



ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday • February 25th
 9:00 AM - Convention & Visitors Advisory Board

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 Causeway Double Cross

Date: February 21st
 Time: 7:00 a.m.
 Where: Beach Park
[Click here](#) for event details.

SPI Market Days

Date: February 20th - 22nd
 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Where: SPI Convention Center
[Click here](#) for event details.

Spring Break Jam

Date: March 7th - 8th
 Time: 9:00 a.m.
 Where: SPI Convention Center
[Click here](#) for event details.

SPI Birding, Nature Center & Alligator Sanctuary Nature Meets ASL: Gator Talk

Date: March 14th
 Time: 1:30 p.m.
 Where: 6801 Padre Boulevard
[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.

Triple Crown Medallion

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has named the City of South Padre Island as a Triple Crown winner. The Triple Crown medallion has been awarded to signify that the City has received all three GFOA awards:

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
- Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award

The City has gone beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles when preparing the annual comprehensive financial report and annual budget report. These reports both reflect the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council while being designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to the general public without needing a background in public finance.

The Triple Crown Medallion award represents a significant accomplishment and reflects the commitment of the City Council and staff to meeting the highest principles of financial reporting.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the awarding process. [Click here](#) to view the City's financials.

City Council Highlights

Below are highlights from the February 18th Regular City Council Meeting!

- Presentation of the \$150,000 Parks and Wildlife Urban Outdoor Grant that was awarded to the City.
- Approval of the landscape plans related to the Padre Blvd., raised medians, provided by SSP Design LLC, as part of the city-wide landscape plan project.
- Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual TIRZ (Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone) report.



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

Welcome to Your Island Escape!

The City of South Padre Island would like to welcome SPI Market Days to the South Padre Island Convention Center!

Local businesses keep an eye out for all the foot traffic! From February 20th - 22nd, SPI Market Days will bring approximately 3000 attendees to the Island!



Short-Term Rental Update!

We're working together to keep South Padre Island a premier destination! Recent updates to the Short-Term Rental ordinance aim to improve the quality of life for neighbors and the quality of stays for visitors through better communication and accountability.



Scan the QR code to view our STR flyer!

The "3-Strike" Rule: A revocation process may now be initiated if a property reaches 3 convictions within a 12-month period.

Fair Hearing Process: Property owners and managers now have the right to plead their standing directly before the City Council before a final revocation decision is made.

The Goal: By refining the revocation process, we are encouraging better management and higher standards for our visitor community, ensuring SPI remains a great place to live and visit.

Property owners are encouraged to review their management protocols to ensure compliance with all local noise, trash, and parking regulations.

To ensure you stay informed, if a citation (not a warning) is issued, the property owner or manager will be notified via certified mail within 20 days.

Better Neighbors. Better Visitors. A Better SPI!

Questions or concerns on short-term rentals?

Please contact us at:

(956) 761 - 8382 hottax@myspi.org



Scan the QR code to view all of the City-Permitted and Registered STR Properties.



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[Click here to view the short-term rental update flyer.](#)

Pet of the Week

Martha (Dog) is a sweet and loving dog that is looking for an experienced owner. She prefers being the only pet in the house and getting all the attention for herself. She is currently going through treatment for heartworms but is making great progress.

Nutmeg (cat) is a playful and affectionate cat looking for a loving family. She does well with kids, dogs, and other cats. She is ready to be adopted and is a very tidy cat.

Meet your future fur friend at Friends of Animal Rescue at 4908 Padre Blvd.

Complete the adoption application [here](#).



March 3, 2026 Primary Election

Early voting will be held at the Port Isabel City Hall located at 305 E. Maxan St., Port Isabel, Texas.

On *Election Day (March 3rd)*, you can vote at the South Padre Island Community Center located at 4501 Padre Boulevard from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting Times:

Feb. 17th - Feb. 20th 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 21st - Feb. 22nd 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 23rd - Feb. 27th 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Election Day Times:

Mar. 3rd 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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

#Join TeamSPI

Join us in keeping South Padre Island safe and beautiful this Spring Break by becoming a part of the team! All of the positions are part-time/temporary. [Apply here](#) today to join our team!

- Code Enforcement Officer
- Jail Technician
- Maintenance Technician
 - Public Works
 - Shoreline
- Police Officer
- Traffic Control
- Vehicle Operator