

## Election results

An election was held in the City of South Padre Island, Texas on Nov. 6, 2018, to elect Council Members, Places 3 and 5.

Additionally, a special election was held to elect a Council Member, Place 2 to fill an unexpired term. The number of votes cast during early voting was 724 with 309 cast on election day for a total of 1,033 votes cast.

Canvassing of the election results was conducted on Nov. 14, 2018 at 3 p.m. at a special called City Council meeting at City Hall.

New Council Members will be officially sworn in on Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Regular City Council meeting in City Hall, located at 4601 Padre Blvd.

The following Council Members will be sworn in:  
Council Member, Place 5 Eva-Jean Dalton  
Council Member, Place 3 Joe Ricco  
Council Member, Place 2 Kerry Schwartz

## Tribute to Veterans

The City of South Padre Island paid tribute to our men and women in the military and those who have served by providing a weekend full of various events.



The John L. Tompkins Park has a new bench thanking former Mayor Robert N. Pinkerton, Jr. for his dedicated work on extending the Purple Heart Trail onto South Padre Island.



The City of South Padre Island held a Retiring Old Glory Ceremony on Nov. 12. Approximately 85 American Flags were "retired" with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag.

## General Land Office Public Meeting

On Oct. 26, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced the release of the Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Study Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in the effort to reduce the risk along the Texas coast from dangerous storm surges and other threats.

The GLO and USACE entered into a cooperative agreement to create the Coastal Texas Study in 2015. The final feasibility report and EIS is expected in 2021.

The community was invited to review the plans and participate in a the public meeting at the Port Isabel Event & Cultural Center, located at 309 Railroad Ave, Port Isabel.

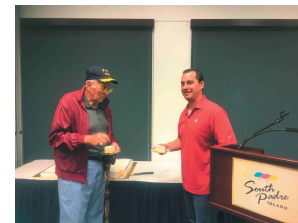
Public comments can be mailed to USACE, Galveston District, Attn: Mrs. Jennifer Morgan, Environmental Compliance Branch, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229; or emailed to CoastalTexas@usace.army.mil.

**Comments must be postmarked by Jan. 9, 2019.**

Review the plan at: <http://coastalstudy.texas.gov/>

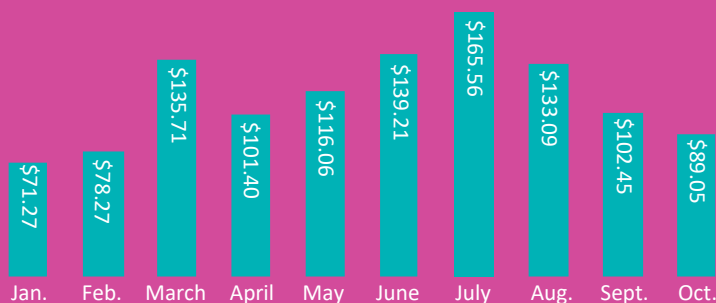


The City of South Padre Island is proud to announce the installation of 2,661 feet of beach access matting that will provide pedestrians with a direct route to access the warm Gulf waters.

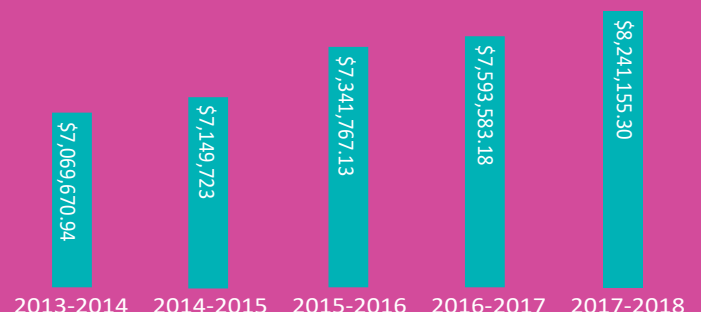


The oldest and youngest veterans cutting the cake during the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Hotel Average Daily Rate



Hotel/Occupancy Tax Revenue Yearly Comparison



## Nov. 7 Council highlights

At their regular meeting on Nov. 7, the City Council approved the color scheme for the new multimodal facility.

The City Council approved the improvements to Laguna Boulevard from Amberjack Street to Marlin Street. These improvements will increase pedestrian safety.

The City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-25 amending Section 22-4 to provide the Dune Protection Line and Historic Building Line to the property located at 7010 Padre Boulevard.

The City Council approved restroom solutions for beachgoers.

The City Council approved the amendments to the Facilities Reserve Study. This study is a financial guide and provides a plan for preventative facilities maintenance.

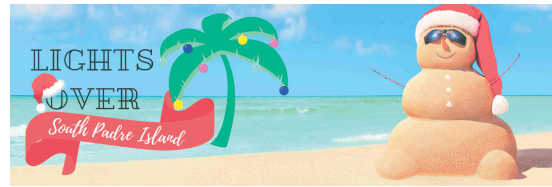
The City Council approved the amendment to increase EMS Revenue to \$510,000 and add one firefighter/paramedic position.

View the Nov. 7 recorded meeting here



## Government Day

On Nov. 9, Girl Scout Troop 341 spent the day at City Hall learning about the day-to-day activities involved in running a City.



## Lights over SP9

Lights Over South Padre Island presented the inaugural Holiday Sand Castle Village!

Come visit our Holiday Sand Castle Village filled with unique Holiday Sand Sculptures built by incredibly talented sand artists. From a Sand Snowman to Sand-ta and much more. This new outdoor exhibit will include a lighted musical performance starting at dusk.

The Holiday Sand Castle Village will be open to the public every Friday, Saturday and Sunday — Nov. 30 through Dec. 16 at the South Padre Island Convention Centre.



Sand Castle Village sculptures and light show.

Click or scan the QR code for job openings, descriptions and much more!



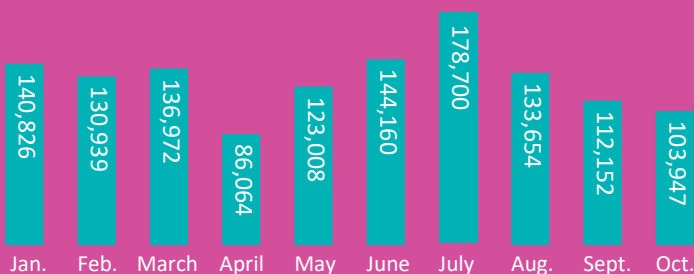
Current job openings

Firefighter/Paramedic

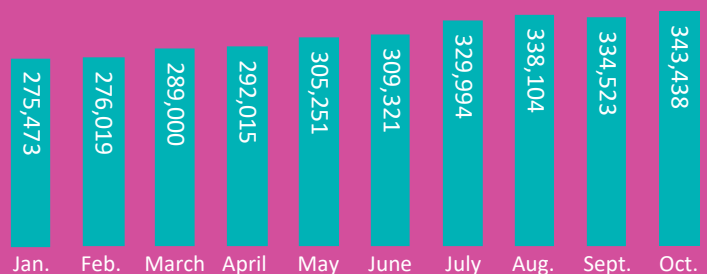
Police Officer (Part-Time)

CVB/DMO Director

Sopadre.com Webpage Visits



Sopadre.com Facebook Followers



# Island Vibes

## Stay informed

The City of South Padre Island has many ways to keep you informed!

### Subscribe

Sign up to receive newsletters and updates delivered to your inbox.  
<http://myspi.org/category/subcategory.php?categoryid=71>

### Facebook

City of South Padre Island's Facebook Page has more than 7,300 followers. Follow us today to stay up to date.  
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthPadreTexas/>

For tourism and event information follow us at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/sopadre/>

### Website

The City's website has the most information about your Island!

Key Information:

- Upcoming Meetings
  - Agendas
  - Live Stream Meetings
  - Press Releases
  - Departmental Documents
  - Financial Reports
- [www.myspi.org](http://www.myspi.org)

### Meetings

View upcoming meeting agendas, live stream meetings in session or watch archived meetings.

<http://www.myspi.org/egov/apps/services/index.egov?view=detail;id=20>

### Swift911

The City of South Padre Island utilizes Swift911 to notify citizens, businesses and visitors of emergency situations.

The emergency notification system is web-based, giving the City the ability to message residents and visitors any time day or night using text, voice or email alerts.

Click or scan the QR code to sign up



### Re-entry sticker

Re-entry stickers are available at the Police station for residents, property owners and businesses.

The stickers allow re-entry to the Island following a major storm event.

Click or scan the QR code for more information



### Transparency

The City of South Padre Island continues the ongoing effort to maintain transparency by providing financial and performance data that is meaningful and easy to understand.

These portals provide multiple years of information that enhance the accountability of the City.



Click the \$ to access our Financial Performance Portal and Performance Metrics Portal.

## Key Contacts

Building Division (956) 761-8103  
City Hall (956) 761-6456  
Community Center (956) 761-8168  
Convention & Visitors Bureau (956) 761-3000  
Planning (956) 761-8112  
Economic Development Corporation (956) 761-6805  
Environmental Health (956) 761-8123  
Finance (956) 761-8130  
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

## Parks and Recreation

The City of South Padre Island maintains several City parks.

- Water Tower Park
- John L. Tompkins Park
- Turtle Park
- Butterfly Park
- Lis Memorial Park
- Queen Isabella Memorial Park

Click or scan the QR Code to view locations and amenities!



## Things To Do!

On South Padre Island, there are always exciting things to do and fun new activities to try all year long. Each member of your family or group is sure to find something that fits their personality and interests perfectly. If you enjoy getting out and having a crazy new adventure, you can try flyboarding, ziplining, tandem skydiving, surfing, kiteboarding, driving ATVs, stand-up paddleboarding, snorkeling, scuba diving, parasailing, jet skiing, and deep sea fishing.

Click or scan the QR Code to view events, deals and much more!

