



SAN BENITO

Calendar of Events

August 2011

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August 20

Movies in the Park

Movies for the entire family on the third Saturday of each month at dusk. Sponsored by Borderland Calvary Chapel. Free popcorn, drinks, hot-dogs, face-painting and fun bouncers for the children. Rotating location each month. This month join us at the W.H. Heavin Amphitheater, 705 N. Bowie.

August 20

Rio Grande Valley Great Skeet Shoot-out /Cook-Off/Alligator Gar Roundup/ Market Days

Sponsored by the San Benito Chamber of Commerce, this new event to the San Benito area promises to be a great prelude to hunting season. Tams of shooters and individuals will test their skills at the South Texas Youth Stock Show Grounds off of FM 510. Early registration by email or onsite registration at 8 a.m. Cook-off categories include beef brisket, half-chicken, pork spare ribs and pan de campo. Judging scheduled. Alligator Gar Roundup-weigh station at South Texas Youth Stock Show Grounds. Categories include rod & reel and bow & arrow. Weigh-in is Saturday at from 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Prizes to be awarded. Market Days vendors will have unique one-of-a-kind items for sale. Food and drinks also offered. Market Days vendors may rent open space at a rate of \$20 by contacting the San Benito Chamber of Commerce at 399-5321. Tables will be rented for \$4 each. To register for all events, or for more information, please contact Zeke Padilla at the San Benito Chamber at 956-399-5321 or at zpadilla@cityofsanbenito.com.

August 20

Conjunto Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Dance

The Texas Conjunto Music Hall of Fame & Museum will host an induction ceremony to pay tribute to conjunto music legends and promoters at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Benito. Tickets go on sale July 20 at the San Benito Chamber of Commerce and the San Benito Knights of Columbus. \$10 presale and \$12 at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. Awards 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Dance 8:30 p.m.-12 midnight. Music by Los Fantasmas del Valle. For information call Rey Avila at 956-245-1666.

September 1

GED and ESL classes begin at Start Center

San Benito START Center, 743 N. Sam Houston Blvd., San Benito. 956-399-7818.

September 5

Labor Day

City and Professional offices to close for the day.

September 14

Centennial Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Community business leaders will gather to commemorate the city's 100 years of incorporation.

September 14

Street Dance and Market Day in downtown San Benito (100 Block of Batts Street and Sam Houston Blvd)

Festive Street Dance with live entertainment and old fashioned fun. Sponsored by San Benito Chamber of Commerce, in lighted downtown San Benito, from 3 p.m-9 p.m. The event is an open-air bazaar where live music, arts and crafts, and people, come together for fun and profit. It includes festive activities including live entertainment and performances from our many talented student choirs, bands and other musical groups, taste-tempting treats at food booths and selling handmade and one-of-a-kind items at bargain prices. Market Days vendors may rent open space at a rate of \$20 by contacting the San Benito Chamber of Commerce at 399-5321. Tables will be rented for \$4.00 each. Chamber members receive discounts, and all participating Chamber members will be recognized in promotion of the events. Food booths will be limited. No flea market or garage sale booths allowed.

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October 15

Freddy Fender Festival and Market Day in downtown San Benito (100 Block of Batts Street and Sam Houston Blvd)

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October 21, 22, & 23

Conjunto Music Festival- 3 Day Event

Times TBA. Location: Plaza de San Benito, 225 E. Stenger.

Annual Festival to showcase the best of traditional conjunto music. Sponsored by the Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center. Lineup TBA.

October 27

Freddy Fender Humanitarian Award

Details to be announced.

October 31

Halloween

November 5

Diabetes Walk

A benefit fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association will host a San Benito Diabetes Walk at Heavin Resaca Trail. Individuals, families and organizations are invited to participate to raise funds for diabetes support and research. Last year 350 walkers participated and raised \$6,000 for the Diabetes Association. Their goal this year is to raise \$10,000 and have over 500 walkers. Event organizer is Ray Saldana. More information to be announced.

November 11

Veterans Day March & Ceremony

March of Veterans begins at 8:50 a.m. when Veterans and surviving family members are invited to march down Sam Houston Street with a police escort to the new San Benito Veterans War Memorial site (Railroad Tracks and Rowson Street) for a patriotic ceremony paying tribute to our veterans who fought and died to keep our freedoms.

November 19

Farmers Market Railroad Day Festival

Locally grown products will be offered for sale along with arts and crafts.

November 24

Thanksgiving Day

City and Professional offices to close for the holiday.

December 8-11

Christmas Carnival

4-day carnival with games, rides, and refreshments for a thrilling time for the young and young at heart from 6pm-10 pm at the Plaza de San Benito at 210 E. Heywood. Sponsored by the San Benito Chamber of Commerce.

December 10

Centennial Christmas Parade

Sponsored by the San Benito Chamber of Commerce, the Christmas Parade is the longest lighted street parade in South Texas. Marching groups, novelty and religious themed floats will be featured in the parade through downtown San Benito. For more information or to register, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 956-399-5321.

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December 25 Christmas Day

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On-going Activities, Meetings & Services

- San Benito Special Events Board meets each Monday to plan for ResacaFest 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 401 N. Sam Houston. Volunteers welcome.
- Valley Metro Bus Service runs Monday-Fridays with stops at San Benito Dialysis, Lopez Food Store, Dolly Vinsant Hospital, Resaca Trail, Bobby Morrow Stadium, San Benito High School, Cameron County Annex, Doctors Hospital Cancer Center, Wal-Mart, HEB, Texas State Technical College, VTC Bus Station and San Benito City Hall. For more information, please visit www.lrgvdc.org, or call 1-800-574-8322.
- San Benito Public Library, home of the BOOKMARK Café, where gourmet coffees and pastries are offered. 101 Rose Street.
- Intensive Pre GED Classes, Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m.-12 noon. San Benito START Center, 743 N. Sam Houston Blvd., San Benito. 956-399-7818.
- English as a Second Language, Mondays through Thursdays from 12:30-3 p.m. San Benito START Center, 743 N. Sam Houston Blvd., San Benito. 956-399-7818.
- Story Time for local children, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., San Benito Public Library, 101 West Rose Street.
- The Pride Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will pick a nicely landscaped and maintained Business and Home every third Tuesday of the Month. Contact Bertha Wilson at 399-5763.
- City Commission meetings first and third Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 401 N. Sam Houston.
- San Benito CISD Board of Trustees meetings at 7 p.m. Second Tuesday of each month at the John Barron Administration Building, 240 E. Crockett.
- Planning & Zoning; Third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., City Annex Building, 400 N. Travis.
- Board of Adjustments: Third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., City Annex Building, 400 N. Travis.
- Building Standards and Renewal Board: fourth Thursday of each month at City Annex Building, 400 N. Travis at 6:30 p.m.
- Veterans Advisory Board, First Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the San Benito Municipal Building, 401 N. Sam Houston
- Parks & Recreation Board: Second Monday of each month at City Annex Building, 400 N. Travis at 6 p.m.
- Library Board: Second Thursday of each month at the Library, 101 W. Rose at 6:30 p.m.
- Economic Development Corporation: Second Thursday of each month at the Municipal Building, 401 N. Sam Houston at 6:30 p.m.

- Utilities Board: Fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 401 N. Sam Houston
- Public Housing Authority: Third Thursday at the Palmville Housing Development at 6 pm.

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