

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.

Dargel Boat Owners Fishing Tournament

Date: June 2nd - 3rd
Time: 6:00 AM
Where: SPI Convention Center
[Click here](#) for event details.

Stamp & Solder Your Own Ring Workshop

Date: May 27th
Time: 4:00 PM
Where: The Art Lounge
[Click here](#) for event details.

Oceanside Dance Event

Date: May 28th
Time: 5:00 PM
Where: SPI Convention 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.

MEMORIAL DAY FIREWORKS

SPI Memorial Day Fireworks

Date: May 28th
Time: 9:15 PM
Where: 211 W Whiting St.

Fireworks on the Pier

Date: May 26th - 29th
Time: 9:15 PM
Where: Clayton's Beach Bar & Grill

Louie's Backyard Fireworks

Date: May 28th
Time: 9:15 PM
Where: Louie's Backyard



PUBLIC WORKS WEEK



The American Public Works Association named May 21-27 as 2023's National Public Works Week. The City would like to take this opportunity to show appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the Public Works staff. The Public Works Department employs professionals who focus on and maintain infrastructure and vital services essential to the community's well-being.

The Planning Department oversees all aspects of city development beginning with the division of property, zoning, and annexation of properties, and ensures that all proposed developments comply with the City's rules and regulations. The Parks and Recreation department assists with maintaining and improving all the beautiful parks.

The Building department oversees records retention such as permits and they also do building inspections. The Maintenance Technicians take care of the physical labor that goes into maintaining and beautifying the Island such as trimming foliage, keeping our facilities clean, and constructing new facilities to name a few. The Mechanics keep all the heavy machinery in top shape, from Shoreline to the Police Department. Last but not least is the administrative personnel who oversee these departments and keep the gears running smoothly.

CONGRATS GRADS!

On, May 27th, Port Isabel High School will have a new group of bright, young minds joining their alumni.

One door has closed but many are waiting to be opened!

On behalf of the City of SPI, congratulations to the PIHS Class of 2023 graduates!

CITY RECOGNITION

The Texas Municipal Human Resource Association (TMHRA) has awarded the City of South Padre Island the 2023 Human Resource Management Professional of the Year Award.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the City of South Padre Island for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR).



MEMORIAL DAY TIPS



Memorial Day is a busy weekend here on South Padre Island! There's no shortage of activities, events, and sunshine for everyone to enjoy. While celebrating this weekend, be sure to stay safe and take time to remember and honor the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country.

CITY OF SPI SAFETY TIPS:

- No underage drinking.
- Utilize the many modes of public transportation.
- Lock up vehicles and valuables.
- 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.

SPI JUNIOR GUARD

Aspiring lifeguards are you ready? The SPI Fire Department's Junior Guard program is the perfect opportunity for you to learn valuable skills such as CPR, First Aid, Jetty Jumps and more! [Click here](#) for more details.

- Program is completely free!
- Open to ages 10-15.
- Must be able to tread water for 5 minutes and swim 100 meters in 5 minutes.
- Tryouts: May 20th & June 3rd.
- Call (956) 371-3828 to schedule a tryout.

Short Term Rental Update

Anyone who owns, operators, or advertises a short term rental (STR) will need to obtain a short term rental license. 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 where each unit will receive a new license number. These fees will provide funding towards the new STR program and enforcement.

If you have any questions regarding the Short Term Rental License email us at hottax@myspi.org or call (956) 761 - 8382. View the press release [here](#).

CITY OF SPI USEFUL LINKS:

- View the Island Metro route [here](#) and view the route description [here](#).
- Our handicapped beach accessibility [page](#).
- Here is the [Event Calendar](#) so that you can plan a full weekend worth of activities.
- [Visit South Padre Island](#) Facebook page to get some ideas on how you would like to spend your weekend here.
- Report any suspicious activity to the South Padre Island Police Department at (956) 761-5454.

BROAD BAND SURVEY

The Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) is in the process of developing the Texas Digital Opportunity Plan for achieving reliable and affordable broadband, device access, digital skills training, and cybersecurity awareness to expand digital opportunities for all Texans. The BDO wants to hear from cities and their residents. To help facilitate such communication, the BDO has created two surveys: the [Digital Resources Mapping Tool Survey](#) (DRMT) and the [Digital Opportunity Public Survey](#) (DOPS).

Pet of the Week

Brook arrived at Friends of Animal Rescue (FOAR) in March and in April she gave birth to 8 puppies. The puppies have left for their homes and now its time for Brook to have her FUR-ever home. She is a 45 pounds Husky/Shepherd mix, very well-behaved, friendly with other dogs, and house-trained. Meet all the adoptable animals at FOAR, 4908 Padre Blvd, between 10-4. Ready to adopt? Complete our online application [here](#).

