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

For more information:
call **817-249-3000**
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Community News

BENBROOK HERITAGE FEST "COWBOY ROUNDUP" BBQ COOK-OFF & TRAIL RIDE IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010, 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. @ DUTCH BRANCH PARK. Heritage Fest is a free-admission event that promises tons of family-fun, including Arts & Crafts booths, festival food, Cowboy Bingo, an Outlaw Jail, dance performances, and a Mexican Village. This year, bluegrass band "Salt Creek" performs at 5:00 p.m.

NEW THIS YEAR - A BBQ COOK-OFF, sponsored by the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce, and a Benbrook Stables Trail Ride Benefit. Proceeds from both benefit the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA 'Step Up for Kids' program. For more information, vendor applications, or sponsorship opportunities, contact Patty Bissey at 817-249-6087 or pbissey@cityofbenbrook.com.



DON'T LET YOUR PET BE ADOPTED! 4 PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) in Benbrook would like to remind Benbrook residents to act quickly when your pet disappears. 4 PAWS believes many pets are being adopted because pet owners have neglected to take simple precautions. Please remember to: 1) keeps collars/ID tags on pets at all times (micro-chips work best); 2) if your pet is missing, please notify Benbrook Animal Control (BAC) @ 817-249-1882, 4 PAWS @ 817-249-3770 or 817-249-0459, or your veterinarian as soon as possible; 3) If you are leaving town, be certain your pet's caretaker is aware of what to do while you are gone.

Should you find a stray, please call BAC and take it to the shelter at 467 Winscott Road, or ask them to pick it up at your home. While your intentions may be good, keeping a stray in your home or backyard keeps pet owners from locating them at the shelter.

BENBROOK SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 1010 Mercedes, is hosting the Annual Craft Show on October 22, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Vendor space is available. Contact Marcy Fletcher at 817-249-6300.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2010

The Benbrook Police and Fire Departments, along with the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA, are giving crime and drugs a going away party on **OCTOBER 5, 2010, AT THE 27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME AND DRUGS**. This free event takes place at the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA, 1899 Winscott Road, from 5:00-8:00p.m.

This unique crime prevention event, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This year's event will be NEW and EXCITING! Citizens of Benbrook and surrounding areas are invited to join the party and enjoy food, fun, bounce houses, face painting provided by the Western Hills High School cheerleaders, a magic show, and safety demonstrations. Don't forget to check out the Benbrook Fire Department 'LADDER 1' fire engine.

Citizens on Patrol will offer kids the opportunity to have their picture taken inside a police car. Families can register children at the Kid Print I.D. booth or register loved ones for the 'Way Home' program,

a registry for people who have Alzheimer's, Autism, or any mental condition that makes it difficult to communicate. This database program assists officers when encountering lost or confused persons. Benbrook Chiropractic will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

"We're really excited to have so many fun activities for the kids", says Officer Doug Byrd, "This is a great way to entertain them, while also educating families on the importance of crime prevention. It really is a community effort."

BE THERE EARLY to enter the drawing to WIN dynamite Door Prizes, including: A 42" TV, bicycles, gift cards from Albertson's and Brookshire's, Casa Bucks from Taco Casa, 'Dinner for Two' certificates from Pulido's Restaurant, free car washes from Benbrook Car Wash, and free oil changes from Kwik Kar Oil & Lube.

Kids will be delighted to see the "BIG DOG DANCE OFF" contest between 'McGruff' the Crime Dog, 'Jack' from Wells Fargo Bank, 'Cujo' from Western Hills High School, and 'Rover' from Tabernacle of Praise Church.

The evening will end with a Benbrook Police and Fire Department **LIVE MOCK ACCIDENT SCENE, TO INCLUDE THE EXCITING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF THE PHI HELICOPTER MEDICAL UNIT!**

For more information, contact Benbrook's Community Resource Officer, Doug Byrd, at 817-249-2752, ext. 6111.

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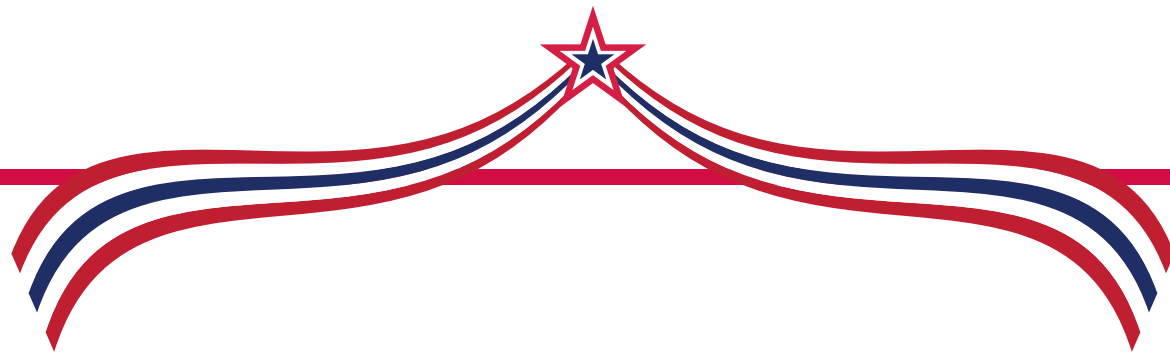
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Election Day Polling Locations for Tuesday, November 2, 2010, for Precincts in the City of Benbrook

ELECTION PRECINCT	ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATION
1009	Western Hills High School, 3600 Boston Avenue, Benbrook, TX 76116
1021	City of Benbrook Municipal Complex, 911 Winscott Road, Benbrook, TX 76126
1206	Benbrook Fire Station, 528 Mercedes Street, Benbrook, TX 76126
1208	Restoration Family Church, 10201 Jerry Dunn Parkway, Benbrook, TX 76126
1302	Benbrook Community Center/YMCA, 1899 Winscott Road, Benbrook, TX 76126
1337	Leonard Middle School, 8900 Chapin Road, Benbrook, Texas 76126
1339	Fort Worth Country Day School, 4200 Country Day Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76109

Early Voting by Personal Appearance

October 18-22	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 23	Saturday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
October 24	Sunday	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
October 25 – 29	Monday – Friday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Main Early Voting Site
Tarrant County Elections Center
2700 Premier Street
Fort Worth, TX 76111

Benbrook Early Voting Site
Benbrook Community Center
228 San Angelo (corner San Angelo & Mercedes)
Benbrook, TX 76126



Election to Consider Wine Sales

On November 2, 2010, Benbrook citizens will have the opportunity to vote on the Benbrook beer and wine alcohol proposition. This proposition allows for the sale of wine in grocery and convenience stores for off-premises consumption.

In 1971, Benbrook citizens approved the sale of beer in grocery and convenience stores, but the proposition did not include the sale of wine. In 2002, Benbrook citizens approved alcohol sales in restaurants.

Earlier this year, nearly 2,500 Benbrook voters signed a petition to allow the wine proposition to be included on the November 2nd ballot.

For election information and a complete list of Early Voting Sites, go to www.tarrantcounty.com/evote.



Council Adopts 2010-11 Budget

The Benbrook City Council adopted the City's 2010-11 Budget on Thursday, September 16, 2010. The Budget, which goes into effect on October 1, 2010, is based on maintaining the property tax rate at the current level of 65.75 cents per \$100 valuation. The Budget is predicated on the continuation of current services, programs, and staffing levels. There are no planned cut-backs, layoffs, or service reductions.

Total operating fund revenues and transfers are \$15,579,824 and operating fund expenditures and transfers are \$15,859,720. The variance between revenues and expenditures in the 2010-11 Budget of \$279,896 is attributed to the transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund to the newly-created Technology Fund and the use of \$179,896 in Debt Service Fund reserves.

The Budget projects that at the end of the 2010-11 fiscal year, operating fund reserves will total \$8,783,495 or a decrease of \$279,896 from the estimated 2010-11 beginning fund balance of \$9,063,391.

Operating expenditures included in the 2010-11 Budget, in the amount of \$15,188,103, reflect a net increase of \$456,382 or 3.10% over the 2009-10 Budget of \$14,731,721. The Budget does not include an across-the-board cost-of-living salary adjustment for full-time City employees; however, funds are available for merit increases for eligible employees.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2010-11 BUDGET INCLUDE:

- Addition of Police Officer for new Benbrook Middle School (Officer will be Assigned to Patrol Activities when School is not in Session);
- Replacement of Five Police Vehicles;
- Police Department Security Improvements and New Equipment from Narcotics Fund;
- Establishment of Technology Fund for Computer, Software, and Peripherals Replacements and Upgrades; and
- Replacement of Mowers for Parks Department

A summary of the 2010-11 Budget may be found in the Budget section of the City's website at www.cityofbenbrook.com.

The Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) & E-Waste Collection event takes place on Saturday, October 23,

at Dutch Branch Park, at the rear parking lot behind the Par 3 golf course (follow signs onto Beach Road). Bring unwanted household chemicals, unwanted prescription medication, paint, batteries, and automotive fluids for proper disposal from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Cyclone Recycling will also be on-site to collect electronic waste such as computers, monitors, CPU's, scanners, printers, printer cartridges, fax machines, phones, cell phones, lawnmowers, and small household appliances such as microwaves. No televisions, please.

For a complete list of acceptable hazardous household waste items, go to www.cityofbenbrook.com.

NEW THIS YEAR...FREE VIN-etching: The Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force is teaming with the Benbrook Police Department to offer free VIN-etching service for Benbrook residents at the HHW event on October 23, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

FREE VIN-ETCHING!

VIN-etching is a countermeasure to prevent motor vehicle theft. It involves the use of a stencil and glass etching paste to etch a vehicle's vehicle identification number (VIN) onto the windshield and windows. Thieves would need to replace the glass before selling the stolen vehicle, thus reducing or eliminating their profit. VIN-etching can also increase the odds of recovery of stolen vehicles by the police. This service has proven to be highly effective as a theft deterrent and in returning stolen vehicles to their rightful owners.

Many insurance companies offer a discount for vehicles that are VIN-etched. A certificate will be provided that may be used to apply for the insurance discount. The VIN-etching process takes about 15 minutes.

For more information on VIN-etching, contact Benbrook's Community Resource Officer, Doug Byrd, at 817-249-2752, ext. 6111.