

# 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: 4501 Padre Blvd  
 South Padre Island, TX 78597  
[Click here](#) for event details.

#### Coffee and Conversation

Date: April 13th  
 Time: 9:00 AM  
 Where: Padre Island Brewing Co.  
[Click here](#) for event details.

#### 39th Annual Longest Causeway Run & Fitness Walk

Date: April 15th  
 Time: 7:00 AM  
 Where: Port Isabel Community Center  
[Click here](#) for event details.

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

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Tuesday • April 11

9 AM · Shoreline Task Force

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



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



During the April 5th City Council regular meeting Mayor Patrick McNulty was awarded the National Wildlife Federation Mayors' Pledge Leadership Award! The Mayors' Monarch Pledge program was started to encourage cities, municipalities, and other communities across the nation to commit to creating a sustainable habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators. The City of South Padre Island originally took

the pledge under Mayor Barry Patel in 2016 during the "Monarch Day" festival held by the Birding, Nature Center & Alligator Sanctuary. Mayor Patrick McNulty has continued the efforts in maintaining this pledge. This past cycle the City was able to complete 12 out of the 24 action items thus creating a spot on the leadership board for the City of South Padre Island. You can view the City's Monarch Pledge page by clicking on the butterfly next to the Council Highlight title.

### Pet of the Week

Jolene is a friendly female shepherd mix that needs time adjusting to new people and environments. She has gained a lot of confidence through our obedience classes, walks with volunteers, and interaction with our staff. Jolene keeps her crate dry and clean, she is good on a leash, and is learning her basic commands. Jolene is heartworm positive and undergoing treatment. She is available for foster or adoption. Meet Jolene at Friends of Animal Rescue, 4908 Padre Blvd, between 10-4. Ready to adopt? Complete our online application [here](#).



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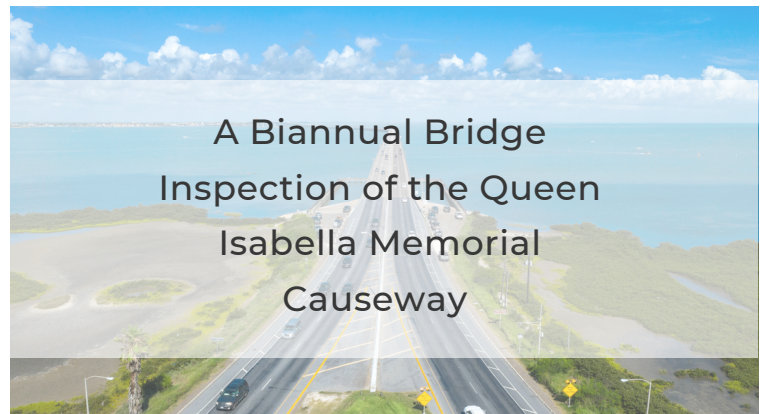
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## Shoreline Initiative

The City of South Padre Island's Shoreline department is working on an awareness campaign with a new graphic to keep our coastal areas glass free. They are looking into partnering with local liquor, grocery stores, and gas stations to place stickers on glass bottles. Shoreline wants to inspire the community to be mindful of our coastal habitat and diminish glass from being found on the beach. It would benefit our community by maintaining our pristine beach, and creating a safe environment for people and shore life.

Texas Department of Transportation plans to do their biannual bridge inspection on April 11th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. From 9:00 am to noon the eastbound outside lane will be closed (Port Isabel to the Island). From noon to 4:00 pm the westbound outside lane will be closed (South Padre Island to Port Isabel).



## Sandtastic Year

The City of South Padre Island will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on April 12th, 2023. Since its incorporation in 1973, the City has been through a lot of transformations. From having the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge finished in 1975 to the new Paul Y. Cunningham City Hall and Fire Department Station No. 1. There has also been various environmental projects commence on the island to maintain its beauty for future generations, such as the Monarch

Pledge and beach restoration efforts. Not only has the City has seen so much growth in infrastructure but in population as well. In 1973 the population of South Padre Island was approximately 287, and in 2020 the population grew to over 2,060 residence. Although there has been a lot of discussion and reminiscing on past milestones everyone is excited to see what the future beholds.