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## 2008 Benbrook Heritage Fest "Cowboy Roundup"

The City of Benbrook is planning the 2nd Annual Benbrook Heritage Fest "Cowboy Roundup" event to take place **Saturday, October 18th** at Dutch Branch Park Athletic Complex. In celebration of Benbrook's birthday (incorporation as a city occurred in November 1947) and heritage, event organizers are planning a fun-filled day of western-themed games and activities, great food, historic demonstrations, and an evening bluegrass concert.

Everyone is invited to enjoy a boot-scootin' good time! Admission and most games/activities are free. Activities currently planned include a Native American Village, a Kiddy Korral play area, bounce houses, a miniature horse performance, an outlaw "jail", historical re-enactors and demonstrations, a western costume contest (dress the part!), a vintage 1860's baseball game, arts & crafts vendors, entertainment and great festival food!!

The day concludes with a 7:00pm performance by up-and-coming bluegrass kings, Cadillac Sky. This incredible band often performs with musician Ricky Skaggs and several CS band members have roots in Benbrook.

Event planners welcome arts & crafts vendors, sponsors, and volunteers. Local non-profit/civic/church organizations receive free booth space and are encouraged to create fundraising games/activities. For vendor applications and more information, contact Cathy Morris at 817-249-6008 or go to [www.cityofbenbrook.com](http://www.cityofbenbrook.com).

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**Saturday, October 18, 2008**

**Dutch Branch Park Athletic Complex, 1899 Winscott Road**

**10:00am-9:00pm**

**FREE ADMISSION!!**



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## National Night Out

**B**enbrook Police Department and the Benbrook Community Center / YMCA will be giving crime and drugs a going-away party on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 from 6-9pm at the **25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs**. This unique crime prevention effort is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. Benbrook citizens are encouraged to be a part of this important community event.

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

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods across the nation celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities such as 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. The event will include many activities for youth and adults. Parents can have their child's photo taken and a KID Print ID kit completed by volunteers from the Benbrook Citizens on Patrol. Families can 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 the 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, enjoy a hot dog provided by the Benbrook Lions Club, and much, much more. Don't miss the fun!!

For more information contact **Officer Wes Cooper at 817-249-2752 ext. 6111**

## Seismic Testing



### **W**hat are those cables and weird boxes on the streets??

Gateway Permit Services has been issued a permit to complete seismic testing throughout the City of Benbrook. Energy companies employ seismic testing to explore natural gas reserves in the Barnett Shale, located thousands of feet underground. Testing involves sending vibrations underground and measuring those vibrations for gas reserves. Citizens should not be impacted by the testing, but may see cable lines, small transmitter devices (top left), boxes (bottom), and vibration trucks in the area for the next 3-4 weeks as the company completes the project. For questions, call 817-994-3859.

## 4 PAWS Hosts Spaghetti Dinner

The public is invited to join **4 PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving)** volunteers for a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, September 27th, at the Benbrook Senior Center, 1010 Mercedes Street. The fundraising event provides an opportunity for the community to learn more about this pet adoption organization, meet the volunteers, enjoy a delicious homemade meal, and contribute to the worthwhile mission of 4 PAWS. City Manager, Andy Wayman, is chairman of the event.

4 PAWS is an all-volunteer pet adoption organization dedicated to finding loving homes for stray animals. Since August 2001, over 1,200 animals from the Benbrook Animal Shelter have been provided veterinary care by the Cityview Animal Hospital and adopted at PetsMart/Hulen. Volunteers transport animals each weekday in hopes of placing them in new homes. The success has been phenomenal.

Please plan to join the 4 PAWS group on September 27th. Dinner will be served from 5:30pm-7:30pm and will consist of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and tea or water. Minimum donations will be \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for children 10 and under. Soft drinks and desserts will be available for \$1 each. For more information, contact Pat Dunkin at 817-249-0459.



## Trash Bash 2008 "Clean It Like You Mean It"



The Benbrook Trash Bash takes place Saturday, September 20th, at Dutch Branch Park, beginning at 8:30am. Trash Bash is part of a larger metroplex 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 community clean-up effort. Groups and individuals 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 is interested in volunteering, please contact City Hall at 817-249-3000.

## Community News

The **Benbrook Senior Citizen Center** Garage Sale is Friday, August 22nd from 8:00am-3pm. The Center is accepting donations of clean, re-usable items to include in the sale. Also, the **2nd Annual Holiday Craft Show** is October 24th and 25th. For more information or to become a craft vendor at the holiday show, contact the Senior Center Director, **Marcy Fletcher**, at **817-249-6300**.



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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](mailto:info@cityofbenbrook.com)

City Hall will be  
closed on Monday,  
September 1, in  
observance of  
Labor Day

## Storm Water Information

Although our area is experiencing a dry spell, it is important to understand the effects of storm water on our lakes and streams. When storms do occur, the rainwater runoff can affect waterbodies in several ways. To prevent polluted and unsightly lakes and streams, residents and businesses can incorporate some simple lawn and landscaping practices. These may include:

- Using pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and in the recommended amounts.
- Composting or mulching yard waste. By City ordinance, yard waste cannot be left in the street or swept into storm drains or streams.
- Consider native plantings which can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from rooftops or paved areas can be diverted to these areas rather than storm drains.

For more information, go to [www.cityofbenbrook.com](http://www.cityofbenbrook.com), click on 'Residents', then 'Storm Water Information'.