



# 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.

### Art Lab Workshop

Date: December 26th  
Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Where: Art Business Incubator  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### Wintering Birds Kid's Guided

#### Tour

Date: December 22nd - 29th  
Time: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
Where: Birding & Nature Center  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### New Year's Eve Fireworks

Date: December 31st  
Time: 9:10 PM  
Where: Entertainment District  
[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

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

## REMINDERS

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

The City of SPI is hiring! [Apply](#) to become a part of our team today! The City offers great benefits like medical, vision, and dental coverage, and more.



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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some highlights from December 20th City Council Regular Meeting!

The United States Border Patrol gave a great speech in public comments on how excited they are to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Border Patrol Division being created with the Centennial Run in January on South Padre Island.

Below are more highlights from this meeting.

- Approval of Resolution No. 2023-27 and the Department of Transportation agreement for the temporary closure of Hwy 100 for the USBP Centennial Run, January 14, 2024.
- Approval of a letter of commitment for the purpose of purchasing a new Ladder Truck for the South Padre Island Fire Department.
- Approval of a letter of support for Cameron County's A Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant proposal to purchase 47 acres of land on the Laguna Madre.

To watch this meeting online click or scan the QR code.



## Laguna Boulevard Update



Construction in the entertainment district is in full speed-ahead mode. Installation of the new 18-inch storm sewer pipe and new grate inlets is almost complete. Removal of the asphalt in the right of way is underway. The preparation for sub-base stabilization and installation of curb and gutter is next.



## Pet of the Week

Butternut was a small cat alone on the Island and was fending for herself. She is a reserved female kitten but with lots of socializing, she now is learning to accept love and attention. 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](#).



Administrative Offices will be closed on December 25th and 26th and January 1st and 2nd.

# February 3rd Special Election Dates

**27 Dec.** **Last day to Submit Application**  
Last day to submit an application to be on the ballot for the Special Election.

**17 Jan.** **First Day of Early Voting**  
Early Voting will take place at the SPI Community Center at 4501 Padre Boulevard.

**28 Dec.** **Drawing Order for Place on Ballot**  
Drawing order will take place at 4601 Padre Boulevard on Thursday, Dec. 28 at 10:00 a.m.

**30 Jan.** **Last Day of Early Voting**  
Early Voting will take place at the SPI Community Center at 4501 Padre Boulevard.

**23 Jan.** **Last Day to Receive ABBM**  
Last day to receive Application for Ballot by Mail. Must be turned in by 5:00 p.m.

**3 Feb.** **Election Day!**  
Vote in person from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the SPI Community Center at 4501 Padre Boulevard.



If you have any questions about the February 3rd Special Elections please contact Cameron County Elections Administrator, at (956) 544-0809 or e-mail [elections@co.cameron.tx.us](mailto:elections@co.cameron.tx.us).

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Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time
Wed Jan. 17	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Mon Jan. 22	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fri Jan. 26	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thu Jan. 18	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Tue Jan. 23	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Sat Jan. 27	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Fri Jan. 19	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Wed Jan. 24	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Mon Jan. 29	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat Jan. 20	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Thu Jan. 25	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Tue Jan. 30	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM



## Board & Committee Applications

The City of South Padre Island is accepting applications from volunteers willing to serve on one of the City's boards and committees.

If you are interested in serving, [submit an application](#) to Angelique Soto, City Secretary, at 4601 Padre Blvd., email [Nsoto@myspi.org](mailto:Nsoto@myspi.org) or fax to (956) 761-3888.

- Board of Adjustments & Appeals
- Board of Ethics
- Convention & Visitors Advisory Board
- Development Standards Review Task Force
- Economic Development Corporation
- Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Shoreline Task Force
- Special Events Committee

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