



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.

Ride for Rotary 2025

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

National Night Out

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

Walk for Women - Casino Night

Date: October 10th
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 12th
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Where: SPI Convention Center
[Click here](#) for event details.

Dia De Los Muertos 5K

Date: October 25th
Time: 5:00 p.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

Wednesday • October 8th

12:00 PM • City Council Special Meeting

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



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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Below are highlights from the October 1st City Council Regular Meeting!

- Proclamation for Domestic Awareness Month and National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- Approval of the Change Order No. 5 for PWP2-2023 Side Street Improvements Phase II, reducing the contract amount by \$48,961.26.



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

Marisol Boat Ramp Ground Breaking

Groundbreaking News! The City of South Padre Island officially broke ground today for the new Marisol (Laguna Madre) Boat Ramp!

This exciting project will bring fantastic new amenities to our community, including an ADA accessible loading dock, a fish cleaning station, and ample truck/trailer parking. Get ready to launch! Construction is estimated to wrap up in Summer 2026. Thank you to all who celebrated this milestone with us!

This project was paid for in part with federal funding from the Department of the Treasury through the State of Texas under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf of Mexico States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). The statements, findings, conclusions, and recommendations are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the State of Texas or the Department of the Treasury.



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!

Date: October 7th Where: 107 W. Mesquite
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Island Baptist Church parking lot.

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 2025

City of South Padre Island Police Department

FREE - MUSIC - FOOD - FUN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025
5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
107 W. MESQUITE ST.
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS

For more information contact Officer Joseph Gonzalez at (361) 764-8046 or email jgonzalez@spid.net

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 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 based on an additional \$30 in property taxes per \$100,000 valuation.

For example, a house valued at \$375,000 would see an increase of \$112.50 in property taxes.
Step 1: \$375,000 / \$100,000 = 3.75
Step 2: 3.75 x \$30 = \$112.50

July 16, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting
The City Council authorized the issuance of \$2,000,000 in tax notes to fund the purchase of public safety vehicles & equipment and street improvements.

July 28, 2025, Special City Council Meeting
The City Council approved Resolution 2025-08 to amend the proposed tax rate to be used for the purchase of public safety vehicles & equipment and street improvements.

August 19, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting
The City Council approved Resolution 2025-09 to amend the proposed tax rate to be used for the purchase of public safety vehicles & equipment and street improvements.

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!

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

SPI Chamber of Commerce hosts 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

Welcome to Your Island Escape!

The City of South Padre Island would like to welcome **Interest-Based Leadership Training and SPiSland Games** to the South Padre Island Convention Center! Local businesses keep an eye out for all the foot traffic coming soon!

From September 29th through October 3rd, the Workforce Solutions Cameron will bring approximately 30 attendees to the Island, and SPiSland Games will bring approximately 500 attendees on October 4th!

Beach Accessibility

With numerous public beach access points, the beach is accessible to everyone! Want a bathroom or a rinse station nearby?

Need a wheelchair/mobichair accessible beach access?

Use our interactive beach access map to find your new favorite beach access!



Early Voting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
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

Bahama Mama gave birth to her kittens a year ago, and they were all adopted out, but Bahama is still here. Lemon came in as a street cat and has gone from hissing to loving humans. Meet these two roommates and consider adopting both for the price of one cat.

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



#Join Team SPI

The City of South Padre Island is hiring! [Apply here](#) to become a part of our sandtastic team today! The City offers great benefits like medical coverage and more!