

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



STAY IN THE KNOW

REMINDERS

Register today for the City and Vitalant 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 21

- 12 PM • Economic Development Corporation
- 12 PM • Special Events Committee

Wednesday • June 22

- 9 AM • Convention & Visitors Advisory Board
- 4:30 PM • City Council Budget Workshop
- 5:30 PM • City Council Special Meeting

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.

Beach Bash Skate Jam

- Date:** Tuesday, June 21st
- Time:** 2 PM to 7 PM
- Where:** Tompkins Park
- [Click here](#) for event details.

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

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CITY SPOTLIGHT

In the Spotlight this week is Ralph Martinez, Dispatcher for the City of SPI Police Department (SPIPD)! Ralph is a proud Port Isabel tarpon alumni who grew up knowing he wanted to be able to give back to others. As a Dispatcher for SPIPD, he's able to do just that!

Each year, SPIPD receives tens of thousands of calls for service. As a Dispatcher, Ralph is part of the team who answers these calls and ensures help is on the way whenever needed. The SPIPD Dispatch team not only routes calls for PD but Fire and EMS as well.

In emergencies, a Dispatcher must be able to effectively communicate with someone who may be in distress, quickly discover details about the situation, and remain calm for the person calling. All while also routing the call to the appropriate emergency responders and providing them with all the necessary information. Being able to help people in those difficult moments is what has made his nearly 10-year career with SPIPD so incredibly rewarding.

Thank you for your service, Ralph!

YOU'RE INVITED

It's Budget Season for the City of SPI and we want to hear from you!

The community is encouraged to attend the upcoming Budget Workshop where City Council and staff will review the City's Fee Schedule, Capital Improvement Projects, the General Fund, and more.

Attendees can also leave feedback, ask questions or learn about the 2022-2023 Budget.

For more information on the City's budget process, or to view budgets from previous years, [click here](#).



BUDGET WORKSHOP

- Date:** Wednesday, June 22nd
- Time:** 4:30 - 5:30 PM
- Location:** Council Chambers in SPI City Hall (4601 Padre Blvd.)

Can't make it in person or watch live online? No worries! [Click here](#) to view all Workshops, City Council or Committee Meetings online anytime.



YARD OF THE MONTH

With so many beautiful properties and landscapes around South Padre Island, the Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee is now recognizing a new property each month!

June's "Best Yard" was awarded to 5901 Gulf Blvd. for its lush landscaping! If you'd like to show someone you noticed their beautiful property, submit a nomination for the next Yard of the Month Award to DHuffman@MySPI.org.

HURRICANE SEASON

Hurricane season has officially begun! Stay prepared with these tips:

- [Sign up](#) for Swift 911, the City's emergency alert notification system.
- [Register](#) your vehicle for a re-entry sticker if you live or own property on the Island.
- Develop an emergency plan that includes:
 - Property vulnerability
 - Important documents
 - Food and water
 - Transportation
 - Medication and first aid
 - Pets



Hurricane season ends in November. For more tips and information on the City's hurricane preparedness recommendations, [click here](#).

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
- Police Officer: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Maintenance: Seasonal/Part-Time

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

Follow us social media!



SUMMER FIREWORKS

Check out these amazing Firework Shows to see why South Padre Island is the Fireworks Capital of Texas!

- *Fireworks over the Bay* at Louie's Backyard
 - Every Tuesday & Friday at 9:15 PM
- *Thursday Night Fireworks* at The Isla Grand
 - Every Thursday at 9:15 PM
- *Fireworks on the Pier* at Clayton's Beach Bar
 - Every Friday & Saturday at 9 PM

PET OF THE WEEK

Say hello to Sterling, our Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! Sterling is a male cat, neutered, up-to-date on vaccinations and microchipped. His extraordinarily loving and playful personality can win over anyone, even if they're not a cat person!

To meet Sterling, or any of his furry friends, visit FOAR at 4908 Padre Blvd. For an adoption application, [click here](#).

Reminder: Pets are easily frightened by fireworks and may run away. If your pet becomes lost or you find an animal needing assistance, please call FOAR's 24/7 hotline at (956) 772-1171.

