

ISLAND VIBES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On Wednesday, April 13, AEP will be performing maintenance resulting in a power outage on two side streets from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Affected streets:

E. Atol St. and E. Retama St.

Questions/Concerns:

Call 956-331-1575

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday • April 11

10 AM • Economic Development Corporation

Tuesday • April 12

3 PM • Shoreline Task Force

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

EVENTS

38th Annual Longest Causeway Run & Fitness Walk

When: Saturday, April 9 at 7 AM

Where: Port Isabel Community Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

Texas Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, April 9 from 9 AM to 12 PM. Check-in at 8:30 AM.

Where: Gulf Circle Beach Access 3

[Click here](#) for event details.

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

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Native dune vegetation on South Padre Island.

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 6th. Cheryl Hapke, a Senior Consultant from Integral, gave an informative presentation on a Beach and Dune Study done here on South Padre Island. With funds from the Coastal Management Program's Cycle

24 grant, the City was able to partner with Integral to preform the study. Preserving the Island's beaches and dunes not only keeps SPI beautiful, but also serves as the Island's first line of defense against storms. The data from this study will help the City plan the best path forward for the future of South Padre Island. [Click here](#) to learn more about the study and its findings.

From the Regular Agenda, Council approved:

- The widening of four areas along Laguna Boulevard which will allow space for the planned 10-ft bike lanes. The areas to be widened are:
 - South of Marlin Street.
 - Between Marlin Street and Pike Street.
 - North of Huisache Street.
 - Between Constellation Drive and Capricorn Drive.
- A budget amendment from the Hotel Tax Excess Reserve Fund for additional advertising in the RGV and Mexico for the current fiscal year. These funds will go a long way in boosting tourism on SPI!

To watch this Council Meeting online, view the Agenda, and more, click or scan the QR code.



The 2021 Beach Renourishment Project provided approx. 150 ft. of additional shoreline width!

UN DIPLOMAT VISITS SPI

Last Friday, April 1, Mayor Patrick McNulty and City Manager Randy Smith met with United Nations Diplomat, Andrew Fale Lesā! Mr. Lesā was joined by President of UTRGV's MBA Association, Jenny Milczewski. The discussion involved life on South Padre Island, as well as Mr. Lesā's home, the Pacific Island Nation of Samoa. Read more [here](#).



WE ❤️ OUR VETERANS

On Thursday, April 7, the South Padre Island Police Department Color Guard presented the colors during the PIISD's Veterans Ceremony!

The Color Guard serves to honor our nation, veterans, as well as the men and women who are currently serving our country so bravely.



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PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Mama Sage and her oh-so-cute babies! Sage arrived at Friends of Animal Rescue (FOAR) just two days before giving birth. She and her kittens will be available for adoption in about 6 weeks. If interested in adopting (or fostering!), fill out an application [here](#). Or visit them at 4908 Padre Blvd.

FOAR would also like to share with the community that it's officially kitten season here on SPI! Kittens should be left with their mama until weaned as it greatly improves the kittens survival rate. If you come across an animal needing assistance, please call FOAR's 24/7 hotline at (956) 772-1171.



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

- Dispatcher: Full-Time
- Police Officer: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Code Enforcement: Part-Time & Seasonal
- Shoreline Maintenance: Part-Time
- Firefighter/Paramedic: Full-Time & Part-Time

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