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 and prescription medications for proper disposal. The event will take place April 22, 2023, 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.

The April market will be held Sunday, April 2, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., and the May market will be held Sunday, May 7, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, follow the Benbrook Artisans and Farmers Market's Facebook page.

## **Summer Reading at Benbrook Public Library**

Registration for the Benbrook Public Library's 2023 Summer Reading Club will begin Saturday, June 3. 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](http://benbrooklibrary.org) for more information.

## **Community Easter Egg Hunt**

The YMCA is hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt Friday, April 7, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the Benbrook YMCA. The event is **FREE** to the public, and donations are being accepted for plastic filled candy eggs. For questions, call the Benbrook YMCA at 817-249-0500.

## **31st Annual Healthy Kid's Day**

The YMCA's 31st Annual Healthy Kids Day is a **FREE** event that will be held at the Benbrook YMCA April 29, 2023. Healthy Kids Day is an opportunity for families to come out and learn how to keep active and engaged this summer. The YMCA will have fun activities and lots of free prizes. For more information on how your business can be involved, contact Tonya Gertz at [tgertz@ymcafw.org](mailto:tgertz@ymcafw.org).

## **Teen Night**

Bring your teens to hang out at the Y's Teen Night every Friday from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. There is a \$10 fee for members and \$15 for non-members. Snacks, prizes, and food will be provided. Contact the front desk to register and learn the weekly themes!

## **Benbrook Community Gardens Is Now Accepting New Gardeners**

The Benbrook Community Gardens, located at Timber Creek Park (900 Park Dr.), has a few 16'x4' raised garden plot beds available for 2023. The annual fee is \$50 and includes a water source, gardening tools, and limited organic supplies. Register for the Saturday, April 8, 2023, informational meeting by emailing [benbrookgardens@gmail.com](mailto:benbrookgardens@gmail.com). The Benbrook Community Gardens hosts a monthly meeting on the second Saturday of each month.



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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.

**Gateway Convenience Store (Corner Hawkins Rd. & Benbrook Blvd./U.S. 377)** – Gateway 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 Gateway Convenience Store. Construction on this project is underway. There are two additional pad sites in the Gateway of Benbrook Development available.

**JacksonShaw Development (NE corner of I-20 Frontage Rd. and Winscott Rd.)** – Construction on the Chisholm 20 project has started. This development will consist of four buildings totaling approximately 917,374 SF. JacksonShaw estimates this project will create 580 jobs in Benbrook.

**9331 Westpark Dr. and 9460 Benbrook Blvd.** – The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation is in the process of getting the former Mark’s Auto Repair Shop and Footworks Studio (along Benbrook Blvd.) demolished and ready for redevelopment.

## 2023 Benbrook Business & Community Showcase



The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC), and the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC), extends a thank you to everyone who made the 2023 Benbrook Business & Community Showcase (BBCS) happen! It was a great success.

Thank you to all the generous sponsors and supporters of the event, including Benbrook Middle-High School, Pinnacle Bank, Benbrook Lighted Par 3 & Range, Key Properties, Walmart Supercenters, Benbrook Community Center YMCA, TotalCare Emergency Room, Audi Fort Worth, Sir Speedy, Benbrook Antique Mall, Raising Cane’s, and Simple Things Furniture.

Thank you to the In-Kind Sponsors, Benbrook Water Authority, Chicken Express, Tractor Supply, Taco Casa, Sallie’s School of Dance, Pressley Design & Co Decorating Den Interiors, Carter BloodCare, Hoffbrau Steak & Grill House, Risky’s BAR-B-Q, Chick-Fil-A, Panda Express, Pulido’s Tortilla Factory, “Show & Shine” Car Show, and the City of Benbrook.

Thank You! Without your support this would not be possible!

### City Council

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- Renee Franklin ..... Place 2
- Dr. Larry Marshall ..... Place 3
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- Gary Addison ..... Place 5
- Laura Mackey..... Place 6
- Keith Tiner..... Place 7

### City Hall Closures

City Hall will be closed April 7, 2023, in observance of Good Friday and May 29, 2023, for Memorial Day.