

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



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REMINDERS

Brush and bulky items can be placed out beginning on the 25th until the last day of each month for collection by Republic Services. [Click here](#) for more information.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday • July 26

3 PM • Shoreline Task Force

Wednesday • July 27

9 AM • Convention & Visitors Advisory Board

2 PM • Special City Council 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.

Ron Hoover Fishing Tournament

Date: Friday & Saturday, July 29-30th

Where: SPI Convention Centre

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events Training

Date: Tuesday, August 16th

Time: 9 AM & 2 PM

Where: SPI Convention Centre

[Click here](#) for event details and registration.

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

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some highlights from the July 20th Regular City Council Meeting!

- Acceptance of the US Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration grant, totaling \$1.5 million, for the renovation of the Historical Museum of South Padre Island;
- Approval for the City to proceed with an agreement with Hanson Professional Services for additional services related to the Wind & Water Sports Venue biological assessment;
- and approval of the final layout and design for improvements to Sea Island Circle beach access.

To watch this meeting online, view the Agenda, and more, [click](#) or scan the QR code.



City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 27th, at 2 PM to discuss the budget and Capital Improvement Plan for the next fiscal year.



WATER CONSERVATION

The Laguna Madre Water District (LMWD) has initiated Stage 3 of their Drought Contingency Plan and is asking the community to conserve water by adhering to the following mandatory restrictions:

- For South Padre Island, landscape irrigation and lawn watering will only be permitted from 7 PM to 7 AM on Tuesday's & Friday's.
- Sprinkler systems are permitted for landscape irrigation and lawn watering, but must adhere to the schedule above.
- New sod, trees, and landscapes are exempt from the above restrictions for a minimum of 2 weeks from the date of install.
 - Further variances can be obtained by emailing: CustomerService@LMWD.org.
- Water use for non-essential purposes is prohibited between the hours of 6 AM to 9 AM and 6 PM to 9 PM.
- Permitting or maintaining defective plumbing in a home or business is prohibited.
- Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic purposes is prohibited unless necessary to support aquatic life.

For a complete list of LMWD's Water Conservation Plan restrictions, [click here](#).

Questions? Call LMWD at (956) 943-2626.

CITY SPOTLIGHT



In the Spotlight this week is Melia Gore, Lifeguard for the City of South Padre Island Fire Department (SPIFD)! Melia was born and raised right here on South Padre Island and is an Island native through and through. She's practically grown up in the water, spending her time surfing, swimming and enjoying every activity the Island has to offer.

Melia comes from a family of Ocean Lifeguards who inspired her to follow in their footsteps. She joined the City's first ever Junior Lifeguard Program in 2014, where she learned all the necessary skills to become a Lifeguard, and returned to the program every year until 2018. That year she joined the United States Lifeguard Association's (USLA) National Team and won two medals for SPIFD! A first for the SPI Jr. Guard.

Melia officially began her Lifeguard career with SPIFD in the Spring of 2019 and continues to return each spring and summer season. As a certified Emergency Medical Technician, along with her many years of Lifeguard training, Melia is a valuable asset to the SPIFD Beach Patrol team. Her love and dedication to our Island community is undeniable.

KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL

July's Yard of the Month was presented during the July 20th Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee meeting. Congratulations to 220. W Lantana!

The Parks Committee also announced its now accepting applications for the Community Garden Plots at Butterfly Park. The deadline to submit is August 15th. [Click here](#) for an application and additional information.



Yard of the Month winner, 220 W. Lantana.

PET OF THE WEEK

Say hello to Shiner, our Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! Shiner is a playful and curious kitten with up-to-date vaccinations and is microchipped. His adoption fee is \$25. To make Shiner a part of your fur-ever family, visit FOAR at 4908 Padre Blvd., or call (956) 772-1171. For an adoption application, [click here](#).

Reminder: if you lose your pet or find an animal needing assistance, call FOAR's 24/7 hotline at the number above.

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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
- **Fireworks on the Beach at The Isla Grand**
 - Every Thursday at 9:15 PM
- **Fireworks on the Pier at Clayton's Beach Bar**
 - Everyday at 9 PM

JOIN TEAM SPI

The City of South Padre Island is hiring! To view open positions or submit an application, [click here](#).