



# 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.

### 37th Annual Sandcastle Days

Date: October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Where: Clayton's Beach Bar  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### Ride for Rotary 2025

Date: October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 7:00 a.m.  
Where: Brownsville Event Center  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### National Night Out

Date: October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Where: Island Baptist Church

### Walk for Women - Casino Night

Date: October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Where: Louie's Backyard  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness

Date: October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Where: SPI Convention 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

### Tuesday • September 23<sup>th</sup>

3:00 PM • Shoreline Task Force

### Wednesday • September 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM • Convention and Visitors Advisory Board

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



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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Below are highlights from the September 17th City Council Regular Meeting!

- Presentation regarding the Deep Water Marina Project by Greg Weykamp with Edgewater Resources.
- The official naming of the Sandbox Project to the South Padre Island Bird and Butterfly Park.



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

## Queen Isabella Causeway Collapse Remembrance

Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, marked the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Causeway Collapse. In honor of the victims, 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

## 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!



## National Night Out

You're invited to meet your community and law enforcement personnel at National Night Out. There will be games, prizes, food and fun! Come by, say hi, and enjoy your time!

Where: 107 W. Mesquite at the SPI Baptist Church parking lot.

Date: October 7th from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

## 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](mailto: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

## SPI Chamber of Commerce Host the 2025 Candidate Forum

The [2025 Candidate Forum](#) will take place on Monday, October 13, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The general public may submit questions for the candidates in advance via email, postal mail, or in person (in a sealed envelope) to the SPI Chamber of Commerce.

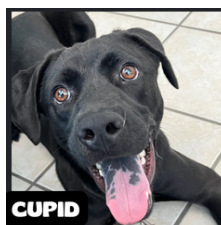
All questions must include your name, address, and phone number, and apply to all candidates. **Deadline to submit questions is Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

**Mail to:**  
Att: Candidate Forum  
4113 Padre Blvd.,  
South Padre Island, Texas 78597

**Email:**  
[forum@spichamber.com](mailto:forum@spichamber.com)

## Welcome to Your Island Escape!

The City of South Padre Island would like to welcome **Workforce Solutions Cameron** to the South Padre Island Convention Center! Local businesses keep an eye out for all the foot traffic coming soon! From September 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, the Workforce Solutions Cameron will bring approximately 400 attendees to the Island!



## Pet of the Week

Cupid is a fun-loving 1-2 year lab mix, is crate trained, walks well on a leash and gets along with other dogs.

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