



ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday Recycling

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Where: 4501 Padre Blvd

[Click here](#) for event details.

SPI Wahoo Classic

Date: September 5th - 7th

Where: SPI Convention Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

10th Annual Summer Causeway

Run & Fitness Walk

Date: September 13th

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Where: Port Isabel Event and Cultural Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

SPI Chamber of Commerce's Coffee and Conversation:

Edgewater Resources

Date: September 17th

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Where: Padre Island Brewing Co.

[Click here](#) for event details.

37th Annual Sandcastle Days

Date: October 2nd - 5th

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Where: Clayton's Beach Bar

[Click here](#) for event details.

Ride for Rotary 2025

Date: October 5th

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Where: Brownsville Event 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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



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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Below are highlights from the September 3rd City Council Regular Meeting!

- Presentation regarding new commercial projects in progress on South Padre Island.
- Awarding the Animal Care Services bid to Friends of Animal Rescue.
- Approval of contracting with the Cameron County Elections Administration for election services and equipment needed for the November 4, 2025, General Election.



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

Understanding the 2025 Personal Property Tax Rate

The 2025 ad valorem and personal property tax rate will be \$.262159. The increase will fund the purchase of \$2,000,000 in public safety vehicles & equipment, and \$4,000,000 in street improvements.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the 2025 ad valorem and personal property increase with our handy flyer!

UNDERSTANDING THE 2025 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

The 2025 ad valorem and personal property tax rate will be \$.262159. The increase of 13.67% (\$.035) from the 2024 tax rate will fund the purchase of public safety vehicles & equipment in the amount of \$2,000,000, and street improvements in the amount of \$4,000,000.

How will you be impacted?
The increase will be equal to an additional \$30 in property taxes per \$100,000 valuation.

For example, a house valued at \$575,000 would see an increase of \$172.5 in property taxes.

Step 1: \$575,000 / \$100,000 = 5.75
Step 2: 5.75 x \$30 = \$172.5

July 16, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting
The City Council authorized the issuance of \$6,000,000 in tax notes (Ordinance 25-06).
Passed unanimously by Mayor Patrick McHally and Council Members Ken Medders, Jr., Kerry Schwartz, Joe Blos, Rees Langston, and Lisa Graves.

July 29, 2025, Special City Council Meeting
The City Council approved Resolution 2025-09 to proceed with the proposed tax rate to be voted upon during the August 20th Special City Council meeting.
Passed unanimously by Mayor Patrick McHally and Council Members Ken Medders, Jr., Kerry Schwartz, Joe Blos, Rees Langston, and Lisa Graves.

August 20, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting
The City Council approved Resolution 2025-14, which reaffirmed that the FY 2025-26 budget will raise more property taxes than the FY 2024-25 budget did.
Passed unanimously by Mayor Patrick McHally and Council Members Ken Medders, Jr., Kerry Schwartz, Joe Blos, Rees Langston, and Lisa Graves.

August 29, 2025, Special City Council Meeting
Approved by Ordinance 25-11, which established the ad valorem and personal property tax rate of \$.262159 for the tax year 2025, and set the assessed valuation at 100% of the fair market value.
Passed by a 3-1 vote by Mayor Patrick McHally and Council Members Rees Langston, Lisa Graves, Council Member Ken Medders, Jr. Call a roll vote.

Welcome to Your Island Escape!

The City of South Padre Island would like to welcome the Lower Rio Grande Valley American Institute of Architects to the South Padre Island Convention Center!

Local businesses keep an eye out for all the foot traffic coming soon! From September 4th - 6th, the Lower Rio Grande Valley American Institute of Architects will bring approximately 300 attendees to the Island!

Donate & Save Lives

The SPI Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the City of South Padre Island to host a blood drive with Vitalant! Learn more [here](#), and register to donate [here](#).

- **When:** Tuesday, October 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Where:** South Padre Island Multi-Modal at 321 Padre Blvd.

Adopt-A-Beach

Ready to volunteer to beautify the beach with the help of Adopt-a-Beach? Use this [link](#) to learn more and how to volunteer!



Saturday, September 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Beach Access #8 Whitecap Circle between E. Red Snapper St. and E. Swordfish St.

November 4, 2025 General Election

The General Election will be held in the City of South Padre Island, Texas, on November 4, 2025, to elect two Council Members, Place 1 and Place 2.

Monday, October 6th is the last day to register to vote for the November 5, 2024, General Election.

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

[Click here](#) to view the City's dedicated election webpage!

Who Can Vote by Mail:

65
years or older



Sick or disabled



Expected to give birth within 3 weeks of Election Day

Civily committed under Chapter 841 of the Texas Health and Safety Code



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services



Out of the county on Election Day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance



Confined in jail, but are otherwise eligible

Graphic by Cameron County Elections & Voters Registration.

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

Questions? Please Contact Cameron County Elections Department, at (956) 544-0809 or elections@co.cameron.tx.us.

Early Voting Schedule

Date

Time

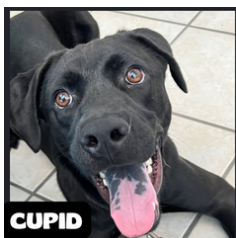
Mon, Oct. 20	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tue, Oct. 21	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wed, Oct. 22	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thu, Oct. 23	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Fri, Oct. 24	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat, Oct. 25	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sun, Oct. 26	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Mon, Oct. 27	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tue, Oct. 28	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wed, Oct. 29	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thu, Oct. 30	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Fri, Oct. 31	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Pet of the Week

Cupid is a male lab mix that will make a great dog for a family or an active individual. Playful, good with other dogs, and ready for his FUR-ever home.

Cupid loves to play ball, understands his basic commands, and is crate trained.

Meet your future fur friend at Friends of Animal Rescue at 4908 Padre Boulevard. Complete the adoption application [here](#).



If you lose your pet or find an animal needing assistance, call Friends of Animal Rescue 24/7 hotline at (956) 772-1171.

2025 Football Schedule Port Isabel Tarpons vs

Friday night lights are back! [Click here](#) to view all the events at Point Isabel Early College High School.

Wk 4: Rio Hondo Sep. 4 th - away game	Wk 9: St. Joseph Oct. 9 th - home game
Wk 5: Valley View Sep. 12 th - away game	Wk 10: Kingsville Oct. 16 th - away game
Wk 6: Hildago Sep. 19 th - home game	Wk 11: La Feria Oct. 24 th - home game
Wk 7: Edcouch-Elsa Sep. 26 th - away game	Wk 12: La Grulla Oct. 31 st - away game
Wk 8: Roma Oct. 3 rd - home game	