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Hog Dash slated here

April Calendar

April 7, May 5 and June 2, 2015 Readings at The Writers' Forum

The Second Annual Hog Dash is coming to San Benito on Saturday, June 6 at the San Benito Fairgrounds off of FM 510.

The event is sponsored by the San Benito Parks and Recreation Department and organized by Mid Valley Events. The Hog Dash is a challenging 5K run filled with wall climbs, mud crawls, tire obstacles, tunnel crawls, hurdles, mud pits and other surprises awaiting competitors. "This Second Annual Hog Dash promises to be the best mud run in the Valley," according to Parks Director Arturo Garza.

"It will feature better obstacles, awesome location, ultra-

spectator friendly, an atmosphere of great people surrounding competitors, all for the same cause of getting dirty, conquering obstacles and hav-

ing the times of their lives," the parks & recreation director said.

Registration is online at

www.hogdash.com. Early registration is \$35, late registration is \$50 and final registration is \$60. Contestants must be 14-years or older.

The event benefits the San Benito Parks and Recreation Department, Stars Scholarship Fund and Get Up and Train Scholarship Fund.

"Funds raised will help create better activities for our children," Garza said. "This is one way we can offer more recreational events for our community, and draw additional visitors to our City." Visit the Parks and Recreation site on Facebook at San Benito Parks & Recreation.

7 p.m. at the Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center at 225 E. Stenger. Come develop your writing skills and share your talent with a creative group of writers. Free. For more information call 956-350-3905.

April 11, 2015

San Benito Market Days

Market Days in downtown San Benito from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Batts Street & Railroad Tracks. Local vendors, live music and food. Contact EDC at 361-3804 Ext. 302 or 304.

April 25, 2015 5K Run/Walk

Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Anniversary 5K Run. Register online at jrotc5k.com. For more information, please call Chief Gaytan

Trash Bash is April 18 in San Benito

at 276-075 or email cpogaytan@gmail.com.

May 25, 2015

Volunteer school and civic

groups, church organizations and individuals are invited to participate in the City of San Benito Trash Bash 2015, scheduled here

on April 18 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

The annual event is designed to clean up neighborhoods within the City and along area roadsides.

Free trash bags will be issued to volunteering groups at the Trash Bash Headquarters at the City Service Center, 925 W. Stenger Street the morning of the event at 8 a.m. To register, please contact Jacinto Hinojosa, Environmental Services Coordinator for the City of San Benito

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at 361-3800, ext. 409.

For citizens who wish to participate, dumpsters will be located at the San Benito City Service Center for public use, from 8 a.m.-12 noon. No commercial construction/remodeling materials accepted. Proof of residency for is required (water bill with address or photo ID) in order to use the dumpsters.

Dumpsters are for tree trimmings brush, paper, and wood items only. Keep brush and wood separate from all other disposal items. Appliances (without Freon) and furniture will also be accepted for disposal at the City Service Center.

An appreciation party for individuals and groups who participated in Trash Bash will be conducted at the City Service Center at 11 a.m. on Trash Bash Day.

"We encourage everyone to join in this worthwhile effort to help clean-up and maintain our environment in the Resaca City. We ask you to plan now to join us," said Hinojosa.

Memorial Day & Silent March of Veterans

8:45 a.m. in front of City Hall, 485 N. Sam Houston. Veterans and Survivors carrying photos of deceased veterans march silently down Sam Houston Blvd. to Veterans War Memorial Site for ceremony at 9 a.m. Ceremony honors all military personnel who gave their lives in defense of freedom for the United States of America.

June 4, 2015

San Benito CISD Classes end

Last day of classes for San Benito CISD.

June 5, 2015

San Benito CISD Graduation

Graduation Day for San Benito CISD.

City Manager's Column

Audit gives City high marks in financial accountability

MANUEL LARA
City Manager

I know that some people find numbers too challenging and complicated to appreciate. However, for others, numbers paint a true picture of how a business, city, or even a family determines priorities, sets standards and reaches attainable goals. They tell you so much about a business or individual. Among the City of San Benito's greatest priorities is taking care of its numbers, and in our case, those numbers translate into dollars collected from your taxes, service fees and interest bearing accounts. Many people do not know that municipal governments have regulatory mandates that must be followed. Among those mandates is an annual audit of all of our financial transactions.

I am once again happy to report that our audit scored very high marks from our professional auditors, Long Chilton, LLP Certified Public Accountants.

In fact, a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting highlights this year's annual audit, just received from the Government Finance Officers Association. This covers the immediate past year's activities. In addition, it is the first step in

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our quest to secure the State Comptroller's highest financial transparency award.

Long Chilton, LLP provided us with 2013 financial highlights in their report. They also provided a 10-year governmental fund balance for San Benito. This is impressive because it shows how well our financials were monitored and managed during the recession that our country experienced from 2008 to the present.

The City staff has done an outstanding job of managing their departmental fund resources. In working toward our goal of increased transparency, the Mayor and Commissioners will be appointing a financial committee to review the financial documents with the administrative staff and the auditors.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board is an independent organization that establishes and improves the standards of accounting and financial reporting for state and local governments. The GASB issues strict standards for accounting and financial reporting, which help local governments demonstrate to their constituents their accountability over public resources.

Finance Director Danny Coyle, CPA, will tell you that we received a "clean audit", which is an unmodified opinion that our financial statements presented a fair and accurate picture of the City

and has complied with generally accepted accounting principles.

This is significant because of the importance the City's financial statements have to the citizens, bondholders, investors, vendors who do business with the City and our leadership.

Everyone needs to know that it is safe and secure to do business with the City.

Also notable is the fact that the audit was completed within six months of the City's year-end. This is important because the earlier the audit is completed the more relevant the financial information is to the citizens, bondholders, investors and City leadership.

The auditors highlighted several significant matters: 1) the City received a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting for the 2012 audit and the 2013 report has been submitted for the award again this year

2) the auditors issued unmodified opinions for the City's internal controls over financial reporting and for compliance for each major federal program 3) the auditor's highlighted the positive trends from the prior year and the growth in the City's fund balances.

We are especially pleased with this evaluation because we manage your money, and we want you to be assured we are following practices and procedures that insure its proper expendi-

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City Hall now reopen for business

After being closed for the past year for major renovations, San Benito City Hall is now reopened for business. Residents can again go to City Hall at 485 N. Sam Houston to take care of water bill payments, concerns about trash collection, and other matters.

Soon, the Municipal Court will move from the Police Station back into the building also. For more information, please call 956-361-3800.

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City Commission Meetings are conducted the First and Third Tuesday of each month at 5:30

p.m. in the Municipal Building, 401 N. Sam Houston.