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Commissioner
Roberto (Bob) Garza



My name is Roberto "Bob" Garza Jr. and I serve you as one of your city commissioners. One of my roles and one of my most important personal priorities is to make our city a better place to live. One of the ways I feel I am improving our community's quality of life is by making sure there is a process and a plan to address some of our important issues which include but are not limited to; street improvements, upgrading our parks, keeping our community clean, and supporting our Fire/Police departments.

I would like to let everyone know that we now have two fully functioning Fire Stations, one to serve our North side residents and the other one to serve the Southern part of our city. This is very important to you and our neighbor's safety because it improves response times and it also increases our fire rating which is helpful in keeping homeowners insurances premiums low. I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank all our Volunteer Fire Fighters for all their time, effort and dedication in helping keep our city safe.

Our Police Department is also working on new ways to provide better service and protection to our residents. One example of this is that our Police Chief, Juan Gonzalez, has assigned a full time officer to establish neighborhood watch programs throughout the city. This officer will also be focused on conducting business and home inspections to help prevent property crime and those who participate in the program may also qualify for a discount on their homeowner's insurance. For more information on this and other new crime prevention programs please contact the San Juan Police Department at 787-9904.

Another very important part of our city I strongly support is our San Juan Economic development Corporation. As a banker I have personal working knowledge of the impact business has on communities and I truly believe San Juan can become an economic force in the valley. This is a very important part to making the changes we need to improve the quality of life for all the citizens of San Juan. More business means more jobs and increased revenue for the city which is needed to fund the improvement we need.

Lastly, I want to personally encourage all of our residents to participate in our 2010 US Census. Being counted in this year's Census will be crucial to our city when we seek funding opportunities from the local, state and federal government. Be looking for your Census forms in the mail starting in March and please fill it out and return it as soon as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community.

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

2nd Annual Cinco de Mayo BBQ Cook-Off
San Juan Municipal Park, San Juan, TexasApril 30-May 1, 2010

City of San Juan Centennial Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
San Juan Municipal Park, San Juan, TexasMay 1, 2010

Parks & Recreation
2nd Annual Golf Tournament
Shary Municipal Golf Course, Mission, TexasMay 15, 2010

*If you have questions on these events, please call the San Juan Parks & Recreation Department at (956) 223-2350.

San Juan creates new Tax Increment Financing Zone (TIF Zone)

What is a TIF Zone and what does it mean for me?

On December 8, 2009 the City Commission of San Juan took a historic step of creating a City sponsored tax increment finance zone. A tax increment zone captures the additional taxes that a property generates when it is developed. The creation of the Zone does not increase property taxes. The City took vacant property along streets in its largely undeveloped southern sector and other areas of the City in need of revitalization. The City is looking to partners with Hidalgo County in the creation of the Zone. All funds generated within the Zone will be used for public works projects benefiting Zone properties and the surrounding City.



The City will be appointing a minimum of five people to the Board of the Zone. It will be their duty to see that the funds generated in the Zone are used for Zone approved projects and that all applicable state laws are complied with.



UTILITIES update

The Wastewater Collection System is currently working on an Ordinance that will allow the City Employees or Equipment to assist residents who are experiencing sewer back-ups at their service lines for a fee.

The Water Distribution and the Wastewater Collection System Departments with their equipment have been working at the old town site on Nebraska cleaning out years of accumulated dirt in the storm sewer system.

Water Distribution has experienced little or no water breaks.



SAN JUAN COMMUNITY Community Calendar

If you would like to participate in these training seminars please contact Sgt. A. Rodriguez at the Crime Prevention Division. Training seminars are free of charge. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

**Underage Drinking/Dating
Violence/Gang & Drug Resis-
tance Education Program**
Wednesday, March 10th, 2010
6pm-8pm

**Proper Installation of Child
Safety
Seat Restraints**
Wednesday, March 24th, 2010
6pm-8pm

Child ID Recognition
Saturday, March 27th, 2010
9am-12noon

**Gun Safety & Awareness
(Self/Home Defense)
(No loaded guns allowed)**
Wednesday, April 7th, 2010
6pm-8pm

**Auto Theft Prevention
(H.E.A.T Program)**
Wednesday, April 21st, 2010
6pm-8pm

**Burglary Prevention & Home
Inspections**
Wednesday, May 5th, 2010
6pm-8pm

Graffiti Abatement Program
Wednesday, May 19th, 2010
6pm-8pm

**Prevention and Awareness of
Domestic Violence & Dating
Violence/Victim Services**
Wednesday, June 2nd, 2010
6pm-8pm

**Traffic Laws/Public Safety
Ordinances**
Wednesday, June 16th, 2010
6pm-8pm

For more information
Call 956 •223- 2421



The city of San Juan is proud to host a certified Farmers' Market at North San Juan Park, located @ 509 E. Earling. Earling is the same street that becomes Nolana as you drive towards McAllen.

The Market is held under one of the Gazebos located behind the Community Center/WIC building. (This is the same building you renew your automotive registration tags.) Look for the TDA (Texas Department of Agriculture) large "Certified" banners. The Market is held from 9 am - 1 pm (or until the vegetables run out!) the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month. Due to the scorching hot weather here in deep south Texas, the last Market is held on June 5. The Markets resume again in Oct. They will resume to the same 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. The Markets are sponsored by Heifer International; Hidalgo County, Pct. 2; USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES); & Tx. AgriLife Extension Service. For additional information feel free to e-mail Helen Rodriguez @ Hrodriguez@ag.tamu.edu.