

# ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



## STAY IN THE KNOW

### REMINDERS

Early voting ends Tuesday, May 3rd. A polling location is open in City Hall for Early Voting and Election Day, Saturday, May 7th. [Click here](#) for more information and to find a polling location near you.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Tuesday • May 3

9 AM · Board of Adjustments & Appeals

#### Wednesday • May 4

5:30 PM · City Council Meeting

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

### EVENTS

#### Plant Sale with Friends of Animal Rescue

When: Saturday, April 29 from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Where: 4113 Padre Blvd.

#### Inaugural PIISD Superintendent's Student Scholarship Fishing Tournament

When: Saturday & Sunday, April 29-30.

Where: Louie's Backyard

[Click here](#) for event details.

#### South Padre Island Travel Rally Day 2022

When: Wednesday, May 4.

Where: South Padre Island Visitors Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

To see more events happening on SPI, click [here](#)!

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## CITY SPOTLIGHT

In the Spotlight this week is Transit Director, Jesse Arriaga! Jesse is a valley native, born and raised in Brownsville, Texas. He attended the University of Texas—San Antonio, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Jesse joined the City of South Padre Island in 2008, shortly after graduating UTSA. He began as Transit Accountant/Grant Administrator and quickly moved up to Director of the Transit Department. As Director, Jesse oversees a team of 20 individuals who all work to provide seamless transportation to our Island community.

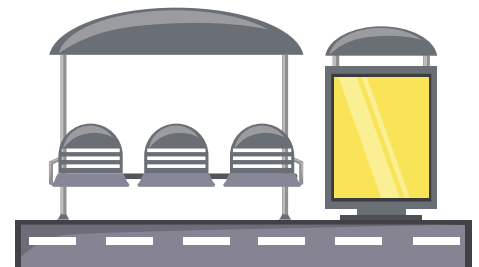
Currently, Jesse and his team are working on a Passenger Bus Shelter Project through grant funding from the Texas Department of Transportation. This project will replace as well as add a total of 18 new bus shelters.

With over 250,000 riders each year, the Island Metro is a popular method of travel for the community. By utilizing public transit, riders not only save money on fuel, but also reduce air pollution and help mitigate traffic by contributing to a decrease of personal vehicles on the road.

The Island Metro operates 365 days a year from 7 AM to 9 PM, providing free public transportation around the City of South Padre Island, Port Isabel and Laguna Heights. To find a route near you, [click here](#).



Scan the QR Code to download the Island Metro Ride Systems app.



# KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL



The Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee celebrated Arbor Day with a tree planting event! Committee members and volunteers gathered at John L. Tompkins Park this morning, April 29th, to plant native trees around the park. These gorgeous plants and trees will not only beautify the park, but also attract native pollinators.

The Parks Committee also likes to recognize those who Keep SPI Beautiful at their own homes with their Yard of the Quarter Award program. This quarter's "Best Yard" went to 131 E. Mesquite! If you'd like to show someone you noticed their hard work, submit a nomination for the next Yard of the Quarter Award to [DHuffman@MySPI.org](mailto:DHuffman@MySPI.org).

To stay up-to-date on the Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee's events, projects, and more, join them [online](#) or in [City Hall](#) for the monthly committee meeting and follow them on [Facebook](#)!



Planting a native tree at the park entrance.



Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee Members, City staff, and Council Member Kerry Schwartz.



Yard of the Quarter Winner: 131 E. Mesquite.

## PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Marg, our Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! Marg is a big love bug who enjoys lounging with his people. He only has one eye but that only adds to how special he is. If you're interested in adding Marg to your family, fill

out an application to adopt him [here](#) or call (956) 772-1171.

Can't adopt? Don't worry! You can still show your support to FOAR by joining them for a Plant Sale this Saturday, April 29th, from 10 AM to 1 PM at 4113 Padre Blvd.

## 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

- Mechanic/Fleet Foreman: Full-Time
- Police Officer: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Code Enforcement: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Shoreline Maintenance: Part-Time
- Firefighter/Paramedic: Full-Time & Part-Time

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

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