

Island Vibes

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island

SPRING BREAK TIPS



The City is excited to welcome all of our visitors this Spring Break! We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with our City ordinances by clicking [here](#). Below are some tips to help you enjoy your time on South Padre Island:

- Use the Buddy System and don't stray with unknown individuals.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially if you are unfamiliar with the area.
- Keep your phone charged in case of emergencies.
- Don't ingest products you don't know the origins of.
- Consume alcohol responsibly.
 - Don't drink if you're underage.
 - Designate a driver, use public transportation, or engage rideshare services to get home safely.
- Stay hydrated and wear sunscreen, especially when enjoying the beach.
- Lock up vehicles and valuables.
- Use caution when swimming.
- No glass on the beach.

KEY CONTACTS

Building Division

(956) 761-8103

City Hall

(956) 761-6456

Convention & Visitors Bureau

(956) 761-3000

Environmental Health

(956) 761-8123

Fire Department

(956) 761-3830

Municipal Court

(956) 761-3225

Parks

(956) 761-8168

Police Non-Emergency

(956) 761-5454

Public Works

(956) 761-8159

Shoreline

(956) 761-8166

Transit

(956) 761-8178

Visitors Center

(956) 761-6433

FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911

STAY IN THE KNOW

REMINDERS

The March 16th Regular City Council Meeting has been rescheduled due to Spring Break Texas Week. A Special City Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23.

EVENTS

Friday • March 11

Visit the Art Business Incubator (2500 Padre Blvd #1) from 5-8 PM for the Opening Night of "Water & Air," an art exhibition of oil paintings by Malia Quinn.

Thursday • March 17

An Oil and Gas Job Fair will be held at the SPI Convention Centre from 9 AM to 1 PM.

To see more Island events, click [here](#)!

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CITY SPOTLIGHT



In the Spotlight this week is South Padre Island Chief of Police, Claudine O'Carroll! Chief O'Carroll was born and raised in Athlone County, Westmeath, Ireland and immigrated to America in 1992. She served in the United States Coast Guard before graduating the police academy in 1998. She joined the South Padre Island Police Department the same year, climbing the ranks until eventually becoming the City's first female Chief of Police.

In her time serving the community of South Padre Island, Chief O'Carroll has worked as a patrol officer, investigator and in special operations. Her experience has molded her into a great leader of the department, where she's now able to develop the next generation of officers.

With Spring Break upon us, the Chief and her team are well prepared for the influx of visitors drawn to South Padre Island. PD will implement numerous safety measures to better serve the community such as social media monitoring, adding a sky tower in the Entertainment District, and using drones to monitor traffic. The community is encouraged to do their part to stay safe while enjoying everything the Island has to offer.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Joni, our Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! Joni is a female German Shepard mix, between 1-2 years old and fully vetted. She's so smart, loves going on walks and is eager to find her *fur-ever* home. Don't miss your chance to add Joni to your family; fill out an adoption application [here](#).

REMINDER: If you lose or find a pet please call the 24-hour Friends of Animal hotline at (956) 772-1171.



JOIN TEAM SPI

The City of South Padre Island is hiring! We offer great benefits like medical, vision and dental covered 100% by the City, competitive pay, Texas Municipal Retirement System 2 to 1 match, plus more. [Apply](#) to become a part of our extraordinary team today!

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- Code Enforcement Officer: Part-Time
- Police Officer: Temporary & Part-Time
- Jail Technician: Temporary & Part-Time
- Maintenance: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Firefighter/Paramedic: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Firefighter/EMT-B: Part-Time

More positions and information available [here](#).

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