

Benbrook Lights Contest

The **Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce** is sponsoring the “Benbrook Lights Contest” to celebrate the holiday season in our community. Residents, businesses, and churches are encouraged to participate in this free Christmas decorating contest by displaying holiday lights and decorations. “We are excited to see our community join in the celebration by decorating their homes and places of business,” says Ed Wilsburg, Executive Director of the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce. Judging takes place on the evenings of December 21st, 22nd, and 23rd by the Benbrook Fire Department. First and Second place winners will be recognized in several categories, and one Best overall winner will be announced. Categories include Best Business, Best Religious, Best Whimsical, Best Entryway, Best Static Light display, Best Motion Light display, Best Theme, Best No Light decorations, Best Inflatable decoration, and Best Two-Color Light display. The overall “Best” winner will receive a gift valued at \$125 from Wedding’s on the Boulevard. First place winners receive a donated gift valued at \$25-\$35 and second place winners receive awards valued at \$20-\$30.

For more information, contact the Chamber office at 817-249-4451.

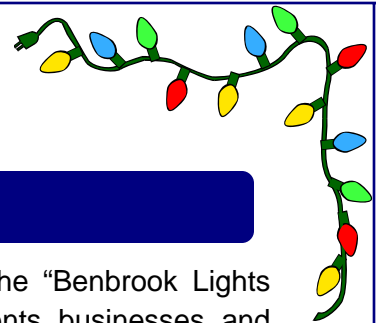
Holiday Refuse

Since Christmas and New Year’s Day are celebrated on Tuesdays this year, no interruption in the collection of refuse, recycling, or yellow bags will occur.

Christmas trees placed at curbside on Wednesdays before 7am will be collected by Allied Waste within 72 hours. Trees must be cut into segments that weigh less than 50 pounds and do not exceed six feet in length.

Benbrook residents may also take trees to a roll-off dumpster located at the City Maintenance facility at 467 Winscott Road from December 26-January 11.

Please remove any nails, stands, plastic bags and decorations from all trees, whether placed in the dumpster or picked up at curbside.



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Residents Keep Benbrook Beautiful

Benbrook Trash Bash 2007

The 2007 Benbrook Trash Bash event brought hundreds of Benbrook residents to Dutch Branch Park in September to clean litter and debris from the lake area, Timber Creek Park, and Dutch Branch Park. Lunch and T-shirts were sponsored by EnCana Oil and Gas Inc. The following groups helped make this years Trash Bash event a success:

- Benbrook Early Childhood PTA
- Benbrook Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies & Cub Scouts
- WHHS Key Club, Cheerleaders, and National Honor Society
- Westpark Elementary
- LMRA Bicycle Club
- Benbrook Citizens on Patrol



- Webelos
- Waverly Park Garden Club
- VFW Post 10429
- Timber Creek Neighborhood Association
- 4 PAWS pet adoption
- Cultural Care Au Pair
- Fort Worth Bicycle Club

...and numerous Benbrook citizens!! THANK YOU!!!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event



More than 250 Benbrook residents brought hazardous material waste and electronic waste to the Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection event held at the Benbrook Industrial Park on Saturday, October 27, making for a record-breaking collection event!

In partnership with the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center (ECC), Benbrook holds two collection events a year, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. These events allow Benbrook residents to dispose of unwanted/unused household waste in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

If you missed the event, or if you accumulate significant hazardous waste between local collection events, Benbrook residents may contact City Hall at 817-249-3000 to obtain a voucher to take their items to the ECC (no electronics). Residents are required to bring a recent Benbrook water bill to the ECC as proof of residency.

ECC Vouchers are free to Benbrook residents. The ECC bills the City \$47 per voucher (household) redeemed.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the collection event and for keeping dangerous chemicals out of our landfills. **Your efforts make a BIG difference!**

Drainage Project Update

The City is completing work on several drainage projects throughout Benbrook. The Mildred Lane drainage project is complete, with the exception of some concrete flume work on the east side of Sproles Drive. The Plantation West Creek project is progressing, with a box culvert on Mary's Creek Drive complete, the driveway bridge to a residents home complete (with the exception of the approach slabs), a modular block wall upstream of Mary's Creek Drive complete, and modular walls downstream of Mary's Creek Drive under construction. Reconstruction of Mary's Creek Drive is to begin soon.

Other projects to be bid in the upcoming months include a culvert at Childers Avenue and the Plantation Creek East Drainage Project. For more information on drainage projects, contact City Hall at 817-249-3000.

Benbrook Cable 27

Benbrook residents may view key city meetings on Government Access Channel Charter Cable 27. In addition to the City Council broadcasts that run daily at 10am, 2pm, and 8pm, citizens may view daily broadcasts of the Quarterly Joint Work Sessions at 8am, 4pm, and 10pm and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings at 12 noon and 6pm. These broadcasts can also be seen via web streaming on the City's website, www.cityofbenbrook.com, by clicking **Benbrook TV** on the homepage.

Community News

The **Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce** will sponsor the 5th Annual Casino Night on New Years Eve from 7pm-12:30am at the Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 Bryant Irvin Road. The \$35 ticket price includes food, tea/sodas, and playing chips. Child care is available for a fee. A live auction, music, dancing, and a Texas Hold'em Tournament are part of this fun, safe evening. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 817-249-4451.

Western Hills High School News—Assistant Principal Denise Kahn announces that Allison Mitchell was one of several students honored on October 26th by the Optimist Club for being an "outstanding student-body president." Allison, the daughter of Mark and Valli Mitchell, is a Senior at WHHS and plans to attend Texas A&M University, majoring in Nutrition Sciences. Also, WHHS held it's second annual "Freaky Friday" on November 2nd with over 100 parents attending classes with their children and conferring with teachers. Door prizes were provided by the Westside Café and the Jubilee Theater.

Timber Creek Neighborhood Association (TCNA)—As a result of Timber Creek area homes receiving gas lease contract letters from brokers, the TCNA is organizing in a concerted effort to negotiate fair gas lease terms. Joining the TCNA in this effort are Trinity Estates Neighborhood Association, Trinity Gardens Neighborhood Association, and the Benbrook Library District. Anyone living east of Winscott Road and north of Vernon Castle who wishes to join these negotiations may contact Pat Dunkin at 817-249-0459 or wedunkin@juno.com.

The **Benbrook Community Center/YMCA** announces the January membership campaign, "Pay the Day". Join the YMCA on Jan 1, and your joining fee will only be \$1, on January 2, the fee is \$2.....and so on. You can save up to \$149 off your joining fee. Contact Sarah Gray at 817-249-0500 or visit online at www.benbrookcommunitycenterymcafw.org.

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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
e-mail: info@cityofbenbrook.com

4 PAWS Prepares for Santa

This year marks the ninth year 4 PAWS (Pets are Worth Saving) volunteers will spend weekends in December at area PetsMart stores taking photos of pets (and their humans) with Santa. As part of their second largest annual fundraiser, 4 PAWS Santa photos have become an annual tradition.

High quality, digital photos are available for \$9.95 (\$8.95 with your Pet Perks card) and includes one 4X6 photo plus frame. PetsMart donates \$5 of each sale to 4 PAWS.

4 PAWS will be at the Hulen store from 11am to 4pm on December 1,2,8,9,15 and 16. They will be at the Ridgmar store on December 2,15, and 16.

If you would like to volunteer as a Santa, Santa's Helper, Photographer, or Adoption volunteer, please call 4 PAWS at 817-249-0459.

4 PAWS would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season!!

Thank you for your financial support in 2007.

As a result of your generosity, many animals from the Benbrook Animal Shelter are enjoying the holidays in new, loving homes.

