

## Particle tracer study begins

The Shoreline Department placed 4,400 lbs. of "tracer sand" on top of a nearshore berm on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

The movement of these sand grains will be tracked for the next year and the results will assist in future placement of nourishment material on SPI.

Thank you to Partrac Ltd., United States Geological Survey, South Texas Program, Texas A&M University at Galveston and the United States Army Corps. Galveston District.



The green plume in the photo comes from the fluorescent dye that coats the sand grains.

## Phase 2 Side Street project

The City of South Padre Island held an open house meeting regarding the reconstruction of four additional side streets on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

The four streets reviewed were:

- West Mars Lane
- West Georgia Ruth Drive
- West Polaris Drive
- A portion of East Mars Lane toward Gulf Boulevard

This project will improve the street conditions, drainage and increase pedestrian mobility by adding sidewalks on select streets. The project is scheduled to begin in October. Once started, it should take about three months and will cost approximately \$345,000.

Thank you to the community members that attended!



Community members and Staff discussing the project.

## Friends of the Animal Rescue

Sherry Pindard from the SPI Friends of Animal Rescue presented the July 2018 statistics.

Shelter Intake: 67 Animals  
 Adopted: 8 Dogs and 9 Cats  
 Reunited: 9 Dogs and 1 Cat  
 Fostering: 2 Dogs  
 Released: 12 Opossums and 13 Birds

## Did you know?

The Environmental Health Services Department (EHSD) has launched the Composter Loan Program available to residents of South Padre Island. This composter is easy to use and has a tumbling design that will help residents implement green practices of their own. For more information contact the EHSD at (956) 761-8123.

Click the QR code for job openings, descriptions and much more!



Current job openings

Vehicle Operator

Convention Sales Manager

CVB/DMO Director

### CVB Hot Tax Comparison



### 2017-2018 Sales Tax Comparison



## Council Highlights

At the meeting held on Wednesday Aug. 15, the City Council held a public hearing on the 2018-2019 Property Tax Rate and the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget. The City tax rate will remain the same rate as last year.

City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Animal rescue to provide animal care services for the City of South Padre Island.

City Council discussed restroom facility solutions to service beachgoers. A workshop will be scheduled in the future to discuss options for a permanent solution.

City Council approved the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 18-19 amending Chapter 4.

City Council approved the color choices and patterns for the Padre Boulevard crosswalks and boardwalks associated with the Padre Boulevard Medians and North Sidewalks/Boardwalks Project.

City Council approved the development of a legislative agenda and completing the process of selecting professional services to advocate and educate on behalf of South Padre Island during the 2019 Legislative session.

View the Aug. 15 recorded meeting here



## Key Performance Dashboards launched

City Manager Susan Gurthire announced the launch of a new digital platform that provides the public with access to the City's performance.

Users can gauge the City's performance in key areas and will have a better understanding of how the City is serving the community.

The City of South Padre Island has identified four key goal areas that align with our comprehensive plan. By monitoring the progress of our Key Performance Indicators, SPI can ensure we provide world class service to our residents and visitors.

The City's performance data allows staff to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of City services.

The four key goal areas are:

- Infrastructure
- Economy and Tourism
- Parks, Beautification and Beaches
- Public Safety



Click or scan the QR code to view the performance portal!



## Candidates for upcoming election

The general and special election will be held in the City of South Padre Island, Texas on Nov. 6, 2018. Candidates include:

### General Election

Council Member Place 3: Joe Ricco (Unopposed)

Council Member Place 5: Eva-Jean Dalton, Paul Munarriz, Thomas N. Bainter

### Special Election (to fill a vacancy due to resignation)

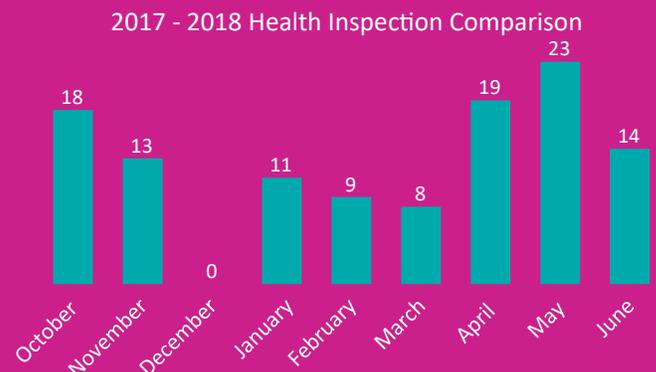
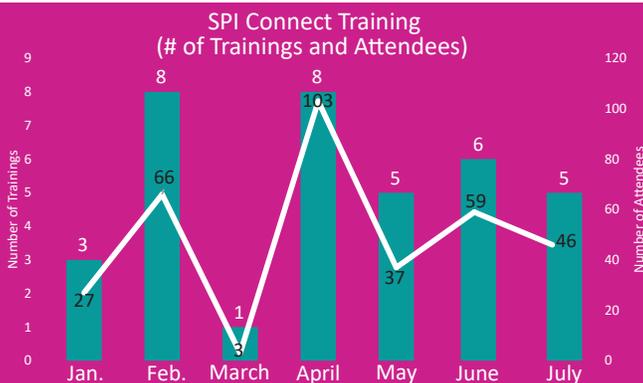
Council Member Place 2: Brandy Buntin, Kerry Schwartz

Early Voting will be conducted Monday, Oct. 22, 2018 through Friday, Nov. 2, 2018, excluding weekends. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., with the exception of Thursday, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, when the hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The polling place for early voting and election day will be at City Hall, located at 4601 Padre Blvd.

The City Council consists of six members, serving three-year terms. The Council develops policies, approves the budget, awards contracts and appoints commissions and committees.

The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 9, 2018 for the Nov. 6 election. For more information on how to register to vote, please call (956) 544-0809 or visit the Cameron County Elections Department at: <http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/Elections/>.



## Council Highlights

At the meeting held Sept. 5, the City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-20 on the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget and Ordinance No. 18-21 on the 2018-2019 Property Tax Rate.

City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-23 lowering the speed limit on Gulf Boulevard from 30 mph to 25 mph.

City Council vote to renew the 2018-2019 service agreement for the advertising agency The Atkins Group.

City Council approved a contract with Focused Advocacy, LLC for legislative and regulatory consulting services. With the legislative session about to begin, it is important that the City retain the services of a legislative agency.

View the Sept. 5 recorded meeting here



## Lean Six Sigma training

City Manager Susan Guthrie introduced the staff members that have completed the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Training.

Each Green Belt trained staff member will implement the Six Sigma improvement methodology to improve a City process.

Mayor Dennis Stahl presented each staff member with the Mayor's Challenge Coin!



Introducing the City's 2018 Six Sigma Class

## Beach update

The City Council approved a Beach & Dune permit to construct a four-foot wide private dune walkover that will service four residential units at 5106-5108 Gulf Boulevard.

City Council approved possible future to the Beach User Fee Plan and directed staff to solicit a third party paid parking vendor.

City Council awarded a contract to Deschamps. Deschamps will be contracted to provide matting materials to the City's beach accesses.

## Harlingen firefighter recognized

On Friday, Aug. 10, Firefighter Steve Millon was dining at The Palms Cafe when he noticed a young man choking. The father was patting his son on the back trying to help dislodge the foreign object, but the young man was turning blue and losing consciousness. Firefighter Millon stepped in, successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver and dislodged the foreign object. Without his intervention the outcome may have been far worse. The victim recovered quickly and returned to enjoying dinner with his family.



Mayor Dennis Stahl and Harlingen Firefighter Steve Millon

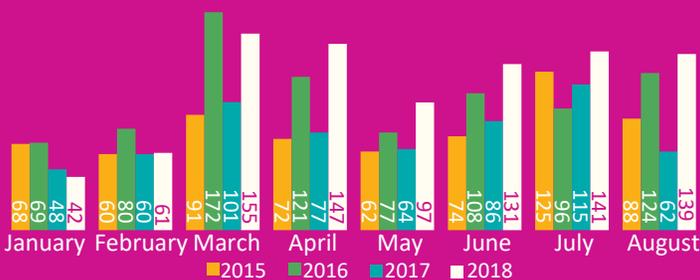
## Community Center events

The South Padre Island Community Center is intended to serve SPI and Laguna Madre residents and organizations as a "hub for partnerships doing good for the community...with the community." The City provides an excellent facility for a variety of activities.

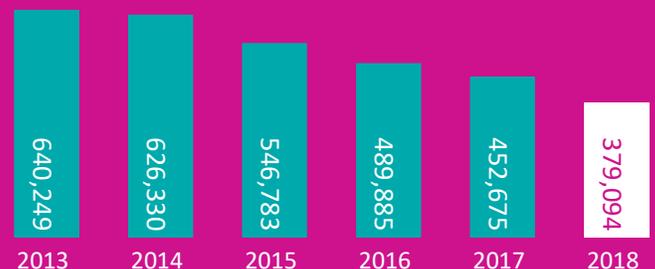
Space available includes a 2,500 square foot event hall with limited kitchen facilities. Community groups, non-profits, businesses and individuals can request a reservation at the Community Center.

Call 956-761-8168 for more information

### Public Information Request 4 Year Comparison



### Transit Annual Rider Yearly Comparison



# Island Vibes

## Stay informed

The City of South Padre Island has many ways to keep you informed!

### Subscribe

Sign up to receive newsletters and updates delivered to your inbox.  
<http://myspi.org/category/subcategory.php?categoryid=71>

### Facebook

City of South Padre Island's Facebook Page has more than 7,100 followers. Follow us today to stay up to date.  
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthPadreTexas/>

For tourism and event information follow us at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/sopadre/>

### Website

The City's website has the most information about your Island!

Key Information:

- Upcoming Meetings
  - Agendas
  - Live Stream Meetings
  - Press Releases
  - Departmental Documents
  - Financial Reports
- [www.myspi.org](http://www.myspi.org)

### Meetings

View upcoming meeting agendas, live stream meetings in session or watch archived meetings.

<http://www.myspi.org/egov/apps/services/index.egov?view=detail;id=20>

### Swift911

The City of South Padre Island utilizes Swift911 to notify citizens, businesses and visitors of emergency situations.

The emergency notification system is web-based, giving the City the ability to message residents and visitors any time day or night using text, voice or email alerts.

Click or scan the QR code to sign up



### Re-entry sticker

Re-entry stickers are available at the Police station for residents, property owners and businesses.

The stickers allow re-entry to the Island following a major storm event.

Click or scan the QR code for more information



### Transparency

The City of South Padre Island has launched an online financial transparency portal. This portal provides multiple years of information that enhances the accountability of the City's financial operations.



Financial Transparency

Click the \$ for more information

## Key Contacts

- Building Division (956) 761-8103
- City Hall (956) 761-6456
- Community Center (956) 761-8168
- Convention & Visitors Bureau (956) 761-3000
- Planning (956) 761-8112
- Economic Development Corporation (956) 761-6805
- Environmental Health (956) 761-8123
- Finance (956) 761-8130
- Fire Department (956) 761-3830
- Municipal Court (956) 761-3225
- Parks (956) 761-8168
- Police Non-Emergency (956) 761-5454
- Public Works (956) 761-8159
- Shoreline (956) 761-8166
- Transit (956) 761-8178
- Visitors Center (956) 761-6433

## Parks and Recreation

The City of South Padre Island maintains several City parks.

- Water Tower Park
- John L. Tompkins Park
- Turtle Park
- Butterfly Park
- Lis Memorial Park
- Queen Isabella Memorial Park

Click or scan the QR Code to view locations and amenities!



## Things To Do!

On South Padre Island, there are always exciting things to do and fun new activities to try all year long. Each member of your family or group is sure to find something that fits their personality and interests perfectly. If you enjoy getting out and having a crazy new adventure, you can try flyboarding, ziplining, tandem skydiving, surfing, kiteboarding, driving ATVs, stand-up paddleboarding, snorkeling, scuba diving, parasailing, jet skiing, and deep sea fishing.

Click or scan the QR Code to view events, deals and much more!

