

# RESACA CITY NEWS

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## IT WAS A WONDERFUL SEASON!



The Christmas holiday season in San Benito was a great one! Things officially kicked off on November 30 with the annual Community Christmas & Tree Lighting event at Heavin Memorial Park. And on December 9 our 81st Annual Christmas Parade highlighted the season. This year's parade theme was "Christmas at the Movies," and participants went all out. The City thanks everyone who participated and attended our events.





# MEET OUR NEW CITY MANAGER

On Wednesday, December 6, new City Manager Fred Sandoval was officially introduced to the public during a special event at the San Benito Cultural Heritage Museum. Mr. Sandoval has been on the job since late October and hit the ground running. He brings 30 years of city management and leadership experience with him. He served as Pharr's city manager for 11 years beginning in 2004 and, more recently, was Executive Director of the Pharr Economic Development Corporation between 2010 and 2015.



## CITY CALENDAR

**Jan. 1 & 2** - City offices closed for New Year's holiday

**Jan. 15** - City offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Jan. 16** - Regular City Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

**Jan. 20** - Market Days on Historic Robertson Street, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Feb. 6** - Regular City Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

**Feb. 17** - Market Days on Historic Robertson Street, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Feb. 19** - City offices closed in observance of Presidents' Day

**Feb. 20** - Regular City Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

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## NIKKI SERRANO

### PARKS & RECREATION SPECIAL PROJECTS PLANNER

- 4 1/2 years
- Previous work: Administrative Assistant at the San Benito Cultural Heritage Museum
- Favorite part of the job: Seeing the community having a good time at our events. Meeting musicians is pretty cool, too!
- Hobbies: Backyard birdwatching & trying to win the affection of my cat
- Favorite food: Mole
- Favorite color: Black
- Favorite vacation spot: New Orleans
- Favorite TV show: "Friends"
- Recently received CFEA certification from the International Festival & Events Association.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



# EXHIBITION OPENING

On December 9, the San Benito Cultural Arts Department presented the opening reception of the Fifth Annual Castilian Roses in December art exhibition at the San Benito Cultural Heritage Museum. The opening reception also coincided with the Cultural Heritage Museum's fifth anniversary. This exhibition will be on display at the Museum through January 19th. **Follow @San Benito Cultural Arts Department on Facebook.**



# CHRISTMAS WITH A COP

On December 16, the San Benito Police Department hosted "Christmas with a Cop." The department was able to spread some holiday cheer to all those who attended. More than 500 children and more than 1,000 people attended the event, which was held at the San Benito Community Building. A special thanks to Starbucks of San Benito, Walmart San Benito, Ice Monkeys, and to Chief Wilson and his San Benito High School NROTC students for their assistance.



# THANK YOU!

Several City of San Benito employees were recently recognized for their years of service. Here are the 2023 recipients. Congratulations!

## 20 YEARS

**Michael J. Cortez**  
**Samuel Quiroz**

## 15 YEARS

**Adan Sanchez**  
**Elizabeth Olvera**  
**Eloy L. Martinez**  
**Matthew Carrizales**

## 10 YEARS

**Gilberto Sanchez**  
**Juan C. Cruz**  
**Justin E. Kemmerling**  
**Justin L. Martinez**  
**Leticia Gomez**  
**Oscar Barrera**  
**Salvador Ramirez II**  
**Victor M. Avila**

## 5 YEARS

**Adan Gracia Salazar**  
**Alfred Wasielewski**  
**Claudia Yado**  
**Enrique Hernandez**  
**Hilario Avila Jr.**  
**Gabriel Gonzalez**  
**Marcos T. Valdez**  
**Michael Mayorga**  
**Yan F. Luna**





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(Chicago, Illinois)—Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to **City of San Benito** for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

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**The City was recently awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This recognition represents a significant accomplishment by City Administration and the Finance Department. Congratulations to all involved!**

# CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

**Looking to dispose of your live Christmas trees, garlands or wreaths?**

San Benito residents can bring them to the City Service Center at 925 W. Stenger St. from 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please remove all ornaments, lights, decorations, tinsel and tree stands before disposal.

You should plan to take down your Christmas tree within 1 month of purchase or when the tree begins to drop its needles. Keep in mind that the longer a tree stays up, the more of a fire hazard it becomes.



Don't forget, Market Days on Historic Robertson Street is held the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The next one is set for **January 20**. For vendor registration, call 956-456-4012.

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**MARKET DAYS**  
ON HISTORIC ROBERTSON STREET  
SAN BENITO, TEXAS

3rd Saturday Of Every Month



**Visit the City of San Benito Animal Shelter on Facebook.**



# NEVER FORGET

On Friday, November 17, a Candlelight Vigil and one-mile silent walk was held to honor the late Lt. Milton Resendez, who tragically passed away in the line of duty in late October.

Dozens packed the Heavin Memorial Park Amphitheater and Resaca Trail for this special event.

We will NEVER forget the Lieutenant's service and sacrifice.



# REGISTER NOW

## NOV 3 - JAN 14




**Scan to sign up**

Registration for the City of San Benito's **MLS GO** Youth Soccer League continues. 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.



## #9PM Routine

- ⚠ Remove valuables from vehicle
- ⚠ Lock vehicle doors
- ⚠ Close the garage door
- ⚠ Close and lock all exterior doors
- ⚠ Turn on Exterior lights



✓ #9PM Routine Complete

## CITY HALL FOR ALL

★ COMING SOON TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU ★

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!

