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## CAMERON COUNTY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF THE SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Cameron County is pleased to announce that construction and improvements are underway for the Santa Rosa Community Park located in Cameron County Precinct 4. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. located at 513 FM 506, Santa Rosa, Texas 78593. This project is in partnership with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD).

On June 24, 2019, the Santa Rosa Community Park experienced extensive damage due to severe floods from a devastating tropical storm. The floods produced wide-ranging damages that could not be immediately repaired, and destroyed the only public swimming pool in the community. On August 2020, Cameron County was awarded a grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Non-Urban Outdoor Local Park Grant Program in the amount of \$750k paving the way for the construction of new park amenities and improvements.

Improvements to this county park, situated on approximately 5-acre tract of land, will include a splash pad, lighted covered outdoor basketball court, family pavilion, replacement of existing playground, trail improvements, benches, environmental interpretive/educational signs, native landscaping and butterfly gardens, concession area, improved lighting and parking space, and the refurbishment of existing restrooms.

"The Santa Rosa community will now get to enjoy a new and improved park with an array of great amenities. The 2019 flooding was devastating and caused severe damages, but through the great work of Cameron County Precinct 4 Commissioner Gus Ruiz and our Parks Department, we were able to secure a grant through the TPWD and allocate matching funding to make this great park a reality. Together, we're breaking ground and implementing quality of life projects for everyone to enjoy," stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

"The Santa Rosa community has patiently been waiting for the project to begin. We are looking forward to construction and completion so that our community can enjoy their park improvements. Together, we're implementing and completing great projects in Cameron County," stated Cameron County Commissioner Precinct 4 Gus Ruiz.

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"Soon, we're going to provide to the Santa Rosa community with a new and improved park, where Cameron County residents and visitors alike can enjoy the wonderful recreational opportunities this park will provide and have a great time. Through the great leadership of the Commissioners' Court, funding was secured and progress is underway. Thanks to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for their continued support and partnership to enhance our County Parks," stated Cameron County Parks & Recreation Director Joe E. Vega.

The total project cost, for both engineering and construction, is approximately \$2.7 million. These improvements are being funded through a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Non-Urban Outdoor Local Park Grant Program in the amount of \$750k, Bond Proceeds and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Weather permitting, the construction should be complete by Spring of 2023. The Architectural Firm for this project is Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. and the General Contractor selected is Peacock General Contractors, Inc.

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