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SAN BENITO

Calendar of Events

January-December 2012

Please send all new listings, corrections, changes and revisions to Martha McClain at mmclain@cityofsanbenito.com or call 956-361-3804 Ex. 301.

December 26-January 6

Christmas Compost.

Recycle your Christmas trees at the San Benito City Service Center at 925 West Stenger. No tinsel or decorations.

January 9

Welcome Back Winter Texan Reception

An evening of free entertainment and refreshments at Fun N Sun Resort on Zillock Road, San Benito. All winter visitors are invited to attend the free event beginning at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Walter Plant who performs gospel and country music. Door prizes will be awarded immediately after the concert. Please call Fun N Sun at 399-5800 for more information.

January 11

San Benito Public Library Chess Club

The library is starting a chess club that will meet every Wednesday from 5:00-6:30 p.m. starting January 11 and running through March 28. The club is open to all regardless of level of experience. A chess instructor will be present at all meetings.

January 17

Windows to the Past - Historical Society Speakers Series

Sponsored by the San Benito Historical Society at 6 p.m. at the San Benito Auditorium, 210 E. Heywood, San Benito. Quilting through the Ages is the theme of this Speaker Series, featuring Laura Wilson. San Benito authors of the past and present and various book passage readings will be featured. The public is invited to attend this social lecture to learn about the history of this South Texas industry. Membership in the San Benito Historical Society is not required to attend. Refreshments.

January 18

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January 20

Food Bank fundraiser

Carlos and Jean-Luc Canas, along with San Juanita Millan will sing the oldies at El Gallito Restaurant to benefit the San Benito Food Pantry from 7-9 p.m. the public is invited to support the Food Pantry and enjoy good music. Call 399-1659 for more information. Seating is limited.

January 20-22

South Texas Youth Stock Show

Three days of livestock judging, students from across the lower Rio Grande Valley present their project animals in competition. Location: South Texas Youth Fairgrounds on FM 510. Entertainment and refreshments. Also to be included is the San Benito Chamber of Commerce Market Day for vendors and musical entertainment on Jan. 21 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

January 21

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

Sponsored by San Benito Chamber of Commerce, in Plaza de San Benito from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This free event is an open-air bazaar where music, arts and crafts, and people, come together for fun and profit. It features festive activities often including live entertainment, taste-tempting treats at food booths and handmade and one-of-a-kind items at bargain prices. Market Days vendors may rent open space at a rate of \$15 by contacting the San Benito Chamber of Commerce at 399-5321. Tables will be rented for \$3 each. Food booths are limited. No flea market or garage sale booths allowed.

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January 26

Live Music at the Amphitheater

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January 26

Chamber of Commerce Mixer

Sponsored by San Benito Chamber of Commerce at 400 N. Travis Street. Opportunity for business owners and managers to mingle with others in the community. Contact the San Benito Chamber of Commerce at 399-5321.

February 1

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February 7

Narciso Martinez Writers Forum

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. Sponsored by the Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center. For more information call 956-350-3905.

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February 14, 2011

St. Valentine's Day

Remember your loved ones.

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March 10

Texas Independence Day

Live re-enactment of the famous Battle of the Alamo with period vendors baking pan de campo and chili and vendors selling period items. Live entertainment. Vendors can sign-up at the Chamber of Commerce Office, 200 N. Travis, or by calling 399-5321.

March 10

Kelly Miller Circus

Sponsored by San Benito Chamber of Commerce. Tickets on sale at Chamber of Commerce office for two shows

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March 20

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Sponsored by the San Benito Historical Society at 6 p.m. at the San Benito Auditorium, 210 E. Heywood, San Benito. 100 Years of Valley Medicine is the theme of this Speaker Series, featuring Eileen Mattei. San Benito authors of the past and present and various book passage readings will be featured. The public is invited to attend this social lecture to learn about the history of this South Texas industry. Membership in the San Benito Historical Society is not required to attend. Refreshments.

March 24

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.

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April 24, 2011

Easter Sunday

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May 13
Mother's Day

May 19

Rio Grande Valley Great Skeet Shoot-out /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 event in South Texas. Shooters will test their skills at the South Texas Youth Stock Show Grounds off of FM 510. Times will be announced. Alligator Gar Roundup-weigh station at South Texas Youth Stock Show Grounds. 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 \$4.00 each. To register, or for more information, please contact Zeke Padilla at the San Benito Chamber at 956-399-53231 or at zpadilla@cityofsanbenito.com

May 28, 2010

Memorial Day & Silent March of Veterans

8:45 a.m. in front of City Hall, 495 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 5

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June 17, 2011

Father's Day

June 23, 2011

Kids Fishing Tournament

4 p.m. Headquarters/Weigh-in Station at Kennedy Park, 400 Freddy Fender Lane. Children, ages 4-15, are encouraged to cast a line along the Resaca bank to catch catfish and other freshwater varieties. Parents must accompany children. Final weigh-in is at 8 p.m. Awards will be immediately after the weigh-in. Prizes will be awarded for age groups in the 4-8 year old category; 9-12 year old category; and the 13-15 year old category. For more information, call the Chamber at 956-399-5321.

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July 4, 2011

ResacaFest 2012

Sponsored by the City of San Benito's Special Events Board from 12 noon-10 p.m. Full day of music, refreshments and performances, on the Resaca, capped by a fireworks display over the resaca at nightfall. Family fun events, live music, bicycle tour and race, car show, mini market, food booths, beer garden and more.

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November 11**Veterans Day March & Ceremony**

Remember our Proud Veterans on Veterans Day. The 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 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. To participate, or for more information, please call Victor Garza at 956-399-7464.

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November 22**Thanksgiving Day**

City, School and Professional offices to close for the holiday.

December 1**Community Christmas at the Amphitheater**

Student choirs from throughout the area gather to share the spirit of the season. Event begins at 6 p.m. and is free and open to the public at the W.H. Heavin Amphitheater, in Heavin Memorial Park, 705 N. Travis Street.

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On-going Activities, Meetings & Services

- San Benito Special Events Board meets the final Monday of each month to plan local events, 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 great literature, and 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 selects 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 p.m.

(To list your event, please email mmclain@cityofsanbenito.com)

