

Welcome San Juan Visitors....

Welcome to the City of San Juan, the Spirit of the Rio Grande Valley! San Juan is located within the Rio South Texas Region which is the largest border region in the United States with 2.3 million people. The San Juan Economic Development Corporation (SJEDC) knows our town is an ideal location for you to visit during your stay in the Rio Grande Valley.

The town of San Juan was established in 1910 with the sale of 406 acres of land to the San Juan Townsite Co., by area entrepreneur John Closer. Incorporation of the City of San Juan occurred on December 29, 1917, and was titled as a City by action of the San Juan City Commissioners on February 18, 1919. Today, San Juan's population is nearly over 35,000 residents.

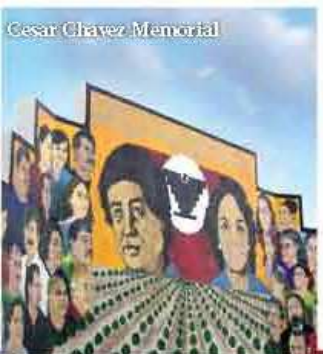
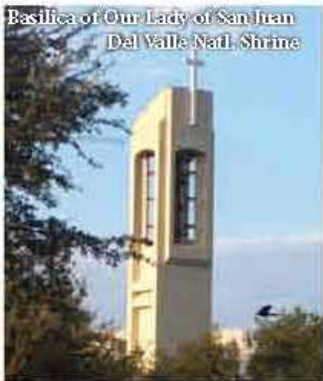
As home to the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle National Shrine which attracts over 25,000 visitors per week, the Basilica is surrounded by a 3/4 mile walking trail that displays the 14 Stations of the Cross with 30 life-size statues. San Juan is home to Liberty Park that boasts the tallest flag pole in all South Texas. Plus, North San Juan Park stands as one of 2008 Texas' Best "Backyard" Wildlife Habitats by The National Wildlife Federation and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. San Juan is surrounded by abundant wildlife that can be seen at its newest destination, its seven acre wetlands.

San Juan offers visitors a unique look at Valley life as well as a rich shopping experience with local vendors. Its central location allows the city to present a canvas of culture that provides a colorful and exciting time for all visitors. The small town feel to our streets along side with the quick access to other metropolitan areas makes San Juan special.

Please come by the San Juan EDC Office for a Welcoming Goodie Bag and pick up a few pamphlets and maps. We are excited to have you back and welcome all new comers to the beautiful San Juan, the Spirit of the Rio Grande Valley! For more information, call SJEDC office at 956-783-3448 or send us an email at info@sanjuanedc.com.

Sincerely,

San Juan EDC





Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle National



As home to the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle National Shrine which attracts on average over 1.3 million annual visitors, San Juan offers an excellent tourism base that ranges from local to national and international.

Built in 1980, this downtown anchor is a catalyst of economic opportunity. One of three Basilicas in the State of Texas, this icon includes 30 Italian bronzed life-sized statues of the crucifixion stretching

around the building grounds. Designated a National Shrine in 1998, the Basilica is one of the most visited shrines in the United States.

Cesar Chavez Memorial



This memorial is one of many César Chávez memorial sites dedicated to the labor rights leader in San Juan, TX. He is one of the most heroic figures of our time and the strongest advocate for migrant farm workers in the 20th century.

Liberty Park



Liberty Park is the brainchild of a local area businessman and a San Juan resident to create a tribute to all veterans of military service and especially those that served in conflicts and helped preserve the American way of life. The main

feature of the park is the tallest flagpole in all of South Texas. A granite war memorial was recently dedicated and unveiled at San Juan's annual Flag Day ceremony on June 14, 2009. It was engraved with the names of servicemen from San

who died while on active duty in World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Liberty Park is located on Business Highway 83 just west of Standard Avenue.



San Juan Hotel

The San Juan Hotel was completed and opened for business in 1920. Its construction reflected the plans of the town's early business leaders to establish San Juan as a Rio Grande Valley commercial center. Originally constructed with little ornamentation, the mission revival details were added in 1928. These included the red tiled parapet along the roofline and the curvilinear parapet over the entryway.



North San Juan Park

Our latest addition, North San Juan Park stands as one of 2008 Texas' Best "Backyard" Wildlife Habitats by The National Wildlife Federation and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.



Tom Mayfield Historical Marker

Tom Mayfield left the Gonzales County farm of his parents, John and Maggie Mayfield, in 1898 to help buy horses for Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders. Between 1910-1921 Tom served as Pharr City Marshal, Texas Ranger, and Hidalgo County deputy sheriff. His role in exposing a German-Mexican WW I

plot in nearby San Diego and his amazing escape from a Mexican firing squad in 1921 made Tom a local celebrity. As Pharr-San Juan-Alamo's deputy constable (1938-1963) Tom gained the community's highest respect. He spent his last years as a resident of the San Juan Hotel





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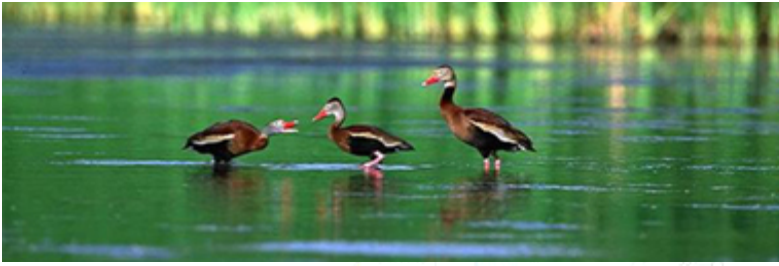
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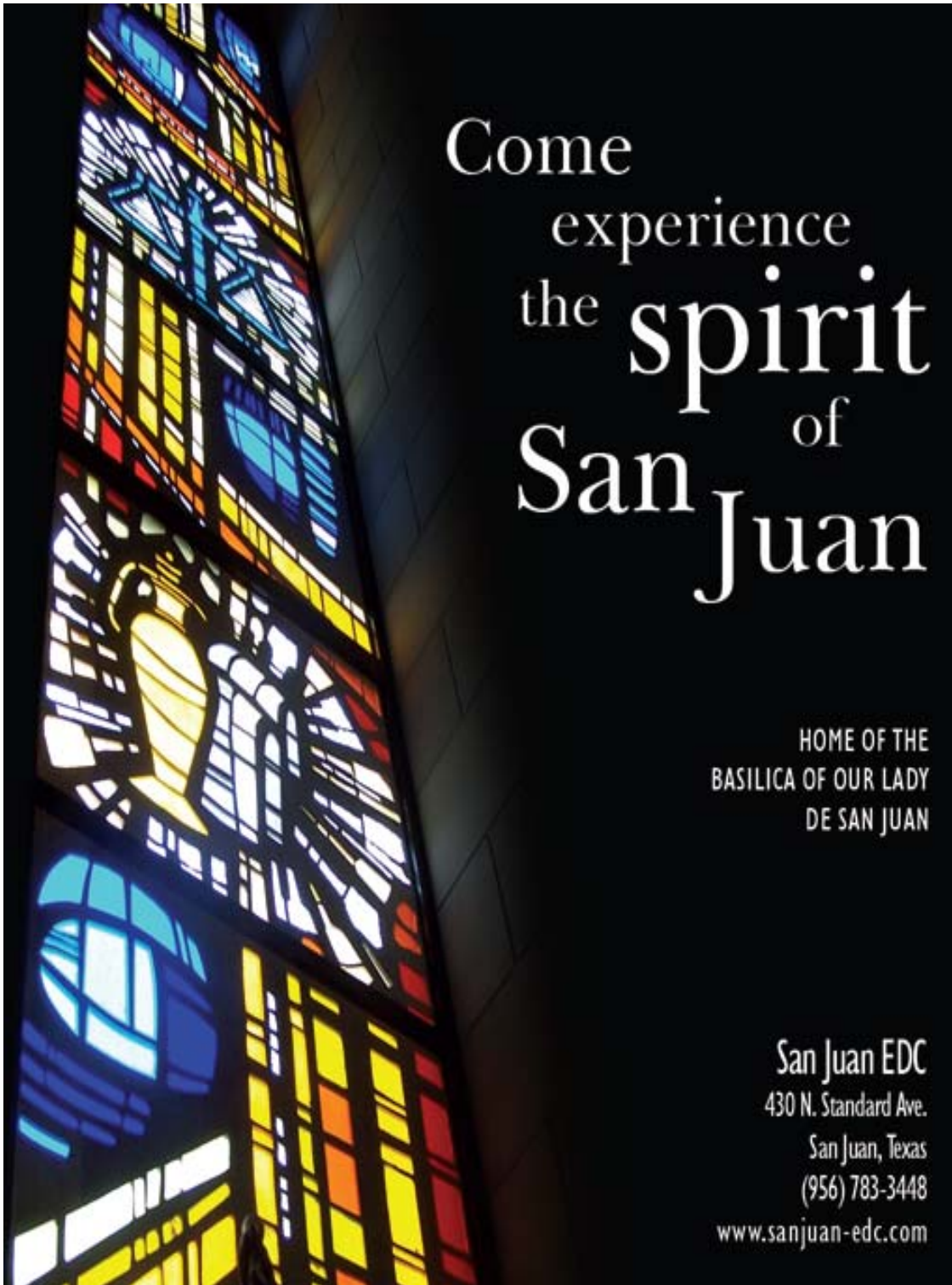
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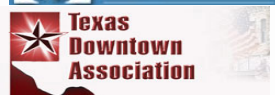
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