

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



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REMINDERS

The June 15 City Council Meeting has been moved to June 22, at 5:30 PM.

Register early to donate at the City's upcoming blood drive. Those who register will be eligible to receive a free grilling apron!

- 📅 : Thursday, July 7
- 🕒 : 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- 📍 : SPI Community Center
- 🔗 : [Registration Link](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday • June 7

9 AM • Board of Adjustments & Appeals

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

EVENTS

Saturday Recycling

Date: Every Saturday
Time: 8 AM to 11 AM
Where: SPI Community Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

SPI Farmer's Market

Date: Every Sunday
Time: 11 AM to 1 PM
Where: 8605 Padre Blvd.

For more fun things to do on SPI, click [here](#)!

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

City Council held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 1st, covering 9-items from the Regular Agenda.

Highlights include:

- Approval of the first reading to repeal two sections in the [City's Code of Ordinances](#).
 - [Section 3-23](#), regarding Cats at Large, was repealed as it has not been of relevance for a significant period of time.
 - [Section 12-20](#), regarding alcoholic beverages in the central business district, was also repealed. As development in the area has progressed, the Ordinance's original purpose is no longer applicable.
- Updates on the Wind & Water Sports Park venue:
 - The City received the green light from Council to have the current project design updated based on feedback received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
 - Once the redesign is approved by the USACE, the City will be able to move forward on this long-awaited project.

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



SPI JR. GUARD

The SPI Fire Department's Junior Guard program is the perfect opportunity for young ones to learn valuable skills while having fun!

[Click here](#) for more details.

- Program is completely free!
- Open to ages 10-16.
- Must be able to tread water for 5 minutes and swim 100 meters.
- Tryouts: June 3 & June 10.
- Call (956) 371-6315 to schedule a tryout.

NATURE CAMP

The SPI Birding & Nature Center will be hosting a Coastal Nature Camp this summer!

- Open to ages 8-12.
- When: June 14-17 & June 28-July 1.

For more information and to register online, [click here](#).



The 2021 Coastal Nature Campers.



CITY SPOTLIGHT

In the Spotlight this week is Pedro Casillas, Beach Patrol Lieutenant (Lt.), with the City of South Padre Island Fire Department (SPIFD)! Pedro is a valley native who grew up visiting SPI as often as he could, developing a love for the beautiful Island and its vibrant community. Even while away for school, he was drawn back to SPI each summer.

Pedro became a Lifeguard with SPIFD in the summer of 2014, and continued to work seasonally until he graduated Texas State University in 2018 with a Bachelors degree in Exercise & Sport Science. After graduating, he stayed on with SPIFD, continuing to advance in his career and further his education. His incredible skill, knowledge and commitment to helping others earned him a promotion to Senior Guard, then Supervisor, and now to his current position as Beach Patrol Lt. He's also certified as an EMT-B and Firefighter 1 & 2. This Summer, he'll be taking his test to become an EMT-Paramedic, the highest level of EMT certification.

Pedro has many responsibilities as Lt., but he most enjoys the opportunities to work closely with the community and assist with great events, such as the 2021 USLA National Lifeguard Championships. Coordinating and connecting with peers in his same field was a highlight of Pedro's career and a great personal achievement. USLA enjoyed their time on SPI so much, they're already scheduled to return again in 2023.



2021 USLA competition.

Currently, Pedro is working to prepare the future generation of lifeguards through the SPIFD Junior Guard program. Participants are educated and trained in CPR, board rescues, First Aid and more. Two previous Jr. Guard participants are now joining SPIFD this Summer as Lifeguards. With the skills they learned, they were able to excel and earn positions as Lifeguard's for SPIFD.

To learn more about the the Jr. Guard program, or for questions about the program, [click here](#).

KITTENS OF THE WEEK

Friends of Animal Rescue has oodles of kittens in every color, size and personality ready to find their *fur*-ever home! Each kitten or cat adoption fee is \$25 which covers vetting and microchip.

To view all of FOARs adoptable animals or to complete an adoption application, [click here](#). For inquires, call FOAR at (956) 772-1171.



JOIN TEAM SPI

The City 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, and more.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- Deputy Court Clerk: Part-Time
- Information Counselor: Part-Time
- Code Enforcement Officer: Part-Time
- Police Officer: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Maintenance: Full-Time & Seasonal/Part-Time

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

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