

## 2016 Benbrook Trinity Trash Bash Needs You!

The 24th Annual Benbrook Trinity Trash Bash event takes place Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 8:30am to 11:30am. This annual event offers an opportunity for Benbrook residents, visitors, groups, and organizations to volunteer to take part in a fun cleanup party!



Trinity Trash Bash is an annual volunteer cleanup of the Trinity River and its tributaries. As a member of the Trinity River Environmental Educational Society (T.R.E.E.S.), Benbrook is part of a network of municipalities that participate in this important environmental effort each

Registration begins at 8:30am at the pavilion located behind the concession stand in the back parking lot behind the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA at 1899 Winscott Road. Cleanup begins at 9:00am. Volunteers are assigned specific areas in the park to pick up litter and debris. Gloves and trash bags are provided. Please call 817-249-6008 to register prior to the event.

year. Annually, approximately 6,500 volunteers participate in about 25 area events, collecting some 335,000 pounds of trash and recyclables.

Trash Bash provides volunteers with free t-shirts and fun giveaway items, and everyone is eligible to win door prizes.

Your participation in this event ensures the success of Benbrook Trash Bash!

For more information or to register, please contact Alex Busken at 817-249-6008 or abusken@benbrook-tx.gov.

Again this year, a free hotdog lunch will be served around 11:00am.

Check the City's website 'Trash, Recycling and Environmental Programs' page for more information and volunteer release forms: [www.benbrook-tx.gov](http://www.benbrook-tx.gov).

## Mark Your Calendar!

### 10TH ANNUAL BENBROOK HERITAGE FEST "COWBOY ROUNDUP"

Saturday, October 15, 2016  
10:00am- 4:00pm  
Dutch Branch Park, 1899 Winscott Road, Benbrook, Texas

For more information contact Patty Bissey at 817 249-6087 or pbissey@benbrook-tx.gov.



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# What to Know about Flood Insurance

If you live in a flood-prone area, there is a good chance you have flood insurance or have been told that you need to purchase it. The following points may be helpful:

### Insurance Agent

Flood insurance can only be purchased through an insurance agent; it cannot be purchased directly from the Federal Government. If your local insurance agent is unfamiliar with the National Flood Insurance Program, (NFIP) you can:

- Find an agent serving your area, go to [FloodSmart.gov](http://FloodSmart.gov), or;
- Call 1-888-379-9531 to request an agent referral

### Coverage and Deductibles

It is important to know what the policy does and does not cover. For example, damage caused by a sewer backup is only covered by flood insurance if it's a direct result of flooding.

Deductibles apply separately to the building and its contents with varying amounts to choose from. Like other insurance plans, a higher deductible will lower the premium that is paid but will also reduce the claim payment. The mortgage lender can also set a maximum amount for the deductible.

### Mandatory Requirements

Homes and businesses with mortgages from Federally regulated or insured lenders in high-risk flood areas are

required to have flood insurance. Flood insurance is not Federally required if the home or business is in a moderate- to low-risk flood area, but it is still available and strongly recommended.

### Rate Information

The NFIP offers flood insurance, which can be purchased through most leading insurance companies. Rates are set and do not differ from company to company or agent to agent. These rates depend on several factors, including the date and type of construction of your home, along with your area's level of risk. Most premiums include a Federal Policy Fee and ICC Premium. The City of Benbrook participates in the Community Rating System and has a rating of '6'. Because of the rating, Benbrook residents qualify for an insurance premium discount of 20% if they live in a high-risk area and a 10% discount if they live in a moderate- to low-risk area. Typically, there is a 30-day waiting period from date of purchase before the policy goes into effect.

Flooding poses a threat to our safety, and can potentially damage property. **For safety tips, please go to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).**



## Benbrook 'Booked Author' Series

**The Benbrook Public Library is excited to announce a new author series – Benbrook Booked!** Four authors will present as part of the series, which begins in August and concludes in November 2016.

### AUTHORS INCLUDE:

- **Taylor Stevens**, an award-winning, best-selling adult suspense author from Dallas, will speak on Saturday, August 20th at 2:00pm
- **Janee Trasler**, a children's author from Grapevine, will read from her books on Saturday, September 17th at 11:00am
- **Rosemary Clement-Moore**, an award-winning young adult author from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, will speak on Saturday, October 29th at 11:00am
- **Julia Heaberlin**, a Grapevine-based best-selling author of adult thrillers will conclude the series on Saturday, November 12th at 2:00pm

There will be signed copies of the author's books available for purchase after each event. Visit the library's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/benbrooklibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/benbrooklibrary/) for chances to win free copies of the authors' books!

**Admission to all events is FREE.** For more information, contact the library at 817-249-6632.

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

The fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event in Benbrook is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Dutch Branch Park Complex, off Winscott Road, in the rear parking lot behind Par 3 Golf (follow signs) from 9:00am - 11:00am (or until the collection trailer is full).

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS** for HHW disposal: acids, aerosol cans, antifreeze, all batteries, brake fluid, craft and hobby materials, degreasers, drain cleaners, fertilizer, herbicides, household chemicals, light bulbs, motor oil, oil filters, paint/stains, paint thinners, pest strips, pesticides, photo chemicals, pool chemicals, solvents, transmission fluid, and varnishes.

**Please Note: We will no longer accept pharmaceuticals (old medicine) at this event.**

The following items **CANNOT BE ACCEPTED:** ammunition, fireworks, appliances, PCB oil cylinders, asbestos, propane cylinders, brush or bulky waste, radioactive material, building materials, smoke detectors, butane syringes, tires, and explosives.

Please bring proof of Benbrook residency (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.

Innovative Electronics will also be on-site to collect **electronic waste (E-waste)** such as computers (they destroy hard drives), monitors, printers, scanners, appliances, fax machines/copiers, radios/telephones, televisions, smoke detectors, and gaming systems.



**For more information, contact Benbrook City Hall at 817-249-3000.**

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## Spirit of Christmas Program Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Through the Benbrook Spirit of Christmas program, the Benbrook community is celebrating **30 years of providing Christmas gifts to children who attend Benbrook schools, qualify for the free/reduced lunch program and live in Benbrook.** Each year, school counselors identify students who are in need. The families provide their clothing needs, along with toy items on the children's 'wish list' and the program matches a donor with each child.

If you are interested in becoming a Christmas donor, please contact the program chair below. Donors will receive the child or children's name(s), clothes/shoe sizes and wish list items. After shopping, donors will be instructed where and when to drop off the items.

**Again this year, and in partnership with Meals on Wheels, the Spirit of Christmas has expanded its reach to include those who receive the meal service and live in Benbrook.** Christmas donors can brighten the holidays for many of the elderly and disabled that are recipients of Benbrook Meals on Wheels.

**Besides adopting, another option for participating in the program is to simply bring a new, unwrapped gift item to one of the following gift collection locations:**

- Pinnacle Bank, 9282 Benbrook Boulevard/US 377
- Chick-fil-A, 8800 Benbrook Boulevard/ US 377
- Benbrook Water Authority, 1121 Mercedes Street

**Contact Beth McKnight at 817-825-5243 or spiritofchristmas01@gmail.com, or to volunteer go to [www.benbrookspiritofchristmas.org](http://www.benbrookspiritofchristmas.org).**





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Benbrook City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at City Hall 911 Winscott Road.

For more information call **817-249-3000** or visit [www.benbrook-tx.gov](http://www.benbrook-tx.gov)

**BENBROOK COMMUNITY NEWS**



**Benbrook Community Center/YMCA News**

On August 5th, the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA (BCC/YMCA) will host a **free Family Movie Night**, featuring a showing of Pete’s Dragon. Chic-Fil-A and the What’s Cook-N Food Truck will be on site with **food available for purchase**. The event will also include **lawn games, door prizes and sweet treats from Steel City Pops**. Activities begin at 7:00pm and the movie will begin at dusk.

Also during the month of August, **if you sign up for a Fall Program (Fall Sports, Swimming lessons, After-school program) the one-time fee to join the BCC/YMCA will be waived**. The Benbrook Community Center/YMCA will also collect canned food and toiletries for Westaid Food Pantry during the month of August.

**In September, the BCC/YMCA will host a Back to School Party**. Please contact the branch at 817-249-0500 for more details on the party, as well as the after-school program.

**Plan to Donate Items for the 4 PAWS Treasure Sale**

4 PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) is hosting a fundraising treasure sale on Saturday, October 8 at 1628 S. Timber Court, from 8:00am to 2:00pm. **Please save your new or gently-used items to donate at this location on Friday, October 7, from 10:00am-6:00pm.**

All proceeds go toward providing veterinary care for stray animals in the Benbrook Animal Shelter. **Contact: 817-249-0459**