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Happy New Year from San Benito City officials

Seated, left to right, Mayor Pro Tem Tony Gonzales, Mayor Celeste Z. Sanchez, Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Standing left to right, Commissioner Joe D. Gonzalez and Commissioner Esteban Rodriguez.

City Street Repair Update

Our street maintenance crews are kept busy with improvements. Their skills in performing this work have improved over the past year and they are in full gear to keep working to upgrade our streets. Currently under construction, and those recently completed are:

- Palo Rosa
- Ballenger
- S. Travis 1 block
- Mimosa Circle
- Live Oak Circle
- Sunrise Blvd.

- Five Blocks of West Frances from North Bowie to North Dick Dowling Street
- Two blocks of West Rose from Palo Blanco to North Travis Street
- Five blocks of West Morelos from Franklin to Hidalgo Street.
- Private contractors Roadways
- Eight blocks of North Travis Street from Business 77 to Batts Street
- 2100 linear feet of McCullough Street from Line 17 to Business 77
- Shafer Road, a \$668,100 project to be completed early this year.

Unsafe bridge closed on Rio Grande Street

City officials have closed the bridge on Rio Grande Street as a precautionary measure to prevent possible accidents after an inspection revealed structural concerns.

Saying the bridge support suffered from erosion issues, Interim City Manager decided on the bridge closure after viewing first-hand the condition of the structure.

“After an inspection of the bridge, it was decided that it is unsafe at this time and that the Rio Grande Street should be shut-down from Fresno Street to Second Street. When I was out there looking at it, I saw two school busses pass by. It is a serious problem and we don’t want any accidents or problems,” Rodriguez said.

The bridge spans a Cameron County Drainage District ditch that takes water runoff away from the Rio Grande Street area.

A more formal evaluation was scheduled to be conducted by a professional engineer Friday, and a plan of action to make needed repairs is now underway.

Barricades have been placed along the roadway to prevent motorists from crossing the bridge. Officials are asking for the cooperation of persons traveling on Rio Grande Street and respect the placement of the barricades.

It is illegal to remove safety barricades, Rodriguez said. Persons found moving the barriers can be ticketed and face prosecution and a fine up to \$400.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 18, 2016

Chamber of Commerce

The San Benito Chamber of Commerce meets the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Chamber Office, 223 S. Sam Houston. All interested are invited to attend.

February 16, 2016

Window to the Past - Historical Society Speakers Series

Sponsored by the San Benito Historical Society at 6:00 p.m. at the San Benito Community Building, 210 E. Heywood, San Benito. Gene Fernandez from Brownsville, will speak on wine-making using grapes from vines grown at the old Convent in Brownsville. The public is invited to attend this social lecture. Membership in the San Benito Historical Society is not required to attend. Light refreshments. Free admission.

February 18, 2016

Conjunto Nights at the Chicho

Every third Thursday of the month, a member of the "Chicken Club" will perform with a special featured guest to be announced. Time: 6:45 p.m. at the Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, 225 E. Stenger Street, San Benito. Suggested donation: \$5. For information, contact Soledad A. Nunez at 956-244-0373.

March 2, 2016

Writers' Forum

The Writers' Forum meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, 225 E. Stenger. New writers wishing to develop their skills are invited. For more information, please call Beto Conde at 956-350-3905.

March 12, 2015

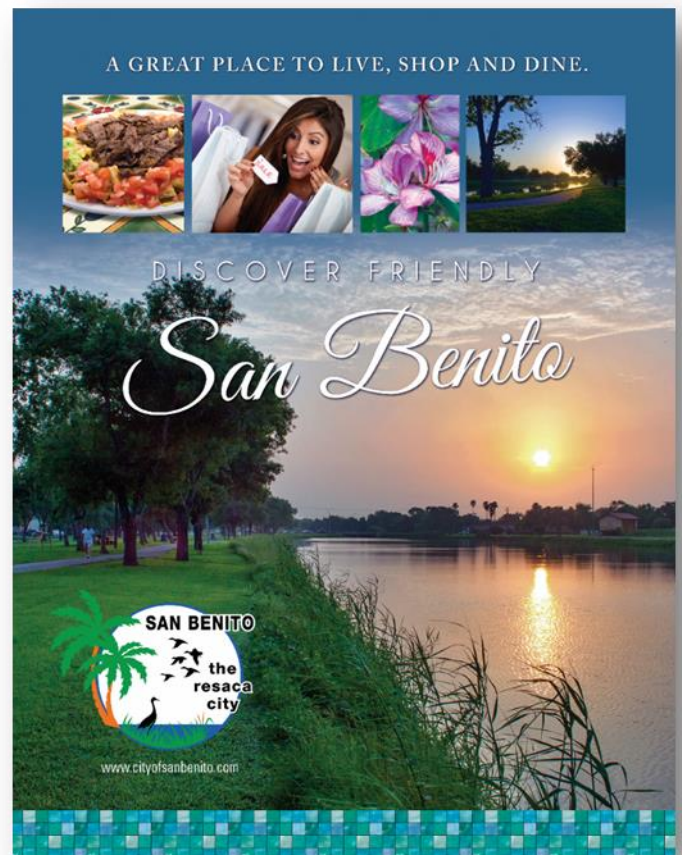
San Benito Market Days

Market Days in San Benito will be conducted at the Texas Independence Day Celebration on the Fairgrounds on FM 510 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Batts Street & Railroad Tracks. Local vendors, live music and food. Contact EDC at 361-3804 Ext. 304.

March 9, 2016

Keep San Benito Beautiful Committee

Keep San Benito Beautiful Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Cameron County Annex Building, 1390 W. Expressway 83, San Benito. For more information, call Lynne Pare at 956-241-0915 or email keepsanbenitobeautiful@yahoo.com.



San Benito Historical Society
hosts
WINDOW TO THE PAST

Speaker Series

January 19 - Actor, **Ray Stewart** will speak on growing up in San Benito and his career in acting on Broadway, internationally, and on many television programs.

February 16 - **Gene Fernandez** from Brownsville will speak on wine making from grapes from the vines of the old convent there.

March 15 - Local attorney, **Ben Yudesis**, will speak on Jewish families who settled and worked in the Rio Grande Valley.

FREE EVENTS
6:00 p.m.
San Benito Community Building
210 E. Heywood - San Benito
Light Refreshments will be Served.