



ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday Recycling

Date: Every Saturday
 Time: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
 Where: 4501 Padre Blvd
 South Padre Island, TX 78597
[Click here](#) for event details.

Summer Causeway Run & Walk

Date: September 16th
 Time: 7:00 AM
 Where: Port Isabel Community Center
[Click here](#) for event details.

International Surf Rescue

Date: September 19th - 24th
 Time: Tues 4:00 PM Registration
 Where: Isla Grand Hotel
[Click here](#) for event details.

National Night Out

Date: October 3rd
 Time: 5:30 PM
 Where: 107 W Mesquite St.
[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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday • September 19th

9:00 AM • Economic Development Corporation

Wednesday • September 20th

9:00 AM • Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee
 5:30 PM • City Council Regular Meeting

Thursday • September 21th

3:00 PM • Planning and Zoning Commission

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

Paw Pet of the Week Paw



Haven is Friends of Animal Rescue's (FOAR) pet of the week. Haven is the perfect cat who has overcome a rough start to life. Haven was found in one of the beach trash cans and brought in by a tourist who heard her cries. Today, she is a curious kitten who loves to play and explore. Haven is ready for her FUR-ever home as she has been spayed, is up to date on all vaccinations, and is microchipped.

Meet all the adoptable animals at FOAR, 4908 Padre Blvd, between 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Ready to adopt? Complete the online application [here](#).

Early Voting Schedule for General Election

The City of South Padre Island General Election is to be held on Nov. 7, 2023! On the right side is the early voting schedule for South Padre Island Community Center at 4501 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island.

The last day to register to vote is October 10, 2023.

Make sure your voter registration is up-to-date! [Click here](#) to confirm, update, or register.

For questions regarding registering, please contact Cameron County at (956) 544-0809 or via e-mail at elections@co.cameron.tx.us.

| Date | Time |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Mon, Oct. 23 | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Tue, Oct. 24 | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Wed, Oct. 25 | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Thu, Oct. 26 | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Fri, Oct. 27 | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Sat, Oct. 28 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM |
| Sun, Oct. 29 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM |
| Mon, Oct. 30 | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Tue, Oct. 31 | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Wed, Nov. 1 | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Thu, Nov. 2 | 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM |
| Fri, Nov. 3 | 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM |

#JOIN TEAM SPI

The City of SPI is hiring! The City offers great benefits like medical, vision, and dental coverage, vacation leave, competitive pay, and retirement through Texas Municipal Retirement System, plus more. [Apply](#) to become a part of our team today!

STEARs

The City is encouraging individuals who require special assistance during emergencies to enroll in its [Special Needs Registry here](#).

Sign up for the "RAVE" Emergency Notification System by clicking this [link](#).



SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE



On Monday, September 11, the City of South Padre Island Fire Station held a Remembrance Ceremony in honor of the victims and first responders who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center. The ceremony commenced with the Color Guard raising the United States flag and then lowering it to half-mast. Afterwards, Chief Jim Pigg gave a speech which was followed by a prayer from Captain Gary Wilburn and the Tolling of the Bell.



The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey dedicated a piece of steel from the World Trade Center to the South Padre Island Fire Station. This piece of steel was recovered from the rubble of the World Trade Center and is dedicated to the almost 3,000 lives lost that day, including 60 law enforcement officers, and 343 firefighters. The artifact is permanently displayed at the base of the flag pole in front of the South Padre Island Fire Station.

CAUSEWAY COLLAPSE REMEMBRANCE

Today marked the 22nd Anniversary of the Causeway Collapse. In honor of the victims of the Queen Isabella Causeway Collapse, the City of South Padre Island held a Remembrance Ceremony next to the Causeway Collapse Memorial.

In remembrance of those who perished

- Robert "Bob" Harris
- Hector Martinez Jr.
- "Harpoon" Barry Welch and Chelsea Welch - all of Port Isabel
- Julio Mireles of Los Fresnos
- Robin Leavell of Mercedes
- Gaspar S. Hinojosa of Kingsville
- Stvan Francisco Rivas of Humble
- and in honor of those who survived
- Rene Mata
- Gustavo Morales
- Bridgett Goza



The ceremony started with a welcome from Mayor Patrick McNulty followed by the Posting of Colors by the City of South Padre Island Fire Department and the Pledge of Allegiance from Council Member Kerry Schwartz. Leslie Blasing sang the National Anthem and Pastor David Boughter gave the invocation. After two heartfelt speeches from Mayor McNulty and the City of Port Isabel's Mayor Pro-Tem Carmen Rios, the City of South Padre Island Police Department commenced the Laying of the Wreath. The ceremony closed after a moment of silence and a closing prayer from Paster Boughter.