

from the water treatment plant to the new overhead storage tank. The proposed storage tank will have a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons. The city's current 750,000 gallon tank would be decommissioned. The transmission lines are 2 16-inch water lines that would come from the new water treatment plant. The final component of this project is the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant. The city currently utilizes a 2.16 MGD lagoon wastewater plant. The City is proposing to construct a 3.5 MGD extended aeration plant. Improvements are scheduled to begin November 2003.

Sanitation

- The City of San Benito currently contracts with BFI (956-423-7316) for the City's sanitation needs.

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s Preserve in

San Benito, an 82-acre private nature park, provides visitors to San Benito with a bird and butterfly paradise. The preserve maintains gardens, trails, a lake and a pavilion for viewing with blinds and benches throughout the property. Hours of admission are Thursday - Monday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and admission prices range from free for children under 5 to \$6.00 for general admission. The preserve also provides a gift shop, snack bar, and handicap accessible restrooms and parking. For more information call 1-800-418-3543.

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge

Located just 14 miles northeast of San Benito, this refuge is the largest protected area of natural habitat left in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The refuge's 45,000 acres is an oasis for birds and wildlife found nowhere else. Birding tours are available on the weekends from November to April with a visitor's center offering exhibits and informational videos. The refuge also provides 2 tour roads for driving or biking and 5 hiking trails with an alligator pond. In addition, sites within the refuge are designated for camping, fishing, boating and hunting. Daily vehicle entry permits are \$3.00. For more information call 956-748-3607.

Gladys Porter Zoo

Opened in 1971, the Gladys Porter Zoo is home to over 1,500 animal specimens representing approximately 400 species of which 47 are listed as endangered. The zoo's living collections are comprised of plants, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes and invertebrates from most major ecosystems. The Gladys Porter Zoo is laid out in 4 major geographical areas: Tropical America, Indo-Australia, Asia and Africa. In each area, visitors are able to view animals native to that particular part of the world. Non-geographical areas of the zoo include the children's zoo and nursery, the

geographical areas of the zoo include the children's zoo and nursery, the Herpetarium and aquatic wing, the free-flight aviary, the bear grottos and California sea lion exhibit. In addition, the zoo offers a tour train, concession stands, a gift shop and facility rentals for special events with catering. Located just 19 miles southeast of San Benito, the zoo is open everyday from 9:00 am until sundown with extended hours during the summer months. Admission prices range from free for children under 2 to \$7.00 for adults. For more information call 956-546-7187.

South Padre Island

Located just 29 miles to the west of San Benito is South Padre Island, a modern beach resort with all the amenities for the water sports enthusiast. This barrier reef island offers horseback riding, surfing, sailing, fishing, cruises and a world class water park. Connected to the mainland by the Queen Isabella Causeway, South Padre Island is ranked as one of America's top 10 beaches. For more information call 1-800-sopadre.

Mexico

A short 8 mile trip south of San Benito lies Mexico, where shopping for bargains has become a major tourist attraction just south of the Rio Grande. Whether it's the bustling Matamoros to the east or the laid back Nuevo Progreso to the west, the shops and markets provide a variety of cultural items and the specialties of leather goods, arts, crafts, silver jewelry, woven fabrics, pottery and wood products. Tips for visiting Mexico:

- Foreign nationals (US and Canadian) citizens must carry proof of citizenship in the form of a passport or birth certificate.
- If staying longer than 72 hours or traveling into the interior of Mexico, then a tourist visa will be required and may be obtained at border immigration offices.
- When driving into the interior of Mexico, a vehicle permit will be required.
- Not all items purchased in Mexico may be brought back into the US, some may be considered illegal, have restrictions on quantity or require a tax to be paid. Be sure and check with US Customs on the legal requirements for different merchandise before crossing into Mexico.
- Mexico has limitations and requirements on items being transported by a tourist entering the country, this will include video equipment, firearms and general merchandise, be sure to check with Mexico Customs before entering the country.
- The majority of shops and restaurants in border towns accept US currency, but be aware of exchange rates.
- Many of the shops and restaurants in border towns have employees who speak both English and Spanish.



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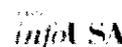
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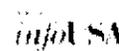
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925 Billock St, San Benito, TX 956-831-8281
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Register with the San Benito Alumni Database

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450 S. Williams Road (956) 361-6568 Fax

San Benito Veterans' Memorial Ninth Grade Academy (956) 276-6000 Phone
2115 N. Williams Road (956) 276-6008 Fax

Middle Schools

Berta Cabaza Middle School (956) 361-6600 Phone
2901 Shafer Road (956) 361-6608 Fax

Miller Jordan Middle School (956) 361-6650 Phone
700 N. McCullough (956) 361-6658 Fax

Elementary Schools

Dr. Cash Elementary School (956) 361-6700 Phone
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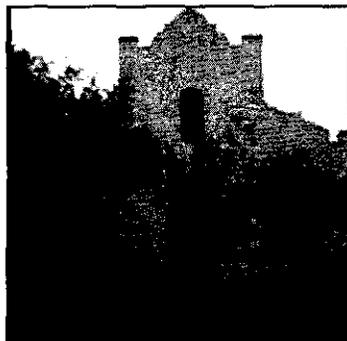
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San Benito, Texas, is known as the "Resaca City." A picturesque resaca, four hundred feet wide, flows through the city. As indicated by its Spanish name, the resaca was a dry river bed. It is now the main canal of a large irrigation system.

San Benito was at first named "Diaz" in honor of Porfirio Diaz, president of México at that time. The people in the San Benito area were predominantly of Mexican ancestry. The Anglo settlers came after the completion of the first irrigation system in 1906. Prior to that time this region was an arid, mesquite-cactus-brush covered wilderness. Irrigation water touched off the crop production magic in the railroad.

On July 4, 1904, the first passenger train arrived at Diaz. Overjoyed with the coming of the new railroad, the community leaders renamed the railroad station "Bessie," in honor of Bessie Yoakum. Her father, B.F. Yoakum, was instrumental in the construction of the railroad.

Some time later, when the townsite was surveyed, the name was changed to "San Benito" in honor of Benjamin Hicks. He was a pioneer ranchman whose charitable attitude endeared him to the population. The name was suggested by Rafael Moreno, the popular 90 year old camp cook of the surveying party. Moreno suggested the name "San Benito" for his beloved "Saint Benjamin" Hicks.

San Benito was a village with quite a number of homes, businesses, churches, and public schools several years before they were incorporated in 1911. The original map of the townsite was recorded April 28, 1907. The first school was established in 1907 with 48 pupils and Miss Kate Purvis as the teacher. The Post Office was also opened in 1907. In 1927 the city adopted a Commission form of government operating under a Home Rule Charter.

In 1920, when the city was included in the U.S. Census count for the first time, San Benito had become a thriving city of 4,070 people. By 1950 the census count was 13,271. In 1960 the population had grown to 16,422. The present population is estimated at 26,350.

The irrigation district was organized in 1906. As a result of the availability of irrigation water San Benito and all of the Lower Rio Grande Valley cities came into being to serve a newly developing agriculture empire.

The original townsite, created in 1911, contained 1,280 acres. Since then a series of annexations have

increased the incorporated area to 4,092.17 acres.

The mild winter climate in southmost section of the United States has played a dominant role in the growth of San Benito and the other cities of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Crops grow and flowers bloom the year round. The city has become a mecca for winter tourists and retired people, providing a substantial percentage of the buying power of this community.

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DONATIONS

Friends have an ongoing book sale in the library. We accept donations of books and magazines. They must be clean and bug free.

RESOURCES

The library has a large collection, 35 magazine subscriptions, newspapers. The library has a small collection of Spanish material and children levels. Our pamphlet file has one 3 drawer cabinet with information in single sheet or booklet form. We have a small collection of books on tape, VHS tapes of movies, biographies, and education. The library has a copy machine in 8 1/2 x 11 in. or 8 1/2 x 14 in. for \$.20 per sheet. We also carry many U.S. Government IRS forms.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Yes, we have old magazines to cut up for pictures. We have a display which changes about every 6 weeks. Stop by to see what kind of collection is currently being shown. The conference room can be reserved free of charge as long as it is for non profit meetings. The Interlibrary Loan (ILL) serves the patrons of San Benito Public Library in obtaining materials which are available for circulation in the library collection. The Microfilm/reader is also available with \$.20 per print out page.

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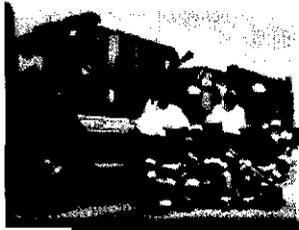
The Summer Reading Program is held during the summer as soon as school ends. The program has different themes and is held to encourage kids to read, learn, and explore. It is designed for school age children who have not reached the first grade.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers help the library in a number of ways. If you have time on a regular basis or just for an afternoon, we would appreciate your help. We need volunteers to help with processing books, working on the shelves, and planning children's activities.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the library is an organization of citizens desirous of supporting the library. Friends raise money and awareness of the library in the community. Memberships are \$5.00. Per individual. The library staff may be contacted for more information. There are meetings held at the library last Thursday of each month, 5:30 pm.



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The Fire Department is composed of three divisions:

Fire Suppression is responsible for the protection of life & property in relation to all fire emergencies. This division is composed of three captains, three lieutenants, six drivers, and 13 firefighters.

Fire Prevention is responsible for the enforcement of all local & state life safety fire codes and fire investigations. This unit is composed of one fire marshal, six inspectors, and five arson investigators.

The Training Division is responsible for providing all personnel a continuous program of in-house education. This unit is composed of a captain.

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Administrative Tech.	Cecilia Espinoza	cespinoza@cityofsanbenit
Fire Marshall	Henry Lopez	hlopez@cityofsanbenito.c





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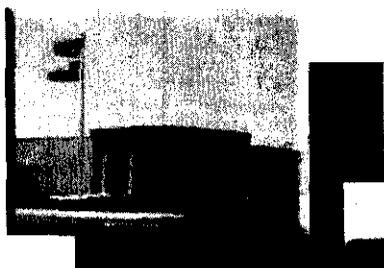
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Under the leadership of our City Mayor, the Emergency Management is also run by the Public Safety Director. This department is composed of the Public Safety Director and one part-time administrative secretary.

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The Police Department is composed of four divisions:

Patrol is responsible for the enforcement of local and state laws and ensuring public safety, this division consists of one commander, two captains, three lieutenants, three sergeants and 24 patrol officers.

The Criminal Investigative Division is responsible for the follow up and solving of crimes that occur in the city, this division is composed of one captain, three lieutenant/investigators, and two sergeants/investigators and three investigators.

The Support/Communications Division is responsible for all equipment upkeep, receiving and dispatching calls and retention of records and filing. This division is composed of four dispatches, three record clerks, and an administrative technician.

The Special Investigative Division is responsible for investigation narcotics, and other major crimes, this division is composed of one sergeant and two narcotics investigators.

Administration Staff

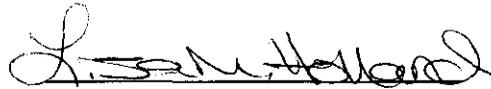
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lisa M. Holland, a secretary in the law firm of Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. do hereby certify that I have on this 11th day of February, 2005, caused to be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, copies of the foregoing "**Petition for Rule Making**" to the following:

Brooks Broadcasting Corporation
304 E Rice
Falfurrias, TX 78355-3624


Lisa M. Holland