

RESACA CITY RECORD

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ResacaFest 2014 growing in popularity

A crowd estimated at 4,500 flocked to ResacaFest 2014 on July 5 to celebrate the Spirit of America.

The annual community festival featured the music of the Latin Legendz from San Antonio, Roger Velasquez, Raulito Naviara and Jimmy Edward, who headlined the event.

Also on stage were Los City Boyz, Harvey y Los Latinos, El Grupo Vargas and on the sax, Ponch Vega.

The AEP Stage and the Amphitheater Stage were rocking with some great music throughout the evening.

A kiddie carnival, pony rides, free kids' games, turkey legs and fajita tacos, cold drinks and arts and crafts were also featured at the event which is free to the public.

ResacaFest is sponsored by the City of San Benito's Special Events Board and is facilitated by volunteers to work hard to provide the festival for our citizens and the entire Valley.

The Special Events Board also sponsors the San Benito Christmas Parade and Bazaar. The event this year will be on Dec. 13.

To volunteer to become a part of ResacaFest or the Christmas Parade and Bazaar, please contact Martha McClain at mmcclain@cityofsanbenito.com. It's a fun way to help your community.



Street improvements continuing here

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As you may have noticed, work is well underway on two significant roads in San Benito: North Travis Street and Line 17 Road.



And, many more streets are targeted for replacement or resurfacing.

As previously noted, the City is taking a two-pronged approach in our street improvement program. In order to expedite the project and simultaneously save on cost, our City Commission opted to split the work between our Public Works Street Division and private commercial pavers.

Currently, City crews are working on Line 17 Road, while Foremost Paving, a private company, is busy on Travis Street.

Work was initiated Monday by Foremost on Travis at intersections Rose, Frances and Adele. They are currently breaking and removing the concrete pavement. Next step will be work on the lime-stabilized subgrade and storm inlets. You will see other portions of Travis closed for reconstruction in the near future.

Foremost is also contracted to repave Schafer Road. We have met with some issues there that will likely delay the project to some extent due to utility issues. We have met with the local gas company regarding the two gas lines that will need to be relocated along Schafer. The gas company is scheduled to begin their relocation of the lines within the next three weeks.

The gas lines on the north and south edges of Schafer must be relocated. Foremost will begin its work on the FM 509 – Irrigation Canal right behind the work of the gas company. McCullough Street is also targeted for improvements. Foremost plans to move in there as Travis Street improvements are underway.

For City Street Crews, Line 17 Road early-stage improvements have been underway for the past few weeks on storm drainage items. This will be a two-phase job: From McCullough to Norma Linda Lane and from Old Sam Houston Road to McCullough. Roadside ditch shaping and grading is also underway. The existing blacktop and caliche will be removed and replaced with a better quality subgrade and surface. Projected timeline for the entire project is four months.

Recent City street completions include W. Frances from North Bowie to Dick Dowling; Julian from Expwy 83 to Combes; W. Morelos from Franklin to Hidalgo, West Rose from Palo Blanco to North Travis; five blocks of Juanita; five blocks of Nava and a section of E. Stenger.

Yet, much remains to be done. The balance of the streets which will be funded through the 2012 Certificates of Obligation include Ratliff from Combes to Expressway 83; South Travis from Swanson to Brooks; Adele from North Bowie to North Travis; W. Bravo from Franklin to Corral; S. Franklin from Combes to Expwy. 83, W. Corral from Franklin to Corral; Nava from Combes to Paseo union; Pala Rosa from Combs to Paseo Union; Centro from Combes to Paseo Union; Ballenger from Lee to Bowie; S. Coke from Ballenger to Turner; S. Franklin from Expwy. 83 to Turner; S. Bowie from Expwy 83 to Turner; Powers from McCulloch to Bonham; Mae From Sam Houston to



the end of the street; Heywood from N. Bowie to N. Fannin; S. Coke from Expwy 83 to Swanson and Whalen from Expwy. 83 to Schafer.

We also hope to include Rio Grande from McCullough to Eighth, Alamo from McCullough to Eighth, and San Jacinto from Schafer to Colorado Drive.

We thank you for your patience as we work to make these greatly needed improvements.