

RESACA CITY NEWS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

A festive poster for the Community Christmas & Tree Lighting event. It features a red curtain background, a Christmas tree on the right, and a group of children and Santa Claus on the left. The text is in a pink, cursive font.

Community Christmas & Tree Lighting
November 30, 2023
6 PM - 8 PM
Heavin Memorial Park

The holiday season is upon us, and the City is preparing for its annual holiday events.

The Community Christmas and Tree Lighting event is set for November 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Heavin Memorial Park.

And the 81st Annual Christmas Parade is December 9 beginning at 6 p.m. on Sam Houston Boulevard. "Christmas at the Movies" is this year's theme.

To register to be a part of these FUN holiday events, call 956-361-3800.

A festive poster for the 81st Annual Christmas Parade. It features a red curtain background, a Christmas tree on the right, and a movie theater marquee. The text is in a pink, cursive font.

81st Annual Christmas Parade
Christmas at the MOVIES
December 9, 2023
6:00 PM
San Houston Blvd.

RGV BIRDING FESTIVAL COMES TO TOWN

The San Benito Wetlands were a site once again for the annual Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival. Located on Mayfield Road / Line 20 off of Williams Road, the San Benito Wetlands are a hotspot for birding enthusiasts. With over 270 recorded bird species, the Wetlands are a microcosm of South Texas habitats.

Enhanced by trails, water features, bird-feeding areas, photographic blinds and extensive plantings of native vegetation, the San Benito Wetlands offer a unique experience that is a MUST visit for nature lovers.





THANK YOU VETERANS!

On Saturday, November 4, the City hosted a special Veterans Day Celebration Resaca City Food Court at Heavin Memorial Park to help celebrate Veterans Day. A special thank you goes out to SgtMaj Delvin Smythe, Commandant of Cadets at Marine Military Academy, SSgt Hector Jimenez, Delta Company Drill Instructor at MMA, and the MMA Color Guard and Silent Drill Team for their participation. The City thanks all veterans for their service and sacrifice!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 17 - Candlelight Vigil for Lt. Milton Resendez

Nov. 18 - Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Nov. 21 - Regular City Commission Meeting

Nov. 23 & 24 - City offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Nov. 30 - Community Christmas & Tree Lighting

Dec. 9 - 81st Annual Christmas Parade

Dec. 5 & 19 - Regular City Commission Meetings

Dec. 25 & 26 - City offices closed for Christmas holiday

Dec. 29 - Jan. 1, 2024 - City offices closed for New Year's holiday

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JOSE LARA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COLLECTIONS SUPERVISOR

- 10 years of service
- Previous work: Truck driver for Labatt Food Services
- Favorite part of the job: Working standby with my crews and helping out the citizens of San Benito
- Hobbies: Fishing and hunting
- Favorite food: Fajitas
- Favorite color: Maroon
- Favorite vacation spot: Houston and Texas City Dike
- Favorite movie: "The Outlaw Josey Wales"
- "I'm a longtime resident of San Benito; born and raised in San Benito. I graduated from San Benito High School and I plan to retire from the City of San Benito, God willing."

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Rabies Vaccination Clinic



Hosted By
THE CITY of SAN BENITO

Saturday Nov. 18, 2023
11 am- 1 pm



LOCATION:

**551 Cesar Gonzalez PRWY
San Benito, TX 78586
San Benito Fairgrounds**



**PARTNERED WITH
The San Benito Animal Hospital**

For More Info Contact:
Animal Control Officer J. Coronado (956) 361-3880



The San Benito Police Department will host a Rabies Vaccination Clinic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on November 18 at the San Benito Fairgrounds. Rabies shot \$15; Distemper/Parvo \$25; Lepto \$20; Flea/Tick - Simparica \$22 for a single, \$66 for a 3-pack, \$130 for a 6-pack, Dewormer \$10; As of now this is a CASH-ONLY event.



WHAT'S NEW IN OUR CITY?

The Little Free Library is for everyone in our community to use. Borrow a book (take) and when you are done, just return it to the free library you picked it up from (no time limit). You may also swap a book, if you have a book that you would like to share with others. The Little Free Library is located on the Heavin Park Walking Trail, close to Business 77.



IN MEMORY

On October 26, we laid to rest community hero, Lt. Milton Resendez. He will forever be remembered as a great police officer, peacekeeper and, most importantly, a friend and family member. Lt. Resendez's family will forever be in our thoughts and prayers. We honor him for his integrity and his contributions to the San Benito Police Department, and to the City of San Benito. **On Friday, November 17, a Candlelight Vigil and one-mile silent walk will be held to continue to honor his legacy. It begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Heavin Memorial Park Amphitheater.** All are welcome. We will NEVER forget the Lieutenant's service and sacrifice.

San Benito Public Library

Computer Classes

with Joey Bocanegra
Tuesdays and Thursdays
8am to 10am

COMPUTER CLASS SYLLABUS

Tuesdays (Beginners Class)

- Class No. 1 - Computer Basics
- Class No. 2 - Typing Skills
- Class No. 3 - Internet Basics (Browser)
- Class No. 4 - Internet Safety
- Class No. 5 - Mobile/Tablet

Thursdays (Intermediate Class)

- Class No. 1 - Email Basics (Gmail)
- Class No. 2 - Google Programs/App Store (Browser/Mobile)
- Class No. 3 - Social Media
- Class No. 4 - Internet Tech
- Class No. 5 - Q&A session with instructor

Sign up at the front desk.

All students must have an up to date library card.

A graphic for the MLS GO Youth Soccer League registration. It features a green background with a cartoon yellow character holding a soccer ball. The text reads 'REGISTER NOW NOV 3 - JAN 14'. Below the text is a QR code with a 'GO' logo and a yellow button that says 'Scan to sign up'.

Registration for the City of San Benito's **MLS GO** Youth Soccer League is OPEN. Sign your kids up NOW and be part of the first AND ONLY active MLS Go league in Texas! For more Info call Parks & Recreation Department at 956-361-3800.

CULTURAL SPOTLIGHT

The collaborative effort with the local VA Texas Coastal Bend clinic to showcase the Veteran's regional art competition at the San Benito Cultural Arts Center on November 9 was a tremendous success. The Cultural Arts Center, which was the City's first library built around 1918, has a proud tradition of fostering community and cultural engagement. The "Things Carried Home" exhibition will remain on display at the Arts Center through January 27.



SAVE THE DATE

Approaching the 5th Anniversary of the San Benito Cultural Heritage Museum opening its doors, we are excited to showcase the 5th iteration of the Guadalupe Exhibit (Castilian Roses in December). This exhibition commemorates the wondrous legend of La Virgen de Guadalupe that dates back to December 12th, 1531.



Castilian Roses in December 2023

Nov. 30, Dec. 01, & 02

Save the Date!



SAN BENITO
CULTURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM

250 E. HEYWOOD ST., SAN BENITO, TX

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