

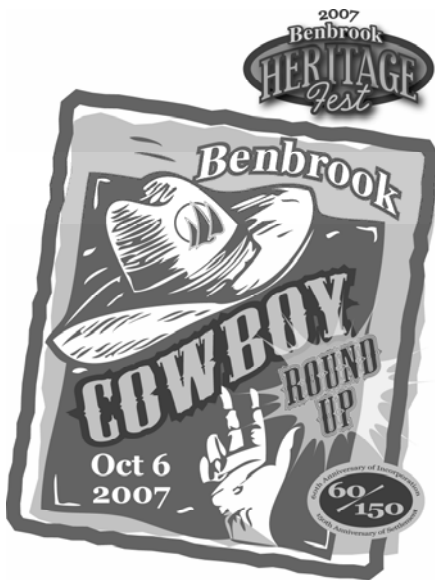
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Benbrook Heritage Fest “Cowboy Roundup”



The Benbrook Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center and the City of Benbrook don't plan to let 2007 go by without a bang! Benbrook was settled and became a community 150 years ago in 1857. Also, 2007 marks the 60th anniversary of Benbrook's incorporation as a city, which occurred in November, 1947.

In celebration of these events, organizers plan a fun-filled day of western-themed games, activities, demonstrations, and great food.

A day-long event will take place on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Dutch Branch Park, from 10:00 AM-9:00 PM. Admission is free.

Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy a boot-scootin' good time. Activities currently planned include chuck wagon cooking demonstrations, arts & crafts, a Kiddy Corral play area to include free fun for the kids, a Native American village, western gunfighters, historical and living history re-enactors, vintage 1860's baseball games, antique tractor displays, and plenty of great food.

The day concludes with a performance by “the brightest new star in the bluegrass sky”, Cadillac Sky. This incredible band often performs with Ricky Skaggs and several band members have roots in Benbrook. The evening finale includes a dazzling fireworks display.

The “Cowboy Roundup” offers a unique opportunity for Benbrook non-profit/civic/church organizations to develop fundraising activities. Event planners have set aside booth space for groups to develop western-themed games or activities for fundraising purposes. The business community is encouraged to join in the event through sponsorship, volunteerism, and booth rental.

Event planners welcome input from community members who have old photographs, historical documents, or other display items to share that focus on Benbrook's history and/or western heritage.

If you or your group would like to volunteer, inquire about sponsorship or booth space, or share historical items, please contact Sam Balkum at 817-249-4451.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day

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Yard Waste



Yard waste in streets & storm drains leads to flooding & water quality problems.

The City of Benbrook's storm water quality regulations require that residents avoid discharging yard waste into the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The MS4 is a system of conveyances owned and operated by the City and designed to collect or convey storm water. The system includes sidewalks, roads and drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, inlets, piped storm drains and other drainage structures.

Yard waste is defined as leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden debris, and brush that results from landscaping maintenance and land-clearing operations. Yard waste in street storm drains accumulate, leading to flooding problems by reducing or eliminating the carrying capacity of the drain system. This can also create a breeding area for insects and rodents, and washes into creeks,

rivers, and lakes, carrying insecticides, herbicides, and fertilizer that contain nitrates and phosphates, which can cause taste and odor problems in drinking water. Furthermore, organic matter such as leaves and grass clippings decompose in bodies of water, adversely affecting oxygen levels for fish and aquatic plants.

Citizens are encouraged to dispose of yard waste properly by mulching or bagging and placing curbside for regular trash pick-up. Neighborhoods can help educate others on the importance of keeping drains clear. The City's Code Compliance officer initially gives verbal courtesy warnings to violators, with repeat offenders receiving citations. For more information, please call Code Compliance at 817-249-6110.

Mosquito Control



As temperatures begin to warm and mosquito activity increases, the City of Benbrook asks that Benbrook citizens consider mosquito control. Mosquito control and bite prevention is easy—just remember the “Four D’s”:

Dusk/Dawn are the times of day to stay indoors. This is when mosquitoes are most active.

Dress in long sleeves and pants when outside. For extra protection, spray thin clothing with repellent.

Deet (N, N-diethyl-m-toluidide) is an ingredient to look for in insect repellent. Follow label directions and always wear repellent when outdoors.

Drain standing water in the backyard and neighborhood—old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters. These are mosquito breeding sites.

WHHS News

Fall registration for Western Hills High School is August 13 (Seniors), August 14 (Juniors), August 15 (Sophomores) and August 16 (Freshmen) from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 PM-3:00 PM. The make-up registration day is August 17 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

The Tax-Free shopping weekend for clothes and backpacks is

August 17-19

Trash Bash 2007 "Clean it Like you Mean it"

The Benbrook Trash Bash takes place on Saturday, September 15, at Dutch Branch Park, beginning at 8:30 AM. Trash Bash is part of a larger program in which volunteers come together to pick up litter and debris from the Trinity River and its tributaries.

Everyone is invited to participate in this clean-up effort. Groups will clean Benbrook Lake and park areas. The City of Benbrook will provide trash bags and gloves, fun giveaway items, t-shirts, and free lunch to all volunteers.

If you or your group would like to volunteer, please contact Cathy Morris at 817-249-6008 or cmorris@cityofbenbrook.com.



3rd Annual Citywide Sale & Treasure Hunt

The 3rd Annual Citywide Sale & Treasure Hunt takes place on **September 7th and 8th**, coinciding with the Benbrook Antique Mall Fall Parking Lot Sale on September 8th. The event offers Benbrook residents and businesses an opportunity to host "treasure sales" for a 2-day citywide event. This year, residents of the 12-square miles of Benbrook may conduct their "treasure sales" on both Friday and Saturday or Saturday only. The official Citywide Sale map notes the sales locations and list all sponsors and participating businesses. The final deadline for registering your "treasure sale" or to be a sponsor or participating business is **Friday, August 10**. For more information, contact Sam Balkum, Benbrook Chamber Tourism Director, at 817-249-4451 or sam@benbrookchamber.org.

National Night Out



Benbrook Police Department and the Benbrook Community Center / YMCA will give crime and drugs a going away party August 7, 2007 from 6-9 PM at the **24th Annual National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs** event. This unique crime prevention event sponsored is by the National Association of Town Watch.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) is designed to: (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities including block parties, cookouts and visits from local police and fire personnel.

Benbrook's community party will take place at the Benbrook Community Center / YMCA, 1899 Winscott Road, and includes many activities for young and old. Parents can have their child's photo taken and a KID Print ID kit completed by volunteers from the Benbrook Citizens on Patrol. Enjoy the bounce house or be mystified by the magic show. Learn about crime, drug and alcohol prevention programs. View a live multi-agency mock disaster scenario. Keep cool in our misting stations and check out helicopters, police cars, SWAT vehicles and fire trucks. Meet the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's arson dog, Ruland. Visit 4PAWS Animal Adoption booth or grab a hot dog provided by the local Lions Club and much, much more. Plan to join the Party!

For more information contact Benbrook's Crime Prevention Officer, Jennifer Gabbert, at 817-249-2752, ext. 6111.



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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.

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4PAWS Celebrates 10th Anniversary and 1000th Adoption

4PAWS members have much to celebrate this year! They recently adopted 4PAWS Stray #1000, a cute kitten named Maverick, to a couple who reside in North Fort Worth. Extended veterinarian care, a carrier, food, supplies, and toys were presented to Maverick’s new guardians.

4PAWS (Pets are Worth Saving) was organized in 1997 in response to the local need for stray pet adoptions. The organizations success represents thousands of volunteer hours by members who transport the unclaimed animals from the Benbrook animal shelter to Cityview Animal Hospital for care and treatment, and on to PetsMart/Hulen each weekday afternoon for adoption.

Congratulations, 4PAWS, for ten years of dedicated service.....and, congratulations, Maverick, on finding a new home!

For more information about volunteering with 4PAWS, please call 817-249-0459 or email admin@4pawsinc.org.

Benbrook Community Center/YMCA News

The Benbrook Community Center/YMCA has several upcoming sports programs for various age groups:

- Soccer season begins September 15 (registration is July 16-August 25) Members: \$55, Program participant: \$80.
- Volleyball season begins September 22 (registration is July 16-August 25) Member: \$55, Program participant: \$80.
- Swim Lessons for ages 6 months to adult. Classes available twice a week or on Saturday mornings. Classes run monthly. Members: \$50, Program participant: \$80.

For more information, call the YMCA at 817-249-0500.