



# ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Saturday Recycling**

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Where: 4501 Padre Blvd  
South Padre Island, TX 78597

[Click here](#) for event details.

### **Flower Dying Workshop**

Date: January 6th

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Where: Art Business Incubator

[Click here](#) for event details.

### **Fantastic Fireworks Painting**

Date: January 7th

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Where: Art Business Incubator

[Click here](#) for event details.

### **SPI Chamber Candidate Forum**

Date: January 15th

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Where: SPI Convention Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **Wednesday • January 10th**

5:30 PM • City Council Special Meeting - **CANCELLED**

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

## IMPORTANT LINKS

Use this [link](#) to access the STEARS registry.

Here is our [RAVE link](#) so that you can sign up for the emergency notification system.

## Harlingen Medical Center with Island Clinic

Prime Health Care (Harlingen Medical Center) will partner with the Island Clinic. Candi Constatine-Castillo CEO and Wesley K. Robinson CNO of Harlingen Medical Center have announced a formal acquisition of the Island/Population Health Clinic located at 3401 Padre Blv. Dr. Ybarra will assume the role of Chief Population Health Officer for the Harlingen Medical Center as well as maintain his role as Medical Director for the Island Health Clinic.

“Healthcare is grown like a garden and it takes more than just one person. Just as a farm is a family, one local physician with an EMS team needs the support of its residents and politico, to accommodate gaps in medical care for ourselves, family, and visitors to our island home,” says FIRE/EMS Medical Director, Joe Ybarra MD.

The first step was to secure locally available healthcare collaboration. The team made several rounds with the healthcare systems (Tent, HCA, Prime), but finally one trusted the Vision of population health on the Island.

The Mayor, City Council, SPI EDC, and the SPI Chamber have leveraged local resources to cultivate a community centered around well-being. There is a plan to work with the South Padre Island Economic Development Council to update the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) that was sponsored in 2019. This information is very useful in understanding where to best place our healthcare efforts to improve overall population health and is a key skill set for paramedics.

A Nurse practitioner will eventually staff the clinic with Dr. Ybarra's direct support 16 hours a day including normal business hours, 7 days a week. Please understand that there will be a transition period and established patients and walk-ins will be accommodated with a skeleton crew.

## 🐾🐾 Pet of the Week 🐾🐾

Bandit is a friendly guy who is often misunderstood due to his breed. Bandit has gone through an extensive training program after coming to Friends of Animal Rescue. He is great with humans but prefers to be an only dog. He is completely vetted, three to five years old, well trained, and keeps his kennel area clean



Meet all the adoptable animals at FOAR, 4908 Padre Blvd, between 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Complete the online application [here](#).



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## Early Voting Schedule

Date	Time
Wed, Jan. 17	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thu, Jan. 18	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Fri, Jan. 19	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat, Jan. 20	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Mon, Jan. 22	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tue, Jan. 23	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wed, Jan. 24	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thu, Jan. 25	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Fri, Jan. 26	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat, Jan. 27	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Mon, Jan. 29	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tue, Jan. 30	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

## Important Dates



Testing of the tabulating and marking equipment at 974 E. Harrison, Brownsville, Texas.



First day of Early Voting. You can come in to vote from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Last day to receive application for Ballot by Mail. Must be turned in by 5:00 p.m.



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### Election Day

Vote from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Use this QR code to view more election information

## Elections Contact

If you have any questions about the February 3rd Special Elections please contact Cameron County Elections Administrator, at (956) 544-0809 or e-mail [elections@co.cameron.tx.us](mailto:elections@co.cameron.tx.us).

## Hiring for Spring Break

The City of SPI is hiring! [Apply](#) to become a part of our team today! The City offers great benefits like medical, vision, and dental coverage, and more.

Looking for a spring break job? Below are all the Temporary/Part-time available positions.

- Beach Rescue Technician
- Code Enforcement Inspector
- Jail Technician
- Maintenance Technician (Public Works and Shoreline)
- Police Officer
- Traffic Control

## Board & Committee Applications

The City of South Padre Island is accepting applications from volunteers willing to serve on one of the City's boards and committees.

If you are interested in serving, [submit an application](#) to Angelique Soto, City Secretary, at 4601 Padre Blvd., email [Nsoto@myspi.org](mailto:Nsoto@myspi.org) or fax to (956) 761-3888.

January 10th City Council Special Meeting has been canceled. The next City Council meeting will be January 24th.

## Who to Contact for Utilities Services

Utility questions or concerns? Check out the most common utility provider information below!

**Laguna Madre Water District (LMWD)**

(956) 943-2626

[LMWD.org](http://LMWD.org)

**American Electric Power (AEP)**

1 (800) 423-7316

[AEPTexas.com](http://AEPTexas.com)

**Spectrum Cable and Internet Provider**

(833) 267-6094

[Spectrum.com](http://Spectrum.com)

**Republic Services Recycling & Disposal**

1 (866) 223-8508

[RepublicServices.com](http://RepublicServices.com)