

10TH ANNUAL BENBROOK HERITAGE FEST "Cowboy Roundup"



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

Join us for the 10th annual Heritage Fest Event, a celebration of our Texas heritage! This **FREE-admission**, family-friendly, fun-filled day includes games and activities, arts and crafts, great festival food, exhibits, and music.

Enjoy dance and music performances by Sallie's School of Dance, Singer/Songwriter Jade Flores and the Fort Worth Scottish Pipes and Drums. Stroll the park to visit the Native American Village and the Mexican Village, and and watch the Sunset Mountain Miniature horse performances.

This year, the festival again includes the Pumpkin Patch, a popular photo setting with the kids! Be sure to purchase a pumpkin to take home for the fall season, with proceeds benefiting a local non-profit.

Benbrook's 4 PAWS pet adoption organization will be onsite with homeless dogs, so come prepared to adopt your new pet!

Stop by the petting zoo, enjoy the bounce house, and ride the mini-train around the grounds. Also this year, classic car enthusiasts will enjoy the Car Show in the Car Corral!

Join us for this special heritage celebration in Benbrook, Texas. See you there!

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

<http://www.benbrook-tx.gov/heritagefest>



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City Council Adopts 2016-17 Budget

The Benbrook City Council adopted the City's 2016-17 Budget on Thursday, September 15, 2016. The Budget goes into effect on October 1, 2016. **The 2016-17 property tax rate of \$0.6500 per \$100 valuation represents a \$0.0075 reduction; in the tax rate; this tax rate decrease is the City's first since the 2007-08 fiscal year.**

The Budget is predicated on the continuation of current services and programs. There are no planned cut-backs, layoffs, or service reductions. Included in the budget are four additional full-time positions and the elimination of three part-time positions in the Police and Fire Departments. New part-time positions are approved for the Police Department, Fire Department, Municipal Court, and Parks Department. Funds to replace vehicles and equipment are included for Police and Public Services Departments.

Total operating fund revenues are \$18,442,466 and operating fund expenditures and transfers are \$19,752,466. The variance

between revenues and expenditures of \$1,310,000 is attributed to the transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Asset Replacement Fund, a transfer of \$500,000 from General Fund Reserves to the existing Animal Shelter Account to designate funds for constructing a new animal shelter, the transfer of \$530,000 for the future Clear Fork Bridge project, and the transfer of \$80,000 from General Fund reserves for the Vista Way Sidewalk Project.

The Budget projects that at the end of the 2016-17 fiscal year, operating fund reserves will total \$9,138,654 or a decrease of \$1,310,000 from the estimated 2016-17 beginning fund balance of \$10,448,654.

A summary of the 2016-17 Budget may be found in the Finance section of the City's website at www.benbrook-tx.gov.

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

In accordance with Title 1, Chapter C, Subchapter C, Section 2.053 of the Texas Election Code, a governing body of a political subdivision may declare each unopposed candidate elected to office and cancel the election upon certification that:

1. The deadline for placement on the General Election ballot and declaration of write-in candidacy has passed;
2. That each candidate on the ballot is unopposed for election to office; and
3. There are no propositions to appear on the ballot in that election.

BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL

At the September 15, 2016 City Council meeting, the City Secretary certified that the following candidates are unopposed in the November 8, 2016 General Election:

Member of the City Council, Place 2 Renee Franklin
Member of the City Council, Place 4 Rickie Allison
Member of the City Council, Place 6 Mark Washburn

An ordinance was adopted by City Council cancelling the November 8, 2016 General Election of Officers and declaring each candidate elected to office.

BENBROOK LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the September 19, 2016 Benbrook Library District Board meeting, the Executive Director certified to the Trustees that the following candidates are unopposed in the November 8, 2016 General Election:

Trustee – Carol Hafer Trustee – Anita Mitchell

An article was adopted by the Library Board to cancel the November 8, 2016 General Election of Trustees and declaring each candidate elected to office.

City Council Accepting Applications for Boards and Commissions

The Benbrook City Council is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on various Boards and Commissions. These positions include:

- **Planning and Zoning Commission**
- **Zoning Board of Adjustment/Appeals Commission**
- **Parks and Recreation Board**
- **Benbrook Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors**
- **Tax Increment Finance Reinvestment Zone No. 1**

Appointed members of the Boards and Commissions serve a two-year term and must meet the following qualifications (with exception of TIF Board of Directors):

- ✓ Be a registered voter of the City;
- ✓ Have resided in the City for one year;
- ✓ Continue residency in the City during the term of office;
- ✓ Not hold a public elective office within the State; and
- ✓ Serve without compensation.

Planning and Zoning Commission members must also own real property within the City.

Tax Increment Finance Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board of Directors qualifications:

- ✓ Be a resident of the City or own a business within the City; and
- ✓ Serve without compensation.

Applications and information are available at City Hall, 911 Winscott Road, or on the Government page of the City's Website www.benbrook-tx.gov

The application deadline is October 31, 2016.

4 PAWS NEWS

ANNUAL TREASURE SALE

4 PAWS, an animal welfare and adoption agency based in Benbrook, is hosting their **17th Annual Treasure Sale** on **Saturday, October 8, from 8:00am to 2:00pm** at 1628 S. Timber Court. All proceeds go directly to providing veterinary care for animals in the Benbrook Animal Shelter, and help volunteers find them new, loving homes.

YOU CAN HELP: Residents wishing to donate items in good condition for the sale may bring them to the sale address on **Friday, October 7, from 10:00am to 6:00pm**. Donated items are appreciated, but clothing, televisions, and electronics are not accepted. Thank you!

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

"Doggone Purr-fect Recipes, Volume II," a cookbook for pets and their owners, published by 4 PAWS volunteers, is now available for purchase for \$15. Proceeds from the cookbook benefit animals in the Benbrook Animal Shelter. Cookbooks are available for order (see below), and are also available at upcoming community events and at several local businesses. They make great gifts!

For more information, or to order cookbooks, go to admin@4pawsinc.org, call 817-249-0459 or 817-372-9044.



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City Council:

- Jerry Dittrich, Mayor
- Renee Franklin, Place 2
- Larry Marshall, Place 3
- Rickie Allison, Place 4
- Jim Wilson, Place 5
- Mark Washburn, Place 6
- Ron Sauma, Place 7

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

BENBROOK COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteers Needed to Judge Barbeque

The **2016 Benbrook BBQ Cook-Off** takes place **Saturday, October 15, 2016**, with the indoor judging area located at Impact Church, 4952 Benbrook Boulevard. Volunteer judges are needed to sample the fare and submit their favorite among several categories to include beef brisket, chicken, pinto beans, and pork spare ribs. **The only qualifications to be a volunteer judge?** Be at least 18 years old, arrive on time, and be ready to eat! In an effort to save room for everyone interested in participating, registration is limited to one category per person. For more information or to register, visit www.GoBenbrook.com, or contact the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce office at (817) 249-4451 or info@benbrookchamber.org.

BENBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER/YMCA NEWS

On **Friday, October 28th**, the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA, 1899 Winscott Road, will host their **annual Trunk or Treat celebration**. The event features costume contests, refreshments, music, games, and lots of family fun – plus a movie afterwards! Call 817-249-0500 for more details.

Also, mark your calendar! The **35th Annual Fort Worth YMCA Turkey Trot** takes place on **November 24th**. www.fwtrot.org.

BENBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

The Benbrook Elementary School Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 22, from 3:00pm-6:00pm**, at Benbrook Elementary School, 800 Mercedes Street. The event is open to the community, and tickets for games and concessions will be on sale at the gate. The Fall Festival features various games and prizes, bounce houses and other inflatables, music and food. Contact: Angela Zarate – (817) 454-2510