

# Island Vibes

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island

## CITY SPOTLIGHT



In the Spotlight this week is South Padre Island Fire Chief, Jim Pigg! Chief Pigg is an Indiana native who decided to make the Island home in 2001. He began his career with the South Padre Island Fire Department as a Firefighter/EMT in 2005, and was promoted to Fire Chief in 2020. Chief Pigg also serves as the City's Emergency Management Coordinator.

As Fire Chief, he leads a team of 30 personnel who all work to keep the community safe. One way they do so is by

preparing future generations of public safety officials through the Junior Lifeguard Program. The program gives Chief Pigg the opportunity to work with local kids by educating and developing them for any of their future endeavors.

As the City's Emergency Management Coordinator, Chief Pigg has been very busy preparing and managing this year's Spring Break. Although most of the team are Spring Break veterans, everyone still plans for the unexpected and preparations begin months in advance. The Emergency Operation Center is set up every Spring Break, serving as the command center for all departments, agencies and organizations assisting throughout this busy month.

With this being the last weekend of Texas Week, Chief Pigg would like to remind everyone to stay safe, stay hydrated and of course, have fun.

## KEY CONTACTS

Building Division  
(956) 761-8103

City Hall  
(956) 761-6456

Convention Centre  
(956) 761-3000

Environmental Health  
(956) 761-8123

Fire Department  
(956) 761-3830

Municipal Court  
(956) 761-3225

Parks  
(956) 761-8168

Police Non-Emergency  
(956) 761-5454

Public Works  
(956) 761-8159

Shoreline  
(956) 761-8166

Transit  
(956) 761-8178

Visitors Center  
(956) 761-6433

FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911

## STAY IN THE KNOW

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Tuesday • March 22

3 PM • Shoreline Task Force

#### Wednesday • March 23

2 PM • Convention & Visitors Advisory Board  
4:45 PM • Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board  
5:30 PM • Special City Council Meeting

#### Thursday • March 24

3 PM • Planning & Zoning Commission

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

### EVENTS

There's no shortage of events happening on South Padre Island this Spring Break! [Click here](#) to join the fun and see what's happening this week.

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# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

On March 9th, City Kids Adventures stopped by City Hall for a visit with the South Padre Island Police Department!

Community Resource Officer Joseph Gonzalez had the opportunity to speak with them and give a presentation on what it takes to be a police officer.

Thank you to PD for taking time to stay involved in the community and educate these awesome kids!



## PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Kevin, our Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! Kevin is a Belgian Shepherd Malinois, between 1-2 years old. He's highly intelligent, well-behaved and loves learning new tricks. Do you think you could be Kevin's *fur-ever* home? If so, fill out an application with Friends of Animal Rescue by clicking [HERE](#). To set up a meeting with Kevin or any of his furry friends, call (956) 772-1171.

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## JOIN TEAM SPI

The City of South Padre Island is hiring! We offer great benefits like medical, vision and dental covered 100% by the City, competitive pay, Texas Municipal Retirement System 2 to 1 match, plus more. [Apply](#) to become a part of our extraordinary team today!

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- Admin Assistant/Receptionist: Full-Time
- Code Enforcement Officer: Part-Time
- Police Officer: Full-Time
- Maintenance: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Firefighter/Paramedic: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Firefighter/EMT-B: Part-Time

More positions and information available [here](#).

## Beach Reach Joins SPI

The Beach Reach team is back on the Island for Spring Break 2022! Beach Reach's vans can be spotted around the Island every night providing free transport to Spring Breakers in need of a safe ride anywhere on SPI. In addition to transport, they also have a free Pancake Breakfast for the community and provide meals to City staff working long hours during Spring Break.

Thank you to Beach Reach for everything they do for the Island, it's visitors and our community!

