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The Raymondville Chamber of Commerce

serves Willacy County and its surrounding areas with business promotion and attraction, tourism, networking opportunities, with a focus on community issues and quality-of-life projects.

The year 2015 was definitely a challenging one with the weather being one of the biggest obstacles for construction, outdoor events and sports; Chamber of Commerce weather was not available as often as we wanted.

We definitely experienced an example of what living in South Texas is with temperatures of 40 degrees in the morning and 80 degrees in the afternoon.

We also experienced a huge financial blow to our community with our detention facility closing. The effects were felt by both the City and County, and of course, approximately 375 employees being displaced from their jobs. However, the community came together; and with Workforce solutions as partners, we were able to host several job fairs to assist and offer jobs to as many people as they accommodate.

This is a portion of the Progress in our Community, but there is more happening!

- Construction of new Church's Fried Chicken building
- Wing Champs restaurant opens
- Relocation of Ken's Furniture
- CVS begins process to build
- Holiday Inn Hotel in final stages
- Raymondville Ortho & Spine Clinic expands to Raymondville
- Raymondville Family Dentistry opens
- New Police Department completed before end of 2015
- Renovations to Pony League Park in progress
- Valley Grande Institute satellite comes to Rural Technical Center
- NAPWHOF (Nature & Photography center continues to develop)
- Driving School now available in community
- Consulting business now housed in Rural Technical Center
- Raymondville Plaza receives a facelift and new ownership
- Cardenas Motors comes to Raymondville
- Grandma's Kitchen restaurant opens

These bullets listed include the many activities that the Raymondville Chamber of Commerce has coordinated, hosted or participated in for the year 2015!

We invite you to be a part of our organization and invite you to help us make our Community a great place to visit, live, play and work in!

Networking Opportunities

- Hosted Two Membership drives adding over 40 new members in 2015
- Hosted Monthly Membership Networking Breakfasts
- HEELS Conference for Women with 5 successful women speakers
- Held First Annual Awards Chamber Luncheon

Business Promotion/Economic Development

- Ribbon Cutting for Raymondville Shoe Store
- Ribbon Cutting for Church's
- Conducted Law Office of Ryan Solis' Ribbon Cutting
- Assisted with La Jarra Ground Breaking
- Coordinated Cardenas Motors Ribbon Cutting
- Hosted VGI Ribbon Cutting at Rural Technical Center
- Assisted in Ribbon Cutting for New Wing for Lyford Elementary
- Mesquite Treatment Center Ribbon Cutting
- Chamber member directory
- Continue to work Close with the City in upcoming business prospects
- Host a Website with chamber member listing
- Offer Email blast opportunities through Chamber contact list

Community Events

- Assisted in coordinating of National Police Week
- Partnered with Raymondville Golf Course in a Take a Day Off Work Tournament
- Partnered with Raymondville Golf Course in the Eddie Lucio Celebrity Golf Classic
- Attended Technology Summit
- Attended Empty Bowls of RGV Food Bank
- Sponsored breakfast for New Teacher Reception
- Continue to work on Tourist Center Renovations
- Partnered with Raymondville Gear Up Program for a Youth Ambassador Program
- Assisted with City/County hiring events
- Annual planning workshop

Tourism/Marketing

- Chamber Website
- Partnered with VTX1 in 2015 to create a Tourism Video
- Tourist Guide/Chamber directory
- Partnered with RGV Food Bank with Farmer's Markets
- Hosted a July 4th Festival and round robin softball tournament
- WIW Children's Program/photography contests
- Pioneer Days (some of the photos of event made national recognition)
- Hosted Annual Christmas Parade
- Hosted Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Pocket Park
- First Annual Tamale Fest

