

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



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REMINDERS

The registration deadline for the November 8th General Elections is **October 11th!**

Visit VoteTexas.gov to register, verify your voter registration status, or update your voter information.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday • September 7

5:30 PM • City Council Meeting

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

EVENTS

Art Exhibit Opening: Shades of Green

Date: Friday, September 2
Time: 6 - 8 PM

Where: Art Business Incubator SPI (2500 Padre Blvd.)

[Click here](#) for event details.

Saturday Recycling

Date: Every Saturday
Time: 8 AM to 11 AM

Where: SPI Community Center (4501 Padre Blvd.)

[Click here](#) for event details.

Labor Day Fireworks

Date: Sunday, September 4
Time: 9:15 PM

Where: 211 W. Whiting St.

[Click here](#) for event details.

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

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CITY SPOTLIGHT

In the Spotlight this week is City Council Member for Place 1, Ken Medders! Ken is a Cameron County native, born and raised in the nearby city of San Benito. He's always loved South Padre Island, visiting as often as possible and even living here throughout the 80's and 90's. After retiring from his successful career as a banker, he was drawn back to the Island, making it his permanent home again in 2015.

As a natural leader and driven member of the community, Ken made the decision to run for City Council, Place 1, in 2017 and has been serving the community ever since. Throughout his time on Council, he has helped move forward many projects, but is most proud of the City's more recent venture, the Laguna Boulevard Reconstruction Project. The project will add many benefits for the community which is what he is constantly striving for.

For the future, Ken wants to see even more growth and development here on South Padre Island, including additional bay accesses so more people can enjoy their fishing trips right here on the Island. He's also focused on maintaining the pristine state of the Laguna Madre Bay, a paramount endeavor that will ensure the Island's unique ecosystem can continue to flourish.

Ken's commitment to the community is undeniable, not only through his work on City Council, but also as an active community member. His dedication continues to make South Padre Island a better and more robust place to live, work, and visit.

NEW K9 ON DUTY

The City of South Padre Island Police Department (SPIPD) has a new K9 on duty!

K9 Officer Nina is a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois from Mexico and is certified in narcotics detection. Her proud handler is SPIPD Officer Polanco.



PROJECT UPDATES

Phase I of the exciting Laguna Boulevard Reconstruction Project is complete! With the fresh pavement now laid, the project will now enter Phase II.

Once completed, Laguna Boulevard will feature a bike lane, wider streets and improved drainage that will greatly improve all modes of travel along the Boulevard.



UTRGV AWARDS SPI

The UTRGV Employer Relations Team has selected the City of South Padre Island to be the honoree for August 2022!

UTRGV Career Center selects and recognizes employer partners that show continual support to the students and alumni of UTRGV.



PETS OF THE WEEK

Say hello to Lantana, Jonesy and Jonesy's babies, our Pets of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! Jonesy is a momma to 3 healthy kittens, born at FOAR on August 11. Lantana was also born at FOAR and is the last of her litter waiting to be adopted.

Lantana is fully vetted and ready for her fur-ever home. Jonesy and her babies will be ready for adoption in late September. For an online adoption application, [click here](#).

FOAR is also asking for the community's support in welcoming Jonesy and her babies by donating to her Kitten Shower! To participate, please consider donating cat litter, toys, formula, and cash to help with vetting and supplies. Most items can be found on FOAR's [Amazon Wishlist](#) or purchases/cash donations can be dropped-off at 4908 Padre Blvd.

Other ways to donate:

- Mail to: PO Box 2126, SPI, TX 78597
- Paypal: SPIFOAR@gmail.com
- Venmo: @FriendsofAnimalRescue

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. [Click here](#) to learn more.



SUMMER FIREWORKS

Check out these amazing Firework Shows to see why South Padre Island is the Fireworks Capital of Texas!

- **Labor Day Fireworks on the Bay Side**
 - Sunday, September 4 at 9:15 PM
- **Fireworks over the Bay at Louie's Backyard**
 - Every Tuesday & Friday at 9:15 PM
- **Fireworks on the Beach at The Isla Grand**
 - Every Thursday at 9:15 PM
- **Fireworks on the Pier at Clayton's Beach Bar**
 - Everyday at 9 PM

JOIN TEAM SPI

- Vehicle Operator: Full-Time
- Beach Maintenance: Full-Time
- Police Officer: Part-Time
- Code Enforcement Officer: Part-Time
- Maintenance: Full-Time

To view open more positions, job descriptions, or to submit an application, [click here](#).