

# 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  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### Naturalist Educator

Date: April 20th  
Time: starts at 8:00 AM  
Where: 6801 Padre Boulevard  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### Adopt-A-Beach Clean up

Date: April 20th  
Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Where: Whitecap Circle BA #8  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### Arbor Day Planting

Date: April 26th  
Time: starts at 9:00 AM  
Where: John L. Tompkins Park  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### Open Table Painting

Date: April 26th  
Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Where: Art Business Incubator  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### First Friday Art Walk- May

Date: May 3rd  
Time: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Where: Art Business Incubator  
[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 • April 23rd

3:00 PM • Shoreline Task Force

### Wednesday • April 24th

9:00 AM • Convention and Visitors Advisory Board

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



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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some highlights from the April 17th City Council Regular Meeting!

- State of the Island Video.
- Presentation from Gignac Architects + TVS regarding the South Padre Island Convention Center Expansion Project.
- Presentation on the mid-year budget review for the fiscal year of 2023-2024.
- Approval for the City Manager to enter into contract negotiations with the highest qualified firm for the holiday Pyrotechnic Display.



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

## Sea Island Circle Grand Opening



On April 17th community members and staff gathered together to celebrate the Grand Opening of Sea Island Circle Beach Access 5. The Sea Island Circle Beach Access 5 project began in 2021. This project

introduced two new permanent restrooms, two changing rooms, ADA parking, ADA pathways, rinse stations, and the reintroduction of the SPI Beach Gym. Sea Island Circle is a hybrid access showcasing amenities and an ecological dune habitat pathway, with a total funding of \$708,587.75.

The Texas General Land Office's Coastal Management Program contributed \$120,000 (17%), and the City of South Padre Island contributed the rest of the \$588,587.75 (83%) needed to complete the Sea Island Circle.



This project was funded in part by a Texas Coastal Management Program grant approved by the Texas Land Commissioner, providing financial assistance under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, awarded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management, pursuant to NOAA Award No. NA21NOS4190136.

Fantasy Circle, Beach Access #22 began undergoing construction on Monday, April 15, 2024. [Click here](#) to read more.

# May 4th County General Election

The Cameron County Elections Department is holding the May 4th General Elections. [Click here](#) to view your sample ballot. Questions? Contact Cameron County Elections Department, at (956) 544-0809 or e-mail [elections@co.cameron.tx.us](mailto:elections@co.cameron.tx.us).

## Important Dates

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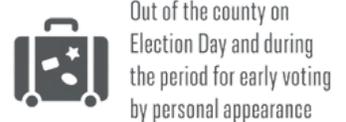
**22 April** First day of Early Voting. You can come in to vote from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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**30 April** Last day of Early Voting. You can come in to vote from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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**4 May** On Election Day you can come in to vote from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

# ★★★★ Vote by Mail ★★★★★

**Who can vote by mail?** Those who are:

 <p><b>65</b> years or older</p>	 <p>Sick or disabled</p>	 <p>Expected to give birth within 3 weeks of Election Day</p>	<p>Civily committed under Chapter 841 of the Texas Health and Safety Code</p> 
 <p>Out of the county on Election Day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance</p>	 <p>Confined in jail, but are otherwise eligible</p>		

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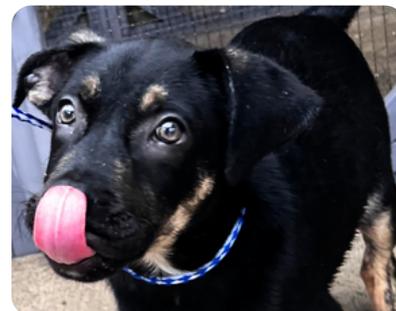
Use this [link](#) to get the required form to vote by mail. Fill it out, print it, sign it, and mail it to:

Early Voting Clerk Remi Garza  
1050 E. Madison St., P.O. Box 3587  
Brownsville, Texas 78523

If you have any questions about the Primary Election Runoff in May contact Cameron County Elections Department, at (956) 544-0809 or e-mail [elections@co.cameron.tx.us](mailto:elections@co.cameron.tx.us).

## Pet of the Week

Jameson is a growing puppy who is working on being house-trained and keeping his crate clean. He is good at walking on a leash, playing ball, and barking when he needs to go outside. Jameson is going to be a big boy that will require a lot of energy and room. Meet all the animals at FOAR, on 4908 Padre Boulevard, between 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Complete the online adoption application [here](#).



## Arbor Day Celebration

Any plans to plant? Well, join us for the annual Arbor Day celebration at John L. Tompkins Park and help plant some trees!

For more information please contact Parks & Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman at [dhuffman@myspi.org](mailto:dhuffman@myspi.org).

 April 26th at 10:00 AM

 John L. Tompkins Park  
6100 Padre Boulevard



## #JoinTeamSPI

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



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