

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island

STAY IN THE KNOW

REMINDERS

- Early voting will run until Friday, February 25th.
- Election Day Voting will be held in City Hall on March 1st.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday • February 28

4 PM • Comprehensive Plan
Open House

Wednesday • March 2

5:30 PM • City Council Meeting

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

EVENTS

Friday-Sunday • February 25-27

SPI Market Days are here again! Swing by the Convention Centre between 9-5 to shop some unique finds from local artisans all weekend long.

Saturday • February 26, 11 a.m.

Join Friends of Animal Rescue for Tails on the Beach at Clayton's Beach Bar.

Tuesday • March 1, 11:45 a.m.

The South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual State of the Island Address at the Beach Resort hotel (100 Padre Blvd). Click [here](#) to make a reservation.

For a complete list of events happening on the Island, click [here](#)!

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We want to hear from you! Community feedback is an essential factor in the progress of any municipality. Make sure your voice is heard for the upcoming projects and plans for South Padre Island.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

The U.S Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the City of South Padre Island.

The funds would go towards renovations and repurposing of the Visitor Center located at 610 Padre Blvd. Please [contact](#) the EDA if you'd like to share any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources associated with this project. Read the full EDA Public Notice [here](#).

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Cameron County Emergency Management is seeking public input on their amended Hazard Mitigation Plan. The goal of the Plan is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards by identifying and implementing cost-effective mitigation actions.

Your feedback is important in order to better analyze potential hazards affecting the community. Complete a public input survey by clicking [here](#).

THE ISLAND WAY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

An Open House will be held in City Hall on Monday, February 28th for the Island Way Comprehensive Plan. Join us from 4-7 p.m. to view the Plan, discuss, and leave comments. You can view the final draft of The Island Way Comprehensive Plan and leave your feedback by clicking [here](#).

The feedback received from each survey serves an essential component in planning for the best future for South Padre Island. Be sure your voice is heard by completing the surveys today!

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CITY SPOTLIGHT



In the Spotlight this week is City Manager, Randy Smith! Randy was born and raised in Houston, TX where he began a long career in public service. First working as a court clerk on Houston's municipal jail docket court, then many years as a police officer working in patrol, juvenile and mental health. He has an Associate of Arts in Business Administration, a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice, and a Master's in Criminal Justice Management from Boston University. He's also a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 224 in Quantico, VA.

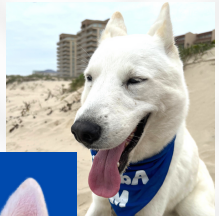
In 1997 Randy was appointed Police Chief /Public Safety Director for Surfside Beach, TX before becoming the Police Chief here on South Padre Island in 2010. He was appointed City Manager for South Padre Island in

2019 where he continues to serve the citizens and visitors of South Padre Island. Throughout the years, Randy has sat on numerous public safety boards and committees, one most notable is a board that determines what Texas Police Chiefs will learn through their continuing educational requirements.

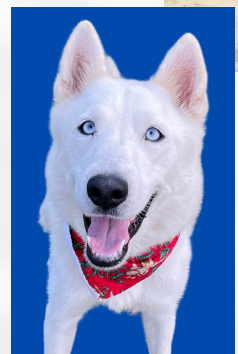
As City Manager, Randy bridges the gap between City Council and the day-to-day administration of the City. As for the future, Randy says he "looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with City Council, staff, and the community to implement future initiatives for South Padre Island.

FRIENDS OF ANIMAL RESCUE

Alaska is joining us again as this week's Pet of the Week! She's a young female Husky that's friendly, cuddly and loves long walks on the beach. If Alaska sounds like the girl for you, fill out an adoption application with Friends of Animal Rescue by clicking [here](#). Give them a call at (956) 772-1171.



Friends of Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that's partnered with the City to provide important services to the community like reuniting lost pets, adopting out homeless or unclaimed animals and more. Show your support to this integral part of our Island by joining them this weekend for their Tails on the Beach event. Bring the whole family (four-legged ones included!) to meet Alaska and her adoptable pals, see a doggie costume contest or take part in an agility course! Click [here](#) for all the details.



CAUSEWAY UPDATE

TxDOT will be removing it's equipment from the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge on Thursday, March 3rd. Both eastbound lanes will be open that afternoon.

LAGUNA PROJECT BEGINS

The Laguna Boulevard Reconstruction Project is scheduled to begin today, Friday, February 25th!

Clore Equipment was awarded the project bid and will work alongside the City's Public Works Department to complete the reconstruction. The project is estimated to take approximately 24 months to complete. For more information on the project, click [here](#).

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