

# ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



## STAY IN THE KNOW

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Tuesday • April 19

2 PM • Special Events  
Committee

#### Wednesday • April 20

9 AM • Parks & Keep SPI  
Beautiful  
12 PM • Shoreline Task Force  
5:30 PM • City Council

#### Thursday • April 21

3 PM • Planning & Zoning  
Commission

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

### EVENTS

#### Kid's Night Out

When: Saturday, April 16 from  
5 to 9 PM.

Where: Sea Turtle, Inc.

[Click here](#) for event details.

#### Easter Weekend Fireworks

When: Saturday, April 16 at 9  
PM

Where: For the best views of  
the show, visit the  
Entertainment District.

#### El Paseo: The God's of Comedy by Ken Ludwig

When: Tuesday & Wednesday,  
April 19-20 at 7:30 PM.

Where: SPI Convention Centre  
[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 Shoreline Director, Kristina Boburka! Kristina was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and moved to Texas to attend graduate school at Texas A&M University-Galveston. She's well versed in her field with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, Master of Science in Marine Biology, and a certification in Geographic Information Systems.

As Shoreline Director, Kristina most enjoys working alongside her team to protect and preserve our shorelines. Rain or shine, you'll find them working to maintain the beach, bay street endings, Tompkins channel, and more. Their work with state and federal agencies also goes a long way in funding necessary projects and research for the Island.

Currently, Kristina and her team are preparing to begin improvements on the Whitecap Circle beach access, adding permanent restrooms, an ADA dune walkover, and permeable parking. Most recently, they completed a partnership with Integral Consulting Inc. for a [Beach and Dune study](#). Protecting our beach and dune system is imperative for the City as it serves as the first line of defense against major storms and high tide.

South Padre Island is a gem of the Texas coast. We're surrounded by white, sandy beaches and the Laguna Madre Bay—one of only six hypersaline bays in the world. Kristina and her team are essential to the preservation of our beautiful ecosystem. Their efforts will ensure the community and visitors have a safe, clean, and resilient Island paradise for years to come.



Jose Luis from the Shoreline Dept. during daily beach maintenance.



Dune fencing on South Padre Island.

# COMMITTEE POSITION AVAILABLE

The City is now accepting applications to serve on the Special Events Committee! One position is available for a volunteer from the tourism, hospitality, and events industry. If interested in applying, complete an application and submit it to City Secretary, Angelique Soto, by noon on April 29th. Applications are available at [City Hall](#) or online [here](#).

### Methods of submitting an application:

- Email: [NSoto@MySPL.org](mailto:NSoto@MySPL.org)
- Fax: (956) 761-3888
- In-person or mail to: 4601 Padre Blvd., South Padre Island, TX 78597

## YOU'RE INVITED!

Join the participating jurisdictions of Cameron County for a virtual public meeting on their Amended Hazard Mitigation Plan on April 21st at 6 PM.

Community participation and feedback is important in order to better analyze potential hazards affecting the community. Read more about the plan and complete a public input survey [here](#).



# PET OF THE WEEK



Beautiful Joni is this week's Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! Joni is a 1-2 year old loving female who gets along with everyone she meets. She's up to date on all vetting, micro-chipped, crate trained and knows her

basic commands. If you are looking for a furry friend, Joni is sure to be the one for you! Fill out an application to adopt Joni [here](#) or call (956) 772-1171 to set up a meeting with Joni or any of her furry friends.

## 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
- Beach Rescue Technician: Part-Time/Seasonal
- Litter Enforcement Officer: Part-Time/Seasonal
- Police Officer: Part-Time

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



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