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ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday • December 3rd
5:30 PM • Regular City Council
Meeting

View upcoming meetings, live stream in session, & watch archived meetings here.

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 Lighting Ceremony

Date: December 4th Time: 5:30 p.m.

Where: 321 Padre Boulevard Click here for event details.

Annual SPI Christmas Parade

Date: December 5th Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Travels south on Padre Blvd. from Mars to Acapulco Click here for event details.

Lighted Boat Parade

Date: December 6th Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Entertainment District <u>Click here</u> for event details.

Breakfast with Santa

Date: December 7th
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Where: SPI Convention Center
<u>Click here</u> for event details.

SPI Market Days

Date: January 23rd - 25th, 2026 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Where: SPI Convention Center <u>Click here</u> for event details.

There's no shortage of events happening on South Padre Island!

<u>Click here</u> to join the fun and see what's happening.

Cameron County's Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The County of Cameron is updating the Cameron County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP or Plan). The Plan Update will address natural and human-caused hazards that affect the area. The goal of the Plan Update is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards through effective mitigation.

Cameron County will hold a public meeting on December 2nd from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the San Benito Cultural Arts Department at 250 E. Heywood St., San Benito, TX, 78586. CLICK HERE to view the survey.

December 13, 2025 Runoff Election

A runoff election will be held in the City of South Padre Island, Texas, on December 13, 2025, to elect Council Member Place 2.

Deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail is December 2nd.

<u>Click here</u> to view the City's dedicated election webpage!

Early Voting will be located at the SPI Community Center at 4501 Padre Blvd.

Mon. Dec. 1 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Fri. Dec. 5 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM **Election Day** 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sat, Dec. 6 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Fri. Dec. 13 Tue, Dec. 2 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM Wed, Dec. 3 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Mon, Dec. 8 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Thu, Dec. 4 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Tue, Dec. 9 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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

Annual SPI Christmas Parade

Be a part of a night of lights, magic, and fun! Join us for the Annual Christmas Parade on December 5th!

You can spruce things up with your special group by leaving a fa-la-la-lasting impression with your unique parade float.

Don't want to make a float? You can also be a part of the show by volunteering to help! <u>Click here</u> for more information.







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Administrative offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th - 28th, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Island Metro

Ready to travel around this holiday season? The Metro has routes from the South Padre Island Convention Center all the way to Laguna Heights. Buses operate from 7:00 AM until 9:00 PM every day of the week.

Scan the QR code or click on the download button to get the TransLoc app for free to track your bus in real time, plan trips, and receive service alerts.



Beach Mobi Chairs

Are available to rent for free at the South Padre Island Fire Station on a first come first serve basis. Call SPIFD at (956) 761-3040 for more information.



Bulk Trash Pick Up

You can place bulky items in the right-ofway from November 25th until the end of the month. Republic Service will pick them up during the first three business days of November.

Acceptable:



Unacceptable:







Common Utility Contacts

Have questions regarding your utilies? Check out the most common utility provider info below!



American Electric Power (AEP)

1 (800) 423-7316 AEPTexas.com



Laguna Madre Water (956) 943-2626 District (LMWD)

LMWD.org



Spectrum Cable & Internet Provider

(833) 267-6094 Spectrum.com



Republic Services

1 (866) 223-8508 Recycling & Disposal RepublicServices.com

Annual Lighted Boat Parade



Join us for a night filled with holiday cheer and wonder as the annual Lighted Boat Parade returns on Saturday, December 6, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Come and watch as boats of all sizes cruise by decorated in their holiday finest.

If you would like to be in the parade, entry is free, and there are prizes for the top boats in each category. Click here for more information.

Pet of the Week

Roxy and Riley are 3-4 months old. They are playful, know how to walk on leashes, and are crate trained. We are working on house



training and progress is being made. Roxy and Riley will be bigger dogs even though they are small at this time.

Meet your future fur friend at Friends of Animal Rescue at 4908 Padre Boulevard. Complete the adoption application here.

Welcome to Your Island Escape!

The City of South Padre Island would like to welcome Breakfast with Santa, the Lighted Boat Parade, and the Texas Association of Student Financial Administrators to the South Padre Island Convention Center!

On December 6^{th,} approximately 100 participants will meet for the Light Boat Parade's Boat Captain meeting! On December 7th, everyone is welcome to join us for a breakfast with Santa at the SPI Convention Center!

Last but not least, the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators will have their board meeting from December 8th - 9th! Local businesses keep an eye out for all the foot traffic!