

Linn-San Manuel Community Improvement Corporation

P. O. Box 345
Linn, TX 78563

August 13, 2024

Commissioner Ellie Torres

Dear Commissioner Torres,

Please let this letter serve as our request to use the Linn-San Manuel Veterans Park for our 11th Annual LSMCIC Round-Up which will be held October 19, 2024 starting at 6:00 pm.

Linn-San Manuel Community has been having our fundraiser for the past 42 years. It started out as a group of young couples working together with one common goal- to raise money for our community. We raise these funds for ST. Anne Catholic Church, Brewster School PTO, The Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department, our local 4-H chapter, the Linn San Manuel Baseball league, and our community scholarships. Our scholarship efforts have inspired several families in our community to also award scholarships to Brewster School graduates. This last year, we were able to award over \$18000 to 12 deserving students who graduated from our 4 Edinburg High schools and \$25,000 to the Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department operating budget.

Our first event in 1983 was one of the first organized cook-offs in the valley. It was held at the Victor A. Guerra Parish Hall on the grounds of ST. Anne Catholic Church. It was held there for 31 years. The last 9 have been held at La Muneca Ranch where we changed it from a cook-off to a Ranch Gala. Thanks to your leadership and hard work for our community, you were able to coordinate with ECISD and build our community park: Linn San Manuel Veterans Park. Being that 100% of the monies raised remain in our community, the park is a natural location to host this event again.

This event normally has an attendance of 500 to 800 people. There is a steak dinner with all the trimmings that is provided by Louie Flores and his team from Chorizo de San Manuel. The meal is served by our Linn San Manuel 4-h and our 4 Edinburg High School FFA's. The award winning ENHS Mariachi de Oro serenades the crowd as they await the dinner. We have bucket items and a live auction to help with the fund raising and the evening is finished off with dancing to the music of a country western band.

ECISD has agreed to let us use Brewster School for our Parking. Last year, I had the Fire Marshal go out and walk the school grounds to determine how and where would be the best area and route for parking. Hidalgo County Emergency Services reviewed and drew up a map on where we should have emergency support vehicles. It is the same plan that we used last year. The Sheriff Department will provide at least 4 volunteers for security and LSMCIC will look into hiring additional security if needed. We will also have

many of our volunteer firefighters on hand to help with parking and they will have a fire truck in the parking area. LSMCIC will be purchasing Liability Insurance for the event and will provide proof of insurance to the county prior to the event taking place.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully

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LSMCIC Board President