## ISLAND VIBES the Official Newsletter for the City of Souh Padre Island



## STAY IN THE KNOW

#### REMINDERS

The registration deadline for the November 8th Special and General Election is October 11th!

Visit <u>VoteTexas.gov</u> to register, verify your voter registration status, or update your voter information.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Tuesday • September 13** 2 PM • Special Events Committee

View upcoming meetings, live stream meetings in session, & watch archived meetings <u>here</u>.

#### **EVENTS**

#### World Shorebirds Day

Date: Saturday, Sept. 10 Time: 8:30 AM - 10:45 AM Where: SPI Birding, Nature Center, & Alligator Sanctuary (6801 Padre Blvd.)

<u>Click here</u> for event details.

#### Saturday Recycling

Date: Every Saturday Time: 8 AM to 11 AM Where: SPI Community Center (4501 Padre Blvd.) <u>Click here</u> for event details.

#### SPI Wahoo Classic

Date: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 16-18

Where: Jim's Pier (211 W Swordfish)

<u>Click here</u> for event details.

For more fun things to do on SPI, **click here!** 

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# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The September 7th City Council meeting began with a proclamation from the Mayor for National Food Safety Month!



L to R: Luis Diaz, Manager of Gabriela's; Mayor McNulty; and Victor Baldovinos, EHSD Director.

Other highlights from this week's meeting include:

- Council Members Kerry Schwartz and Ken Medders, along with City staff, have been appointed to the Golf Cart Steering Committee which seeks to improve the safety of golf carts or slowmoving vehicles on the Island.
- Approval of a budget amendment in order to purchase a new recycling trailer for excess recyclable materials. (Don't forget to come by and join us for Saturday Recycling every week!)
- Resolution No. 2022-20 and 2022-22 were both approved.
  - 2022-20: An agreement with TXDOT for a Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program Project.
  - 2022-22: Submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor for the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program.





## **RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY**

#### Recyclable items accepted:

- Cardboard
  - No boxes coated with wax or plastic or boxes with a white interior.
- Paper
  - Newspaper, shredded paper, phone books, etc.
- Ink Cartridge/Toner
  Plastic bags
  - Tin
- Bottle tops
- American Flags
  Batteries

- All items should be empty, clean, and rinsed if necessary.
- All items should be separated.
- No other types of material are accepted during the City's weekly Saturday Recycling.
- Contact Republic Services for Door-Side recycling: (956) 392-7018.
- For more information and a complete list of recyclable materials, <u>click here</u>.

## CITY SPOTLIGHT



In the Spotlight this week is Angela (Angie) Cantu, from the City's Environmental Health Services Department (EHSD)! Angie is a Valley transplant, coming to us from Baytown, Texas. She moved to the RGV to be closer to her husband's hometown. They both enjoyed their many visits to South Padre Island over the years, so settling down near SPI was the natural choice for them.

Angie has been working for the City for nearly seven years. She began in a temporary position but when the opportunity arose to make it official, she jumped at the opportunity. As the Executive Assistant for EHSD, Angie has become a pro at managing many tasks at once. EHSD is responsible for many City services such as Code Enforcement, Health Inspections, recycling, animal control, and more. With so many facets in one department, her work is essential to ensuring the team can work as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Angie's hard work never goes unnoticed, not only by her team but by others as well. She was the first to receive a Camp Fire Award, recognizing her significant contributions towards projects outside of her own department. She also plays a key role in the City's consistent achievement of the Gold Star

Affiliate recognition from Keep Texas Beautiful, a state-wide environmental and community improvement organization.

Thanks to Angie and EHSD's dedication, South Padre Island continues to be a cleaner, more ecofriendly and beautiful place for everyone to enjoy.

### UTILITIES

Utility questions or concerns? Check out the most common utility provider information below!

- Laguna Madre Water District water provider for South Padre Island and neighboring communities.
  - Address: 105 Port Rd.
  - Phone: (956) 943-2626
  - Online: <u>LMWD.org</u>
- Republic Services recycling and waste disposal service.
  - Phone: 1 (800) 423-7316
  - Online: <u>RepublicServices.com</u>
- Spectrum cable and internet service provider.
  - Phone: 1 (855) 707-77328
  - Online: <u>Spectrum.com</u>
- American Electric Power (AEP) Texas energy delivery company regulated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
  - Phone: 1 (866) 223-8508
  - Online: <u>AEPTexas.com</u>

#### PETS OF THE WEEK

Say hello to Agnes and Ethel, our Pets of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! This lovable motherdaughter-duo were found right here on South Padre Island.

They are both fully vetted and will be ready for adoption next week, beginning Sept. 12th. If Agnes and Ethel sound like the perfect match for your family, don't wait; submit an <u>online adoption</u> <u>application</u> now! For more information, call FOAR at (956) 772-1171, or visit 4908 Padre Blvd.





#### **JOIN TEAM SPI**

- Information Counselor: Part-Time
- Beach Maintenance: Full-Time
- Dispatcher: Part-Time
- Police Officer: Part-Time
- Code Enforcement Officer: Part-Time
- Maintenance: Full-Time

To view open more positions, job descriptions, or to submit an application, <u>click here</u>.