

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



CITY SPOTLIGHT

The City of South Padre Island is excited to highlight Mayor Pro-Tem, Kerry Schwartz! Kerry is a proud valley native who spent most summers surfing and fishing right here on the Island. After retiring early, he officially made the Island home in 2002 and opened *Island Native Surf House* just one year later.

Kerry always stayed involved in the community and served on several committees where he developed a passion for local government. So what eventually drew him to run for City Council? Kerry shared, "As a long time resident and business owner, I understand the Island's dynamics, tourism industry, our culture and local politics. I ran hoping to have a greater impact and bring my agenda items to fruition." Agenda items such as a vibrant

year round economy and better quality of life for residents. He went on to say "I am proud of what I and my fellow Council Members have accomplished the last 3 years in office, but there remains so much more to be done."

Thank you Mayor Pro-Tem for your dedication to the South Padre Island community!

CITY EVENTS

Saturday • January 29-30, 2022

Visit the SPI Convention Centre this weekend to see El Paseo Arts Foundation's latest production, *Death of a Doornail* each night at 7 PM.

Wednesday • February 2, 2022

Come by our job fair between 9 AM - 1 PM at the SPI Convention Centre to find out how to #JoinTeamSPI.

Wednesday • February 23, 2022

The City will be hosting an Open House for the Laguna Boulevard Reconstruction project. Stay tuned for more information!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday • February 1, 2022

9 AM - Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Wednesday • February 2, 2022

2 PM - Animal Advisory Committee

5:30 PM - City Council

View upcoming meetings, live stream meetings in session, and watch archived meetings [here](#).

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COMMUNITY SHOUT OUT

The City of South Padre Island's Police Department is a small but mighty force, working hard every day to serve the community. This week, an Island resident witnessed our officers hard work first-hand and reached out to Chief of Police, Claudine O' Carroll, to share a glowing commendation.

"Hi Chief, we have a second home here on the Island. I happened to be walking by when several of your officers were dealing with an apparently mentally challenged individual living in her van. It's remarkable really how calm and gentle your officers are in dealing with these sorts of problems. I've seen it several times over the years. No yelling, no weapons out, no yellow tape, no yelling at passersby, just calm conversation with the person in question, despite obvious provocations, a couple of officers in the back, two other female officers engaged in deescalating the situation and no aggression. A few minutes later it's all over. Everyone goes their way. Safely and calmly. An exceptionally professional and well trained force."

Thank you to our Police Department for always going above and beyond! Our City and community truly appreciate all you do.

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I LOVE SPI

Join us and love the island this Valentine's Day! The City of SPI, in partnership with Republic Services, is adding an extra brush and bulky item pick-up to residents and businesses regular monthly service as part of this years I Love SPI campaign, running until February 14th. People spotted participating may be awarded an "I Love SPI" t-shirt!



And don't forget to recycle with us every Saturday at the SPI Community Center (4501 Padre Blvd.) from 8-11 a.m.

PET OF THE WEEK



Say hello to pet of the week, Alma, from Friends of Animal Rescue! She's a 1-2 year old boxer mix who loves

long walks on the beach. She's an absolute sweetheart, keeps her crate clean, and enjoys playtime with the rescue's staff and volunteers. If interested in adopting, please complete an online application with Friends of Animal Rescue by clicking [HERE](#) or call 956-772-1171 to schedule a meeting with Alma, or any of her other furry friends.