

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



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REMINDERS

Umbrellas and shade devices are permitted on the beach from 9 AM to 10 PM.

SPI hospitality businesses are encouraged to submit their summer deals in order to be shared on the Convention Centre & Visitor's Bureau's website, SoPadre.com, and to help direct marketing efforts!

Deadline:

June 29th

Questions & Submissions:

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(956) 761-8199

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday • June 28

3 PM • Shoreline Task Force

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

EVENTS

Saturday Recycling

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 8 AM to 11 AM

Where: SPI Community Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

RGV Pride 2022

Date: Saturday, June 25th

Time: 3 PM to 12 AM

Where: Cameron County Amphitheater & Event Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

For more fun things to do on SPI, [click here!](#)

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

City Council held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 22nd. Highlights included:

A Proclamation made declaring South Padre Island the Special Needs Sportfishing Capital of Texas!

Representatives from Fishing's Future joined Council for the Proclamation and shared stories of their amazing new vessel, the "ICAN". The 25-ft Triton boat officially set sail on June 2nd and is the only vessel of its kind specifically designed for families with disabilities.



Representatives of Fishing's Future with Mayor Patrick McNulty

The Rotary Club of Port Isabel recognized SPI Fire Lieutenant, Jose Trevino, Jr., and SPI PD Officer, Lance Hobbs, with the "First Responders of the Year" award for their outstanding performances



Port Isabel Rotary Club members, City Council, and City staff.

and dedication to serving the community.

SPI Fire Chief, Jim Pigg, presented Chris De Leon, Oscar Gonzalez, Emilio Hinojosa and Captain Neil Waters with a badge pinning, officially welcoming them to their new positions and duties.



SPI Fire Chief and newly pinned Firefighters/Paramedics.

Congratulations to all on their fantastic achievements and for continuing to make South Padre Island the best place to live, work, and play!

CITY SPOTLIGHT



In the Spotlight this week is Rolando "Roli" Gonzalez, Foreman for the City's Public Works department! Roli was born and raised in our neighboring community of Port Isabel and is a proud Class of '82 PI Tarpon.

Roli has had a long and successful career with the City of South Padre Island. He first joined the City over 22 years ago, in February of 2000. He began as part of the beach maintenance team, before the City had even developed an official Shoreline Department. His skills and hard work quickly led him to becoming Lead Equipment Operator and now to his

current role as Foreman for the Public Works Department.

As Foreman, Roli oversees a team of 19 individuals and serves as lead of the PW Emergency Essentials Team. He delegates and assists with many tasks from City projects to maintenance around the Island and everything in between. In emergencies, he and the PW team are always prepared to assist the City and our community in any way they can. No task is too large, too small, or even too difficult for Roli. His wealth of experience serving our Island has taught him many lessons along the way, allowing him to be able to problem solve just about any situation he's faced with.



Roli with his horse practicing Team Roping.

Roli is a strong leader within PW and an amazing team player who always prioritizes those who need help most. PW and the City are thankful for his many years of service and hope he sticks around for another 22+ years!

ELECTIONS NOTICE

The General Election will be held in the City of South Padre Island, Texas on Nov. 8, 2022, to elect a Council Member - Place 1 and Council Member - Place 2.



Candidate application for a place on the general election ballot can be filed with the City Secretary between Monday, July 25, 2022, through Monday, Aug. 22, 2022. **The deadline to file in the general election is Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, by 5 p.m.**

For additional information, please contact Angelique Soto, City Secretary, at (956) 761-8109 or via e-mail at nsoto@myspi.org.

PET OF THE WEEK

Marg is returning as our Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! Marg is a one-eyed wonder who's very eager to find his forever home. He's neutered, completely vetted, and microchipped with an adoption fee of only \$25!

To meet Marg, or any of his furry friends, visit FOAR at 4908 Padre Blvd. For an adoption application, [click here](#).

Reminder: Pets are easily frightened by fireworks and may run away. If your pet becomes lost or you find an animal needing assistance, please call FOAR's 24/7 hotline at (956) 772-1171.

