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## Benbrook Council Action

### Nov. 3 Meeting Overview

by John English

The Benbrook city council meeting on Nov. 3 was conducted as scheduled. Mayor Jason Ward called the meeting to order. An invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ward allowed an opportunity for citizen comments on any agenda item, but there were none. Minutes for the meeting held on Oct. 20 were then approved.

The first item of the evening was to approve the finance report for the period ending on Sept. 30. For the General fund, year-to-date revenues were \$22,397,978 and revenues for the month of September were \$641,007. Expenditures year-to-date were \$19,039,551 and for the month of September were \$1,319,470. For the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), year-to-date revenues were \$2,042,132, while revenues for September were 187,557. Expenditures year-to-date were \$1,135,716, while expenditures for the month of September were \$224,146. The finance report was accepted unanimously.

Next up was a motion to accept the investment report ending Sept. 30. Investments for the City of Benbrook totaled \$49,089,692 and for the EDC totaled \$6,334,976. The investment report was accepted unanimously.

Next was a proposal to approve the administrative regulation F5-Investment Policy. The city did not propose any changes, and the strategies of safety, liquidity, diversification and yield would all remain the same. Brokers and dealers would remain the same as well. The investment policy was approved unanimously.

The next item was a proposal to award a paving contract to Texas Bit. The overlay program is usually performed by Tarrant County road and bridge crews, but those crews cannot complete

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## From Benbrook Water Authority

### BWA Seeks Advisory Committee Applicants

The Board of Directors of the Benbrook Water Authority is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on the Authority's Capital Improvements Advisory Committee.

Applicants must be registered voters in the City of Benbrook, and must have resided in the City for one (1) year before the date of appointment (Jan. 1, 2023).

The Advisory Committee performs several functions including reviewing the capital improvements plan and filing written comments, and advising the Board of the need to update or revise the land use assumptions, capital improvements plan, and impact fee.

Interested citizens can pick up an application at the Authority's office located at 1121 Mercedes St., Benbrook or download a form at [www.benbrookwater.com](http://www.benbrookwater.com) and return it to the BWA office.

Residents involved in real estate, development, or building industries are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 9, 2022.

## From the Sports Desk with John English

### Western Hills Cougars Headed to Playoffs

With a victory in its season finale over Diamond Hill-Jarvis and a Lake Worth win over Eastern Hills, the Western Hills football team clinched the fourth and final playoff spot in district 6-4A last week.

The Cougars defeated Diamond Hill-Jarvis by a score of 56-0, and coach Blake Moilan was nothing but complimentary to the Eagles' football program.

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Sports Desk

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“Diamond Hill has a new coach that has the team headed in the right direction,” Moilan said. “Coach Cruz is doing a great job over there. We were able to come out fast and jump on them pretty quickly. Our kids came out and played hard, and we were proud of them.”

Moilan said he had a couple of stand out performances in the game.

“Keyon Butler and Tyreke Lewis continued to pace our offense,” Moilan said. “They both ran the ball well. We had seven different players score touchdowns. Defensively, Love Willis played well and led the team in tackles. Our D-line also did a great job of containing the DHJ offense.”

Western Hills will open the playoffs at China Spring this evening and Moilan said that both teams had better be prepared. We will need to come out and play really well,” Moilan said. “China Spring is a good team, but we feel we are too. It should be a good game.”

On the court, the Benbrook volleyball team defeated Ferris in the bi-district round last week, and coach Frances Davies said it was a strong effort.

“Honestly, it was the best the girls have played the entire season,” Davies said. “It’s been a couple years since we’ve won a

playoff match and the girls were hungry for that win. We went 3-1 for the match and they never quit. The first set was a little rocky, just getting used to the court, the speed, and the momentum of the crowd. But after set one, they stepped in, stayed calm, played smart offensively, and scraped defensively. It was a beautiful moment for them on point 25 of set four. I was and am so incredibly proud of them.”

Davies said she had a couple of strong performances in the game.

“My first stand out is hands down Ravyn Dash,” Davies said. “This kid played lights out. It was easily one of her best matches. She is easily our top producer when it comes to kills. However, her defense was spot on, her serving was crucial, and her attitude brought a true leadership vibe that the other girls fed off all night long.”

Benbrook lost in the area round to Van Alstyne, and Davies said it was a tough match.

“We knew they were going to be tough, but they managed to take a big lead in the first set, and I think it kind of threw us,”

Davies said. “I knew we could compete and hang with them if we really wanted to and if we fought the way we did Tuesday. However, after that first set loss, it was a battle of trying to maintain their scores and catch up on our end. In the end, we just couldn’t pull it out.”

Davies said that 2022 was a good year for the Benbrook volleyball program.

“Overall, I am extremely satisfied with the season as whole, including pre and post season,” Davies said. “We battled injuries and sickness in the pre-season, but still handled our business, just making adjustments as needed and growing as a whole. We had an amazing opportunity to play in a tournament in Florida, which was the best team-bonding I could have ever hoped for, while still performing and placing top eight. Then when district rolled around, we did what we set out to do, which was hit that three-peat and go undefeated for the third season in a row. And in the post-season, we picked up another playoff win. While I’d love to still be playing, these girls put their blood, sweat, and tears into their season, and I am beyond proud of them.”



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# Quick Repair Projects to Prep Your Home for Winter

It's fall, which means it's time to roll up your sleeves, make minor fixes and prepare your home before it's time to hunker down for winter. Here are four easy DIY projects that will ensure your humble abode is in tip-top shape before the cold weather arrives.



## Patch It Up

If you experienced storms this past season, survey your home's exterior for any damage. Take a walk around the grounds and look at the siding and the condition of the roof, including the garage and porch.

Use waterproof tape to temporarily patch small holes in vinyl siding, loose shingles or leaks in your gutter. The tape is formulated to withstand extreme temperatures, so it can be used for any indoor or outdoor job that requires a waterproof seal.

Making quick repairs will save you from expensive water damage costs down the road and help prevent any further issues arising during the cold weather season.

## Lawn Improvement

As the leaves fall off the trees and onto the ground, an alternative to raking is to pull out the lawn mower.

Trim the leaves into smaller pieces, which can then be used as natural mulch around the yard and garden. Layer the compost around perennial beds or other plants to provide insulation and protection through the winter.

Mid-to-late fall, with the warm soil and cool air, is also an ideal time for planting grass seed, and fertilizing and filling in holes with the leaf compost. This will put you on a path to a greener lawn next spring.

## Prepare the Deck

Before the first cold front approaches, make sure to clean up the patio or deck and store outdoor umbrellas, cushions and rugs in a safe spot in the garage or shed. If you notice any rot or wetness on the deck, it can be a simple fix by replacing the wood boards or using a wood filler to prevent further damage.

Winterize large patio furniture and protect items that are staying outside with a weatherproof cover. To keep the covers in place, secure them to the bottom of the furniture.

## Squeaky Clean Exterior

Once the patio is prepped, turn your attention to the rest of the exterior. Debris and stains collected on the outside of the house during summer can set over the winter, so it's a good idea to power wash away the dirt.

Start with the driveway, deck and windows and then take time to wash the siding and gutters, as long as you spray water in a direction that won't force it behind the siding or under shingles. This project will help remove lingering grime, mold and mildew and ensure the outside area is clean and ready for winter.

After checking off these projects on your fall list, your home will be properly prepped so you can relax, slow down and enjoy the season.

*Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt.*

# Steak and Pork Chop Night at VFW Post 10429



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From Fort Worth ISD

## Immunization Clinics Nov. 19 and Dec. 10

To ensure all students stay healthy this season, FWISD is partnering with local community agencies to strengthen our *Your Best Shot* campaign with two Districtwide vaccination clinics.

Scheduled for Nov. 19 at Arlington Heights HS and Dec. 10 at Eastern Hills HS, both from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the *Your Best Shot* immunization clinics will aim to assist families still needing shot records to meet the State's minimum school vaccination requirements for their students.

[Click here](#) to see the State's minimum requirements for the following immunizations: Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis, Polio, Measles/mumps/rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella, Meningococcal and Hepatitis A.

The District understands it will take a collaborative effort to make sure students have a safe and productive academic year. We also understand there are exemptions to the State of Texas Health Services immunization requirements.

[Click here](#) to learn more about these exemption qualifications.

For additional information, contact Ottis Goodwin in the Department of Family and Community Resources at 817-814-2870.

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all the work the city is requesting. The remaining work will be completed by the Texas Bit under and interlocal agreement with Ellis County.

The council awarded the paving contract to Texas Bit for \$1,275,304.23.

Time was then allowed for informal citizen comments, and resident Terry Roach approached the podium and addressed the council in Spanish initially. Then, in English, Roach said that he voted that day and that citizens have a right and almost a civic duty to watch what their governments are doing. Roach then spoke at length about the importance of body camera access in relation to recent national events and how he has been denied access to the body camera footage of what transpired in a prior encounter between he and the Benbrook police.

"The sound of silence is what I've heard for two years," Roach said. "Citizens deserve answers. The truth shouldn't remain hidden."

Time was then allowed for council member comments, and Renee Franklin reminded residents of the Tarrant County Veteran's Parade, which will take place on Nov. 11 starting at 11 a.m.

The meeting was then adjourned.

From the Tarrant County Veterans Council

## Veterans Day Parade Friday

*Saluting Buffalo Soldiers* is the theme of this year's Tarrant County Veterans Day parade set to step off on Friday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m.

Participants will form up in the Fort Worth Panther Island Pavilion parking lot, march down North Forest Park Blvd. along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River and return.

For questions, visit the parade website at <https://www.fw2022parade.org> for more information.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

## Did You Know...? Veterans Day

- Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I.

- Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.

- Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans, living or dead, and gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

- In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

- Every Veterans Day and Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual memorial service. The cemetery is home to the graves of over 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military.





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From North Central Texas Council of Governments

Regional Transportation Council Meeting

Nov. 10

The next business meeting of the will do so from the Transportation Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Council Room. Otherwise, all other will convene at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. members of the public in attendance at 10 on the first floor at the North Central the meeting will be requested to view a Texas Council of Governments livestream of the meeting from the (NCTCOG) located at 616 Six Flags Dr., Metroplex Conference Room. Members of the public may also view a livestream of the RTC meeting remotely at [www.nctcog.org/video](http://www.nctcog.org/video) under the “live” tab. Members of the public wishing to com- ment during the open comment period

From Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County

Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County to Host Job Fair

Nov. 10

Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County will present their largest job fair of the year on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington’s Globe Life Field with more than 160 local employers ready to fill more than 7,100 open posi- tions. The 11th annual event is an opportuni- ty for job seekers to connect with a broad range of employers, large and small, including companies such as Bell, Lockheed, Airbus, Gaylord Texan, Six Flags and many more. The job fair will feature on-site interviews as well as free professional headshots. Veterans will be given priority access, but the event is open to all. There is ample free parking in Globe Life Field Parking Lot A with overflow in Lot R and there is no cost to attend. Registration is encouraged but not required.

The meeting agenda and supporting items can also be accessed through the Internet at NCTCOG's Transportation Department RTC home page. The address is [www.nctcog.org/rtc](http://www.nctcog.org/rtc). The Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments has served as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for regional transportation plan- ning in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 1974. The MPO works in cooperation with the region’s transportation providers to address the complex transportation needs of the rapidly growing metropoli- tan area. The Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties. The RTC’s 44 members include local elected or appoint- ed officials from the metropolitan area and representatives from each of the area’s transportation providers. More information can be found at [www.nctcog.org](http://www.nctcog.org).



# Olympic Medalist, Texan Babe Didrickson Zaharias *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

**Babe Didrickson Zaharias** succeeded at nearly every sport she tried. The Texas native was a gifted athlete, becoming an Olympic medalist, champion golfer, and a celebrity along the way. She paved the way forward for women as professional athletes and became an inspiration for millions.



Mildred Ella Didrickson, affectionately known as “Babe,” was born in Port Arthur in 1911. She was the sixth of seven children in an active family.

Her father was a carpenter and a seaman while her mother was a gifted athlete herself, known for her skills as an ice skater. Didrickson’s parents and three eldest siblings had immigrated from Norway just a few years before.

As a young child, the family moved to Beaumont. She reportedly picked up the nickname “Babe” among her friends for how well she played baseball against other neighborhood kids, but it was also a nickname her mother had given her. At a young age, she showed tremendous athletic abilities in many different sports. In high school, she was an All-American basketball player and a track and field star.

She dropped out of high school her senior year to take a job with the Employers Casualty Insurance Company in Dallas, mostly to organize its semi-pro women’s basketball team, a team that won the Amateur Athletic Union national championship for 1931.

Didrickson qualified for the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles. Competing against the best athletes in the world, she won three medals. She won gold medals for the javelin and the 80 meter hurdles. She took the silver medal for the women’s high jump.

After her success in the Olympics, she was a nationwide celebrity. She spent the next couple of years touring with a women’s exhibition basketball team. In 1934, she played in three exhibition baseball games, pitching for the Philadelphia Athletics, St. Louis Cardinals, and the minor-league New Orleans Pelicans. She was one of the first known women to play for a Major League Baseball team (a couple had played for minor league teams and semi-pro teams previously), even if for a spring training game. She still holds a women’s baseball throwing record.

She took up golf in 1935. She worked hard to master the game and competed in the Los Angeles Open, a professional golf event, in 1938. She was the only woman to compete in the event until the 1990s. Here, she met her future husband, George Zaharias, who was a professional wrestler and sports promoter.

With golf, the best women players were all amateurs, so to regain her amateur status, the United States Golf Association told

her she could not play any other sport for three years. Doing so, she regained her amateur status in 1942. The PGA Tour allowed her to play in several events in 1945 as an amateur in a season that saw many of its best players still fighting World War II, which was common for many sports. She played in three tournaments, making the cut for the final rounds for two events. She is still the only woman to make the cut and place in a PGA tournament.

She won the 1946 U. S. Women’s Amateur and the 1947 British Ladies Amateur. She attempted to qualify for the U. S. Open in 1948, but golf officials turned down her request, stating that the tournament was for men only. In 1949, she bought her own golf course outside of Tampa, Florida, living nearby for some time.

Frustrated with the limited opportunities for women athletes at the time, she co-founded the Ladies Professional Golf Association in 1950, and the same year, she won all three major championships for women. She would go on to win 41 LPGA tournaments between 1950 and 1956. She won the U. S. Women’s Open three times between 1950 and 1954. In 1953, she founded the Babe Zaharias Open in Beaumont, which became a regular LPGA event through the 1960s. Naturally, she won the first tournament.

She was popular with the press and the public alike. In 1950, the Associated Press named her as the best woman athlete of the first half of the twentieth century. In 1952, she had a cameo appearance in the Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn comedy *Pat and Mike*.

In 1953, she was diagnosed with colon cancer, but she determined to survive and continue her athletic career. She had extensive surgery in 1954, and one month later, won the U. S. Women’s Open. She became an outspoken advocate for cancer awareness and research through the American Cancer Society. Cancer, unfortunately, was still very difficult to treat in the 1950s. The cancer returned, and she was not able to recover. She died in a Galveston hospital in September 1956 at the age of 45.

Years after her passing, she was still fondly remembered. In Beaumont, a public park was later named in her honor, and a museum dedicated to her life was opened. In 1974, the City of Tampa bought her golf course, now neglected and in disrepair, but rebuilt and reopened it as a public course renamed in her honor, one still operating today.

The post office issues a stamp in her honor in 1981. She was one of the first inductees into the Women’s Golf Hall of Fame in 1977 and named the Woman Athlete of the Century by the Associated Press in 1999.

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## Three Day Weekend Forecast



### Friday, Nov. 11:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. North wind 15-20mph, with gusts as high as 30mph.  
**PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. North wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



### Saturday, Nov. 12:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 55. North/northeast wind 5-10mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Northeast wind around 5mph becoming calm in the evening.



### Sunday, Nov. 13:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.  
**PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.

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