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Hispanic Culture Month Special Events and Programming

New Braunfels, TX – The Westside Community Center is celebrating Hispanic Culture Month, which runs from September 15th through October 15th every year. The Westside Community Center is located at 2932 S. IH-35 in New Braunfels.

One highlight of this month-long celebration will be the special Hispanic Heritage Celebration kick-off event being held on Saturday, September 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will feature photos and displays featuring some of the first Hispanic leaders and businesses in New Braunfels, along with a special display on Hispanic War Heroes.

Special guests for the event include a welcome and introduction by City Manager Robert Camareno, a cultural art display by artist/educator, Rey Gaytan, singer Ixtchel Fisher, DJ Oscar Zamora, Chef Mario Perez, and New Braunfels' very own Compania de Danza Folklorico will bring ballet folklorico to the event. There will be opportunities for children to take part in cultural craft activities and face painting, and food vendors will be available on-site.

“We are excited about several of the upcoming events that will be held at the center,” said Outreach Coordinator, Jennifer Hernandez. “There are numerous people who have strong Hispanic roots in New Braunfels/Comal County that have been working tirelessly to help make this heritage event extra special for the community. There are so many people who have contributed, and I thank them for their efforts. We invite everyone to bring the whole family - come, see, listen, and learn about all of the rich Hispanic heritage in our community.”

Along with the September 15th kick-off event, the following free programs for cultural learning and fun are available now for registration at nbtexas.org/library (note that space is limited):

- Wednesday, September 12th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. - Fun Family Food Portrait led by Art Outreach Teacher, Stella Olivas. Bring your family and an old or new family photo and enjoy using non-perishable food to create a family photo.
- Tuesday, September 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Making Gorditas
- Tuesday, October 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Making Tostadas

Both cooking classes are taught by the mother and son duo of Jesse and Yolanda Enriquez
For programming questions, call 830-221-4630 or check the online calendar at nbtexas.org/library.

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