

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



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REMINDER

Election Day is Saturday, May 7 for the Cameron County Special & General Elections. A polling location will be operating in SPI City Hall from 7 AM to 7 PM. [Click here](#) to find a polling location near you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday • May 10

3 PM • Shoreline Task Force

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

EVENTS

Alligator Sanctuary Anniversary

When: Saturday, May 7 from 8 AM to 5 PM

Where: South Padre Island Birding, Nature Center & Alligator Sanctuary

[Click here](#) for event details.

Run the Jailbreak

When: Saturday, May 7 at 8 AM

Where: Clayton's Beach Bar

[Click here](#) for event details.

El Paseo: Centennial Casting

When: Tuesday & Wednesday, May 10-11 at 7:30 PM.

Where: El Paseo Arts Foundation

[Click here](#) for event details.

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



From L to R: 1. Officer Joseph Gonzalez and Police Chief Claudine O'Carroll. 2. EHS Director Victor Baldovinos. 3. Fire Chief Jim Pigg.

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 4th. Mayor Patrick McNulty announced that City Manager Randy Smith was the recipient of the Texas Crisis Intervention Team Award at this year's conference, held right here on South Padre Island! He went on to recognize City staff (pictured above) who contributed to bringing significant conferences to be hosted on SPI.

From the Regular Agenda:

- Council discussed the Short-Term Rental (STR) and Noise Ordinances, voting to receive regular updates from staff regarding noise complaints, STR registrations, and compliance. Additionally, a notice will be sent to STR owners/managers reminding them of the City's STR policies and ordinances.
- Ryan O'Byren was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Special Events Committee.
- Nancy Berkley, from Evergreen Solutions LLC, presented a Compensation Study & Plan, which provided data and recommendations regarding the City's pay plans. Council voted to adjust the City's pay scale so it's more competitive and in line with neighboring municipalities.
- The June 15th Regular City Council Meeting has been rescheduled to a Special City Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 22nd.



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



CITY SPOTLIGHT



In the Spotlight this week is Police K9 Officer, Breta! She's not only the cutest officer on the force, but also one of the hardest workers — as long as she knows she can have her chew toy after.

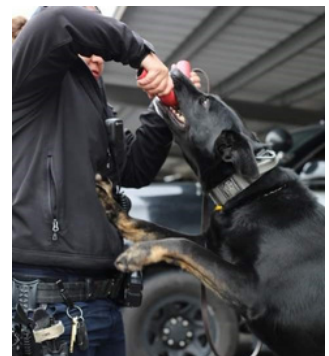
Breta is a German Shepard from Germany who was trained as a single-purpose dog for narcotics detection. She's served with the South Padre Island Police Department for nearly 7 of her 8 years of life. Like her human Police Officer counterparts, Breta is certified by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and a member of the National Narcotics Detector Dog Association. In her career, she's not only assisted SPIPD with searches, but also other agencies including the FBI, DEA, Port Isabel PD, plus many more.

This week Officer Breta will retire from SPIPD and get to enjoy civilian life with her K9 handler, Officer Lisa Sanchez and family. Although a new K9 Officer will join SPIPD soon, Breta will definitely be missed by us all.

Thank you for your service, Officer Breta! We hope retirement is filled with sunshine and chew toys.



Officer Breta and her K9 handler, Officer Lisa Sanchez.



PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Bow & Arrow, our Pets of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue!

These two loving guys get along great with both cats and dogs. They're bonded litter mates and best friends so Bow & Arrow hope to be adopted together by their fur-ever family. If you're interested in adopting Bow & Arrow, fill out an application [here](#).

Reminder: If you come across an animal needing assistance, please call FOAR's 24/7 hotline at (956) 772-1171.



DONATE, SAVE LIVES

The City of South Padre Island is hosting a blood drive with Vitalant! Donors will receive a free grilling apron from Vitalant and the chance to save up to 3 lives with a single donation! Additional details available [here](#).

VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE

- **When:** Thursday, July 7th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- **Where:** SPI Community Center - 4501 Padre Blvd.

Register to donate [here](#).

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