

THE CITY OF BENTONVILLE FOCUS

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Bentonville Friends and Neighbors,

Spring is a season of renewal—and there's no better way to describe what's happening in Bentonville right now. Our city is thriving—not just in size and development, but in spirit, purpose, and community. We continue to earn national recognition as one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family—and for those of us lucky enough to call Bentonville home, that comes as no surprise.

What truly sets Bentonville apart is you—our people. It's your ideas, passion, and genuine commitment that make this such an extraordinary place to live. Whether it's neighbors lending a hand at local events, volunteers supporting our programs and parks, or businesses creating jobs and energy in every corner of the city—this community is built on collaboration and care. It's that simple, daily smile to someone you don't know-a small gesture that makes others feel welcome and sets the tone for a community on the rise. In Bentonville, our 'Can Do' spirit drives innovation, fosters success, and inspires us to lift each other up every day.

As we continue to grow, we know that thoughtful, community-centered planning is essential. Through Plan Bentonville, we're bringing your voices into the heart of our decisions. Whether it's infrastructure, housing, or protecting green spaces, your input is shaping a shared vision for the future. And while growth brings challenges, we believe the best solutions come when we take time to truly listen to each other, to every neighborhood, and to every voice. That's the Bentonville way!

Of course, we understand that with growth comes construction—and that can be disruptive. We sincerely appreciate your patience as we make long-term improvements focused around building a stronger, more connected Bentonville for tomorrow. Two major projects of many come to mind and reflect this commitment to people-first planning. The revitalization of Phillips Park will bring fresh energy and accessibility to a treasured community space, making it more welcoming and accessible for everyone. Meanwhile, the A Street Promenade is well underway to reimagine

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Recently completed A Street Promenade in front of the Benton Co. Courthouse

#BeTheBentonvilleDifference

Spirit of Bentonville Awards

The Spirit of Bentonville Award is awarded to persons nominated by Bentonville residents for outstanding contributions to the community. To nominate: www.bentonvillear.com/599/The-Spirit-of-Bentonville-Award.

Resident & Group Awards



Jan and Dan Carr

With over 250 miles of trails, Bentonville is a cycling haven—now accessible to seniors thanks to the vision and generosity of Jan and Dan Carr, and those at Green House Cottages of NWA and Gnargo Bikes. They launched Memories in Motion, a program featuring custom electric pedicabs that let seniors ride up front while trained volunteers pedal behind. Funded by a Bentonville Moves Coalition Mini Grant and embraced by the Green House Cottages, the program brings joy, connection, and fresh air to elders. Jan and Dan not only donated the first pedicabs—they continue to volunteer and fund maintenance, making this all possible.



Linda and Dave Murphy

Linda and Dave Murphy are outstanding recipients of the Spirit of Bentonville Award for their 15 years of service at the First Presbyterian Church food pantry. From 2010 to 2025, they helped distribute over 2 million pounds of food to more than 11,000 families. In 2024 alone, they served 15,496 individuals with over 315,000 pounds of food. Under their leadership, the pantry grew from a church mission into a 501(c)(3) and the second-largest food pantry in Northwest Arkansas, now serving nearly 4,000 families annually. Their dedication continues to inspire and strengthen the Bentonville community.



Raymond Moppin

During heavy rain, Raymond was in the right place at the right time to assist a city worker. His quick actions highlighted the importance of teamwork and vigilance in public service.

Neighborhood Landscaping Contest Winners

As part of the City of Bentonville's Great Neighborhoods Partnership Program, the Neighborhood Landscaping Contests were created to inspire community pride and encourage neighbors to come together in beautifying their surroundings. These awards celebrate neighborhoods that go above and beyond to create vibrant, welcoming spaces through thoughtful landscaping and community engagement.

We're excited to announce this year's winners! Chapel Hills has been awarded the Greenest Neighborhood Award and Riverwalk Farms Estates received the People's Choice Award.



Chapel Hills - Greenest Neighborhood



Riverwalk Farms - People's Choice

Bentonville Public Library

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Adult Programming – New Series for Seniors

Adult programming at Bentonville Public Library is back in full swing! After a too-long hiatus while we were under construction, we're back and focused on providing programming that is high-quality and relevant while helping build community.



Alzheimer's Library for Life Kit

We're developing a variety of focused series. Our first major launch is "Navigating the Golden Years - A Series for Seniors and Their Caretakers." The series launched in May with weekly events, but will continue providing one or two events a month under this title, so keep an eye out!


New reading courtyard at BPL

More Senior Resources

- Take a look at our Library for Life kits. These kits are designed to provide support during life challenges, including cooking for seniors and three Alzheimer's Kits for various stages of the disease. You can find the current selection of Library for Life kits on our online catalog at bentonvillelibrary.org/library-for-life-catalog.
- We've launched our new Book to Movie Club Kits! These kits feature a movie adapted from literature, discussion guides, and menu suggestions for making your club event a little more special. Find our selection at bentonvillelibrary.org/book-to-movie-club-kits-catalog.
- Want to join a BPL Book Club but don't want to be out at night? Books on Main meets the third Thursday every month at 1:00 pm. You can find the reading list at bentonvillelibrary.org/book-clubs.

Summer Reading Club: *Color our World*

Summer Reading Club is back in 2025 and it's better than ever! This year's theme is Color Our World and we'll be presenting programming that integrates the arts into our reading. Keep an eye out for some Wacky Magic, puppet shows, theater, music, art classes, and more! Sign up on Beanstack and don't forget to pick up your reading log so you can win prizes! (Psst! Adults and teens: don't forget the Library has prizes for you, too!)

Get Outdoors at BPL!

Maybe you've seen the new expansion, but have you seen the new outdoor spaces since the weather turned gorgeous! Plan some time into your next visit for a picnic on the veranda or reading your latest checkout in our courtyard.

Summer Lunch at the Library

This summer, Aramark will again be providing free lunches for kids 18 and younger, Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Bentonville Public Library. Last year they served over 1,000 meals; this year we expect to see more!


Free lunches for kids 18 and younger
Mon-Fri, 11:30 -12:30 at BPL

Transportation & Streets

Streets - 479-271-3130 | www.bentonvillear.com/315/Transportation | Engineering - 479-271-3168

Completed Projects

Water Tower Rd., Phase 2: Completed Spring 2025. Upgraded the road to arterial street standards between SE 14th and the 8th St. roundabout. Included pedestrian and bicycle facility upgrades.

SW 10th and F Collection System: Completed Summer 2025. Improved drainage network in neighborhoods surrounding Gilmore Park from SW 8th to SW 3rd St.

NW 9th St. & D St. Laterals: Completed Spring 2025. Improvements included an extended collection system to NW 9th St. including curb and gutter.



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Active Construction

SE Walton Blvd. & SE J St.: Intersection improvements with dedicated and additional turn lanes for SE J St. and a dedicated right turn on Walton Blvd.

SE Walton Blvd. & Medical Center Pky.: Constructing north and south bound right turn lanes and dual turn lanes onto Walton Blvd. from Medical Center Pwy.

28th St.: Widening and constructing a new roadway from SW Featherston Rd. to SW I St. with pedestrian and bicycle facilities and roundabout at SW Bright Rd. Expected completion Summer 2025.



New Director

Congratulations to Dan Weese on his promotion from Deputy Transportation Director to Director.



Parks & Recreation

479-464-PARK (7275) ● playbentonville.com


Summer adventures with Bentonville Outdoors

Bentonville Outdoors

Bentonville Outdoors, in partnership with 37 North Expeditions, has a busy summer of adventures planned throughout the parks and trails system. Enjoy activities like family fishing, kayaking, nature hikes, adventure league, and more. For specific dates and details, visit playbentonville.com.

Camp Bentonville

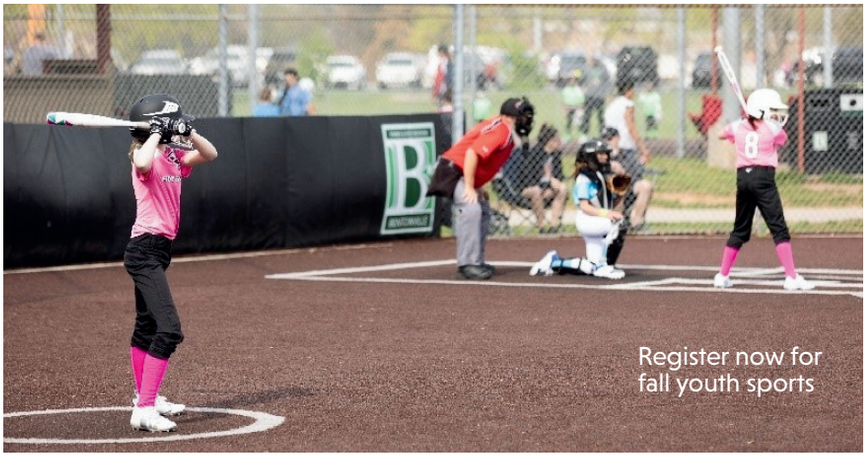
One camp. Endless destinations. With 26 camp opportunities and 120 sessions (May 28 - August 1), Camp Bentonville is the place to be this summer! From Camp Basketball to Camp Magic to Camp Skateboard and everything in between, there are camps for all interests and abilities (ages 4-16). What destination will you explore first?

Bentonville E-Bike Rebate Program

The next application perod is July 7 – July 14. E-Bikes must be purchased new from a participating E-Bike retailer in Bentonvile. Please note that your address must be in the City of Bentonville in order to apply. Program details, including the registration form, can be found on bentonvilleebikes.com.

Youth Sports Registration

Register now for the fall season of youth soccer, baseball, softball, tennis, and pickleball. For program details and deadlines, visit playbentonville.com.


Register now for fall youth sports

Save-the-Dates

Melvin Ford Aquatic Center
Summer schedule:
May 24 – September 1
Open Swim
Monday - Thursday 12:00pm - 5:00pm, Fiday & Saturday 12:00pm-7:00pm, Sunday 12:00pm-5:00pm

Creekside Park Splash Pad and The Fountains at Lawrence Plaza
Summer schedule: Open daily | 9:00am – 9:00pm

An Evening at Orchards Park

Friday, July 4, 7:00pm
Food trucks | Live music | Fireworks

Worst Race Ever
Saturday, September 6, 7:00am
Old Tiger Track

Goblin Run 5K
Saturday, October 25, 7:30am
Downtown Bentonville

Details for all events on playbentonville.com



Planning & Development

Plan Bentonville – Phase 2 Underway

Phase 1 of Plan Bentonville — the Future Land Use Plan — established a vision for how and where we want to grow in the future. What we want is clear. Now we need the proper tools to cultivate it.

Enter the Unified Development Code, Phase 2 of Plan Bentonville. This will consolidate various growth regulations into one single document, encompassing land use, zoning, subdivision, stormwater, and other development-related matters. It will:

- Simplify and modernize our zoning, making it easier and more accessible to all users;
- Focus on Bentonville's evolution over time, not just what we are today; and
- Move from use-based zoning to the regulation of form and context.



Explore www.planbentonville.com to learn about zoning, transects, and how to navigate the new codes. The site will also feature public meeting details and draft documents as they are released.

Get to Know Your Neighbors

The Great Neighborhoods Partnership program is your chance to create a strong neighborhood and connect with the City of Bentonville.

Program Highlights:

- Free use of a neighborhood block party trailer.
- Support for neighborhood projects.
- Build strong, more connected communities.
- Open to all Bentonville neighborhoods.

Register today

Be a part of something great - where neighbors become partners.

SCAN ME

Learn more at bentonvillegreatneighborhoods.com

Bentonville Business Registry

WELCOME TO DOING BUSINESS IN BENTONVILLE!

Weather you're new or well-established, registering your business helps the City of Bentonville better support you.

Why Register?

- Stay informed: Get city updates and business resources
- Be Seen: Appear on the official Business registry Map
- Get Support: Access tools to help your business thrive
- Free to Register & renew (Fees eliminated in Dec. 2024)

NEED HELP REGISTERING?

Call (479-271-3126 or email businessregistry@bentonvillear.com

Visit *bentonvillebusinessregistry.com* for more information.

SCAN ME

The Physics of Being (Here)

By: Justin Tyler Tate

This vibrant new sculpture invites you to pause and reflect on where—and when—you are. It explores how we connect with others across time and space, reminding us that "here" is more than a place—it's a moment.



Public Safety

479-271-3170 ● www.bentonvillear.com/342/Police-Department 479-271-3151 ● www.bentonvillear.com/214/Fire-Department

How to Prepare your Home for Wildfires

Vegetation Management. Limit the amount of flammable vegetation in the three home ignition zones. To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread, trim branches that overhang the home, porch, and deck and prune branches of large trees up to 6 to 10 feet from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils, and waxes. Use crushed stone or gravel instead of flammable mulches in the Immediate Zone. Keep your landscape in good condition.

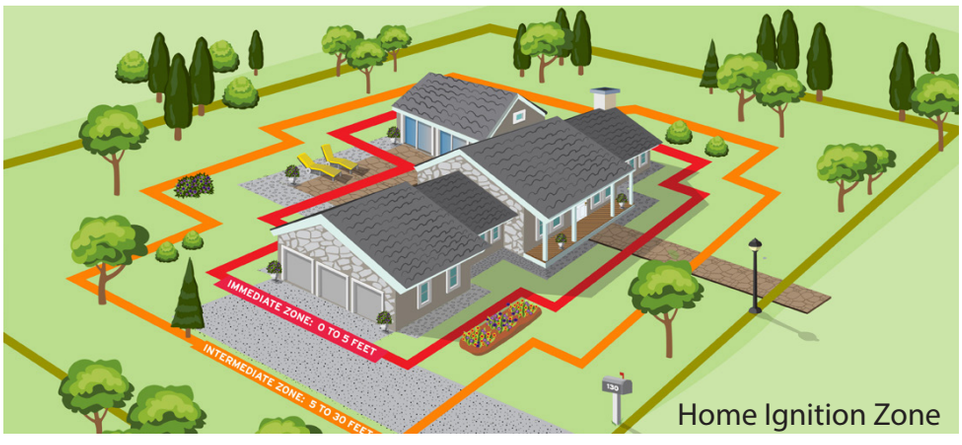
Home Ignition Zones Measured around the house	
Immediate Zone:	0 to 5 ft
Intermediate Zone:	5 to 30 ft
Extended Zone:	30 to 100 ft

Roof Vents. Class A fire-rated roofing products, such as composite shingles, metal, concrete, and clay tiles, offer the best protection. Inspect shingles or roof tiles and replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration. Box in eaves, but provide ventilation to prevent condensation and mildew. Roof and attic vents should be screened to prevent ember entry.

Decks and Porches. Never store flammable materials underneath decks or porches. Remove dead vegetation and debris from under decks and porches and between deck board joints.

Siding and Windows. Embers can collect in small nooks and crannies and ignite combustible materials; radiant heat from flames can crack windows. Use fire-resistant siding such as brick, fibercement, plaster, or stucco, and use dual-pane tempered glass windows.

Emergency Responder Access. Ensure your home and neighborhood have legible and clearly marked street names and numbers. Driveways should be at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet for emergency vehicle access.



Home Ignition Zone



Citizens Police Academy Begins Sep. 29 Mondays from 6-9 pm

Bentonville Police will teach participants about police procedures through eight sessions. Topics covered are Patrol , Criminal Investigation, Digital Forensics, SWAT, K-9, Bomb Squad, and Traffic. The academy includes a day at the gun range and a tour of the Benton County Jail. Scan QR code to apply.

National Night Out Aug.

Bentonville Police is hosting the fourth annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 5 - 8 pm at Memorial Skate Park (401 NE Martin Luther King Blvd.)

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event promoting police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie, and crime prevention awareness.

To learn about either of these Police sponsored events. contact: melissa.fox@bentonville.arkansas.gov.

Bentonville Events & Activities

#CityHallSelfie Day August 12



Get ready to snap that perfect shot—#City-HallSelfie Day is coming up on August 12! It's a fun celebration of all things local government, where everyone from city staff to community members and media pros shows off their hometown pride. Since 2016, people across the country have joined in, striking poses in front of their city halls. Don't forget to tag @BentonvilleGov and @ELGL when you post!

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes products like paints, oils, batteries, and cleaners that are flammable, reactive, corrosive, or toxic. They require special disposal to prevent pollution or injury—never pour them down drains or toilets. Keep HHW in original containers, don't mix them, and always follow label instructions. For disposal questions, contact Benton County Solid Waste District at 479-795-0751. You can also reduce HHW by using homemade cleaners—learn more at https://bit.ly/4j7YQOz.



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downtown as a welcoming, walkable hub full of art, nature, and places to gather. These aren't just improvements—they're investments in connection and the economy. We're also celebrating the expansion of the Bentonville Public Library, a symbol of learning and community, and we've completed key infrastructure projects like 8th Street that support a more connected, sustainable future.

What makes Bentonville truly special isn't just the progress we make—it's how we make it. We listen. We collaborate. We bring diverse voices to the table and find common ground. That approach leads to smarter, stronger outcomes—and it deepens the trust and unity that define our city. If you haven't already, I encourage you to get involved. Attend a city meeting, share your ideas, or simply start a conversation with a neighbor. Because when we listen, when we show up, when we work together for understanding—we are always Better Together.

All My Best,, Stephanie Orman, Mayor

COMING UP

Evening at Orchards Park
July 4th | 7:00pm
Fireworks at 9:30pm

National Night Out
August 5th

#CityHallSelfieDay
August 12th

Worst Race Event
September 6 | 7:00am
runbentonville.com

Fall Clean the Streets Day
September 13 | 9:00am
https://bit.ly/42X2Exl

Fall Tree Giveaway
October 18th

City Offices Closed
July 4 - Independence Day
Sep. 1- Labor Day (Delayed Trash Service)



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