

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday • May 17

9 AM • Economic Development Corporation Meeting
2 PM • Special Events Committee

Wednesday • May 18

9 AM • Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee
5:30 PM • City Council Meeting

Thursday • May 19

3 PM • Planning & Zoning Commission

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

EVENTS

21st Annual Shallow Sport Owner's Tournament

When: Friday & Saturday, May 13-14 at 5 PM.

Where: SPI Convention Centre
[Click here](#) for event details.

Sea Turtle Inc's 5k Kemp's Krawl

When: Saturday, May 14 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Where: Beach Resort Hotel
[Click here](#) for event details.

Art Fest: Outdoor Local Art Market

When: Saturday, May 14 from 12-5 PM.

Where: Art Business Incubator

[Click here](#) for event details.

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CITY SPOTLIGHT

In the Spotlight this week is Adrian Cortez from the City's Shoreline Department! He began his career with the City of South Padre Island in 2016 as Beach Maintenance, where he was able to grow and learn new skills that contributed to him earning his current role as an Equipment Operator. His team know him to be someone who keeps things upbeat and fun by playing music for the crew

when working in their shop, and for using creative solutions to solve problems that arise.

Adrian's duties include looking after the City's many beach and bay accesses, keeping the access parking areas and shoreline clean, maintaining the amenities at each access, and emptying the over 400 trash cans across the beach and bay. The part of his role that he enjoys most though, is the continuous learning involved for the various equipment that assist in their daily operations.

Working on the Island has provided some unique experiences for Adrian too. Just last year he was able to witness a sea turtle covering her nest before making her way back into the ocean. These wonderful creatures nest in the dune vegetation along the Island, which the Shoreline Department works to protect by ensuring more vegetation and dune systems can grow and thrive.

Adrian's dedication, and that of the entire Shoreline Department, help make South Padre Island the paradise that it is, and will continue to be, for years to come.



Bay access maintained by the Shoreline Department.



New dune vegetation planted to renourish the shoreline.

JR. GUARD 2022

The City of South Padre Island Fire Department is inviting youths in the community to tryout for the 2022 Jr. Guard! Participants will have the opportunity to learn skills to become a lifeguard like CPR, First Aid, board rescues, and more.



The program is free to the public and open to ages 10-16. Participants must be able to tread water for 5 minutes and swim 100 meters.

- Tryouts: June 3 & 10, by appointment.
- Classes: June 13-25, meeting 2/3 days a week.
- Call (956) 371-6315 to schedule a tryout.

[Click here](#) for more information.

CVB IMPLEMENTS NEW TOURISM TRAINING

The South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau CVB team has developed a new training course called the Certified Tourism Advisor Program Certification, specializing in improving visitors' customer service experience.

The course will cover general ideas of why tourism and hospitality are essential, and participants will learn everything about what South Padre Island offers to its visitors, such as hotels, restaurants, and activities.

The program is FREE to all participants and consists of a 2-hour class and a 2-hour tour. Upon completion, all participants will receive an enamel pin and a certificate as proof of achievement, at no charge.

For questions, class times, or to schedule a large group training, contact the CVB's Senior Marketing & Communications Manager, Teresa Rodriguez, at teresa@sopadre.com.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Neon, our Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! His affectionate and playful personality make him the perfect addition to any family. His adoption fee is \$25 and he is already fully vetted. If Neon sounds like the one for you, fill out an application to adopt him [here](#)!

Reminder: 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

- Deputy Court Clerk: Part-Time
- Code Enforcement Officer: Part-Time
- Beach Rescue Technician: Seasonal/Part-Time
- Police Officer: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Mechanic/Fleet Foreman: Full-Time
- Shoreline Maintenance: Part-Time

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

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