

# ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island

## STAY IN THE KNOW

### EVENTS

#### Saturday Recycling

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 8 AM to 11 AM

Where: SPI Community Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

#### South Padre Island Concerts

There's no shortage of events happening on South Padre Island this Spring Break! [Click here](#) to join the fun and see what's happening this week.

### PET TIPS

**TIP #1:** South Padre Island mandates that animals must be on a leash at all times. Make sure to always leash your pet to keep them safe.

**TIP #2:** Ocean water can make your pet's stomach upset. Don't allow your pet to drink ocean water.

**TIP #3:** Avoid taking your pet out during peak sunny times. The pavement can be very hot which can cause discomfort.

**TIP #4:** Bring your pets vaccination records with you. If you lose your pet they cannot be released without proof of a rabies vaccination.

**TIP #5:** If you lose your pet, call Friends of Animal Rescue (FOAR) immediately. Lost pets are taken there by animal control.

To contact FOAR, visit at 4908 Padre Blvd., or call (956) 772-1171.



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some highlights from the March 1st Regular City Council Meeting!

- Approved temporary closure of Hwy 100 and a portion of the Queen Isabella Causeway Memorial Bridge for the 39th Annual Causeway Run and Fitness Walk on April the 15th 2023.
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- Approved Ordinance No. 23-03 to reduce the speed limit along PR 100 between South Padre Island North City Limits and 28 ft. South of Kings Court.
- Update and Presentation by the Atkins Group regarding the Branding Refresh Project.
- Approved the Pickleball Design Concept Phase II.
- Approved the basketball court shade and solar lighting design concept for John L. Tompkins Park Phase III grant. This will then be sent to Texas Parks and Wildlife for review.
- Approved Johnson Consulting Group feasibility study of the Convention Center concept design.
- Approved the Convention Center expansion.

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



The next city Council meeting has been rescheduled from March 15th to March 22nd.



## KEY CONTACTS



<p><b>Building Division</b> (956) 761-8103</p> <p><b>City Hall</b> (956) 761-6456</p> <p><b>Convention Centre</b> (956) 761-8380</p> <p><b>Environmental Health</b> (956) 761-8123</p>	<p><b>Fire Department</b> (956) 761-3830</p> <p><b>Municipal Court</b> (956) 761-3225</p> <p><b>Parks</b> (956) 761-8168</p> <p><b>Police Non-Emergency</b> (956) 761-5454</p>	<p><b>Public Works</b> (956) 761-8159</p> <p><b>Shoreline</b> (956) 761-8396</p> <p><b>Transit</b> (956) 761-8178</p> <p><b>Visitors Center</b> (956) 761-6433</p>
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FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911

# SPRING BREAK

## PAW PET OF THE WEEK PAW



LUCY

Lucy is one of Friends of Animal Rescue's adult cats that is looking for a FUR-ever home. She was returned to us due to the adopter's work schedule. Lucy is super sweet and affectionate. She is a cat that wants a lot of attention and love. Lucy is up to date on all vaccinations, spayed, FIV/Felv negative and microchipped. To make Lucy a part of your fur-ever family, visit FOAR at 4908 Padre Blvd., or call (956) 772-1171. For an adoption application, [click here](#).

## Short Term Rentals

In an effort to ensure compliance with all local ordinances, the City of South Padre Island provides a database of registered short-term rental properties. This database is available to the public on the City website.

Short-term vacation rentals can bring a positive economic impact to the City in several ways. For example, they contribute to Hotel Occupancy Tax revenues. At the same time, short-term rental guests benefit the local economy by spending money at other visitor-related amenities, such as restaurants and retail stores.

The database is publicly available to view the Agent/Owner and a 24-hour phone number for registered short-term rental properties in the City of South Padre Island. To search the database [Click Here](#) or visit [www.myspi.org](http://www.myspi.org) and click the HOT Tax tab at the bottom of the page.

## Spring Break Tips

- No underage drinking.
- Do not drive after drinking.
- Please utilize the many modes of public transportation.
- Island Metro will use the bike lanes during congestion times.
- Lock up vehicles and valuables.
- Glass containers are prohibited on the beach.
- While enjoying the beach, drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Report any suspicious activity to South Padre Island Police Department at (956) 761-5454.



## Beach Reach Joins SPI

The Beach Reach team is back on the Island for Spring Break 2023! Starting Sunday until Thursday, Beach Reach's decorated vans can be spotted around the Island every night providing free transport from 11 pm to 3 am. Spring Breakers in need of a safe ride are more than welcome to flag their vans down. Not only are they providing free transportation, but they also have free pancakes for breakfast for the community. In addition, even go the extra mile of providing meals to our hard working City staff.

Thank you to Beach Reach for everything they do for the Island, its visitors and our community! Learn more about Beach Reach [here!](#)

