

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island

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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.

Splash South Padre

Date: April 27th - 30th
 Time: 12:00 PM Noon
 Where: Holiday Inn Beach
 Resort
[Click here](#) for event details.

Art Fest

Date: April 29th
 Time: 12:00 PM
 Where: Art Business
 Incubator South Padre Island
[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

Wednesday • May 3rd

5:30 PM • City Council
 Regular Meeting

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



EARTH DAY EVENTS



This past Saturday, April 22nd, the Environmental Health Service Department (EHSD) held a Beach Clean-up and an E-Waste Recycling event in celebration of Earth Day. Not only did Island locals come out to join the



fun but various groups throughout the Rio Grande Valley also came down to participate. Typically during Saturday Recycling community members can bring their recyclables to the community center where



EHSD staff, Republic Service and council member Ken Medders Jr. is available to assist. This Earth Day saw the additional services of RDA Technologies for those who wanted to assist in their old electronics. Friends of Animal Rescue and Sea Turtle Inc. were also present. While the E-Waste Recycling event was going on, Adopt-a-Beach was occurring at Beach Access #11. Groups throughout all the Valley of all ages helped with picking up litter and disposing of it properly. Although Earth Day may have passed you're always welcome to come by and recycle with us!

Whitecap Circle Grand Opening

After the rain comes sunshine and when the sun shines so does the Island. Join us for the grand opening of Whitecap Circle Beach Access #8 on May 3rd at 10:00 am. The Shoreline Department has worked diligently since 2020 to not only improve the access point but also add in brand new permanent public restrooms. There will also be an additional 20 parking spaces and will be the first developed access since 2017.

CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
GRAND OPENING
 WHITECAP CIRCLE
 Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023
 10:00 AM
 Beach Access #8
 South Padre Island, TX 78597

Please join us in celebrating Whitecap Circle's beach access improvements!

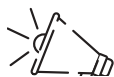
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COMMUNITY UPDATES



May 6th Elections



Are you excited to go vote? Well, you're in luck, early voting commenced on April 24th for the May 6th General and Special Elections. If voting feels a bit stressful come by to vote at the South Padre Island Community Center where the beach is readily available once you are done. For more information head over to the Cameron County Elections page [here](#). Below are the times available to vote at the SPI community center.



Location: South Padre Island Community Center is located at 4501 Padre Boulevard.

- Saturday, April 29 • 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 1st • 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 2nd • 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 6th • 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



JOIN TEAM SPI

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

Short Term Rental Update

Starting Monday May 1st, 2023 anyone who owns or operators a short term rental (STR) will need to obtain a short term rental license. This also extends to units bring advertised as short term rentals. The annual license fee will be \$125 per rental unit. All old and new short term rentals will need to be registered at www.myspi.org/hottax. After obtaining the license each unit will have their own license number issued. These fees will provide funding towards the new STR program and enforcement. View the press release [here](#).

Pet of the Week

Riley is a year old, keeps her crate dry, is spayed, loves everyone, and will make a great companion. Riley's adoption fee is \$85. All of her vetting is completed. She weighs approximately 45 pounds and does great on a leash. Meet Riley at Friends of Animal Rescue, 4908 Padre Blvd, between 10-4. Ready to adopt? Complete our online application [here](#).



Laguna Boulevard Update

If you want an update on the progress being made on Laguna Blvd you have come to the right place. For phase 3, new storm sewer inlets are being added to the intersection between Laguna and W. Husiache St. In phase 4 the right of way on E. Retama St. is being widened or removed to relocate utilities.