

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



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NOTICE

South Padre Island City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday • July 6th

5:30 PM · City Council Meeting

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

EVENTS

4th of July Walking Beach Parade

Date: Monday, July 4th

Time: 9:30 AM

Where: Beach Access #21

[Click here](#) for event details.

4th of July Fireworks

Date: Monday, July 4th

Time: 9:15 PM

Where: Bay Side of SPI. For the best views, visit the Entertainment District.

[Click here](#) for event details.

City of SPI & Vitalant Blood Drive

Date: Thursday, July 7th

Time: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Where: SPI Community Center

[Click here](#) to register.

Meet & Greet Reception with new CVB Director, Blake Henry

Date: Thursday, July 7th

Time: 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Where: SPI Convention Centre

To see more events happening on SPI, click [here](#)!

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

The City is excited to celebrate Independence Day with the community and visitors at the annual

Walking Beach Parade this Monday, July 4th! The parade begins at Goodhope Circle (Beach Access #21) at 9:30 AM and ends at Access #17, with watermelon, water, and giveaways happening while supplies last.

JULY 4TH HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS:

- Be cautious of hot sand and pavement for yourself and pets.
- No underage drinking.
- Utilize the many modes of public transportation.
- Lock up vehicles and valuables.
- #KeepSPIBeautiful and dispose of trash properly.
- Glass containers are prohibited on the beach.
- While enjoying the beach, stay hydrated and wear sunscreen.
- Observe beach signage for rip current status.
- Practice water safety.
- Open flames are prohibited on the beach.
- Report any suspicious activity to the South Padre Island Police Department at (956) 761-5454.

RECYCLING

The City's Environmental Health Services Department and Republic Services partner together each week for Saturday Recycling! Join them at the SPI Community Center from 8 AM to 11 AM each Saturday.



[Click here](#) for a complete list of recyclable materials.

ART BUSINESS INCUBATOR

The Economic Development Center's Art Business Incubator sets out to "incubate" artists who have the desire to own and operate their own art-related business on South Padre Island. Each week, these talented artists host classes for the community right here on South Padre Island!

Paint at their BYOB art sessions or make a fun keychain in their leather workshop classes! To view upcoming classes, [click here](#).



CITY SPOTLIGHT

In the Spotlight this week is Blake Henry, the City's new Director for the Convention Centre & Visitor's Bureau! Blake is a 20-year industry veteran, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise in the tourism and marketing fields.

Blake most recently served as General Manager for the Kentucky International Convention Center where he spearheaded innovative ideas resulting in awards such as the Stella Award for Best Convention Center in the Midwest and the Midwest and several consecutive Readers' Choice Awards for center excellence. His leadership of high-performing teams has delivered transformational growth and generated millions in tourism revenue for the local economy each year.

Tourism serves as one of the City's primary economic drivers for South Padre Island. As director, Henry will lead the CVB's efforts to promote and facilitate South Padre Island as a top tourist destination. His responsibilities will include the development and implementation of new initiatives that will continue to advance the tourism industry and increase community engagement.

The City is excited to welcome Blake to the team and invites the community to join us for a Meet & Greet Reception from 4:30-6:30 PM on Thursday, July 7th at the SPI Convention Centre.



4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

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

- **Fireworks at the Park at Cameron County Amphitheater**
 - Midnight, Monday, July 3rd.
- **4th of July Fireworks presented by the City of South Padre Island on the Bay Side**
 - 9:15 PM, Monday, July 4th.
- **Fireworks over the Bay at Louie's Backyard**
 - 9:15 PM, every Tuesday & Friday.
- **Fireworks on the Beach at The Isla Grand**
 - 9:15 PM, every Thursday.
- **Fireworks on the Pier at Clayton's Beach Bar**
 - 9 PM, every Friday & Saturday.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Nesa, our Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! Nesa is a beautiful and loving Lancashire Heeler. Although she's on the larger side at 82 lbs, she still believes she's a lap dog and loves nothing more than snuggling up with her humans.

Nesa is fully vaccinated, crate trained, and very well behaved. If interested in adopting, fill out an application to adopt her [here](#).

Reminder: Fireworks can frighten animals and cause them to run away. If you come across an animal needing assistance, please call FOAR's 24/7 hotline at (956) 772-1171.



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