Padre Boulevard Sidewalk update
The South Padre Island Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement project started in late May and is well underway. Phases I, II and IV are complete and Phase III is currently on schedule.

30 blocks of Padre Boulevard have had sidewalks completed. Brick pavers have been installed in designated areas. Water meters will be installed later this month, providing irrigation in the landscaped areas. Installation of the landscaping will begin in April. Construction during March will be halted and resume in April.

SPI welcomes monument improvements
The Public Works crew continue to add improvements to the welcome monument, which includes a decorative barrier and new LED lights.

Environmental Health Services
The Environmental Health Services Department recently kicked off their annual "I Love SPI" campaign.

During the campaign, which ran until Feb. 14, residents and businesses placed brush and bulky items at the front of their property for collection.

People spotted participating in the campaign were awarded an I Love SPI t-shirt!

Environmental Health Services Staff.

Beach Accesses & Walkovers
The Shoreline Department has begun constructing new white planters and access signs to improve the curb appeal of our beach access areas.

Three new beach access walkovers have been completed. All three have passed ADA inspections and are now open to the public. (Ribbon cutting to be held at Ocean Circle Beach Access #2 March 2, 2018, 10-11:30 a.m.). Please join us.

Shoreline Director Brandon Hill spoke at the French-American Sargassum Workshop on Jan.18. This international gathering had a variety of participants from leading Gulf of Mexico researchers to the U.S.-French Ambassador.

Public Safety
Chief Randy Smith held a Law Enforcement Multi-Agency Meeting in preparation for Spring Break. This meeting included many local law enforcement partners, including Federal and State Agencies.

South Padre Island Officers attended the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Conference.

Fire Chief Doug Fowler and Police Chief Randy Smith presented a Spring Break presentation to the SPI Chamber's monthly Coffee & Conversations on Feb. 8.

Building Inspections Comparison

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Recycling Comparison

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Council Highlights for Jan. 17 meeting
City Council approved the first reading of six ordinances.
- Establishing a one-way street on East Sunset for the month of March 2018.
- Adoption of current standard codes for construction.
- Establishing a “No Parking” zone on West Swordfish Street.
- Amendment to the Master Flood Hazard Prevention Plan to comply with updated requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Option of a sidewalk in-lieu of payment program.
- Fire Department fees for providing emergency medical services.

The City Manager has been authorized to execute a feasibility contract for the development of the “Pinnell Property: as a windsporting venue.”

The City Manager has been authorized to execute the contract for the Comprehensive Plan.

The Sandcastle Trail Maintenance contract was approved in the amount of $30,000.

The Phase I of the Wayfinding Project has been awarded to National Sign Plazas, Inc.

The Palm Street Boat Ramp has been approved for design and engineering services. Hanson Professional Services, Inc. was awarded the contract for the development.

View the recorded meeting

Council Highlights for Feb. 7 meeting
City Council approved the first reading of one ordinance.
- Amendment to the City’s fiscal year 2017-2018 operating budget.

Assistant City Manager Darla Jones has been awarded a designation of International City Manager Association (ICMA) Credential Manager. There are over 1,300 members that have earned this designation in the world, with only 90 members in the state of Texas.

Administrative Services Director Wendi Delgado presented the SPI Connect DMAIC. SPI Connect is the internal employee training program that was launched this month. Delgado introduced current employee Wendy Saldana, who will now be the Training Coordinator.

City Council approved the STW, Inc. contract that will be used for the City’s dashboards, which will provide at-a-glance views of key performance indicators.

City Council approved the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone report.

Isla Del Sol Condominiums was approved for a Dune Ridge Construction permit.

Students from the Point Isabel Independent School District presented the “It’s Time Texas Community Challenge.” This is a statewide competition that pits Texas communities against one another to see which can demonstrate the greatest commitment to healthy living!

View the recorded meeting

Property tax information

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Property Tax Rate Comparison

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City nominates Jeff George

The City of South Padre Island is pleased to announce that Jeff George is the City’s nominee for the 2018 Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame award. Jeff will be recognized and inducted into the Walk of Fame during the Hidalgo BorderFest festivities, March 2-4, 2018.

Friends

Sherry Pindard from the SPI Friends of Animal presented the January 2018 statistics.

Shelter Intake: 13 Dogs, 13 Cats, 8 Opposums, 4 Birds and 1 Bat
Adopted: 5 Dogs and 10 Cats
Reunited: 4 Dogs
Available for Adoption: 12 Dogs and 12 Cats

Click HERE for the Friends of Animal Rescue website!

Community Center Events February Calendar

Daily lunch time fitness 12-1 p.m. $5 per person (pay at the door)
Monday: Chair Yoga
Tuesday: The Mitzvah Technique (improves posture)
Wednesday: Qi Gong
Thursday: Chair Yoga
Friday: Stretch and Strengthen

Line Dancing classes every Wednesday and Friday in February
8 a.m. - 9 a.m. – Absolute Beginners Class
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. – Beginners Class
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. – Intermediate Class
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. – Couples Class

SPI Fire Department offers free community CPR classes
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - First and third Wednesday of the month.

Bridge every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

Learn to play Mahjong every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.

AND MUCH MORE!

Did you know?

Even food items in glass jars are prohibited on the beach. Questions? Call the Environmental Health Services Department at (956) 761-8123.

Island Metro is a free transportation system that operates within the City of South Padre Island, Port Isabel and Laguna Heights.

Buses run everyday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Use the QR Code to see where we go!

What’s a Facebook click?

This is a metric that includes all clicks. For example, clicks to links or images are counted.

A great metric to see the interaction with the City’s Facebook page!

City Facebook Clicks Comparison

January 2017: 38,918
January 2018: 30,011
Decrease of 8,907 Clicks

January 2017: 135,319
January 2018: 40,731
Increase of 94,588 Clicks

Island Times

The Island has received the following accolades:

• Listed on the 2018 “10 Best Places in Texas to Visit on Spring Break” featuring South Padre Island by Trips to Discover.
• One of “Best Places to Visit in Texas” by U.S. News & Report.
• Listed on the 2018 “18 Places to Go in Texas” featuring South Padre Island and Sea Turtle, Inc. by Texas Highways.
• Listed as one of the Best Beach Destinations in the “Top American Trips 2018” by Canadian Traveller.

Read the Island Times Newsletter to view events, deals and much more!
Next City Council meeting is Feb. 21 at City Hall

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 over 5,000 followers.
Follow us today to stay up-to-date.
https://www.facebook.com/SouthPadreTexas/

For tourism 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

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.

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.

Save The Date!
Retiring Old Glory
Monday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.
At the Convention Centre

Beach Access Walkover
Grand Opening Ceremony
Friday, March 2 at 10 a.m.
Ocean Circle, Beach Access 2

El Paseo Arts Foundation Presents
The Elephant Man
Thursday, Feb. 22 - Saturday, Feb. 24
Show begins at 7:30 p.m.
At the Convention Centre
Purchase Tickets HERE

SPI Market Days
Friday, Feb. 23 - Sunday, Feb. 25
Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Convention Centre

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Building Division (956) 761-8104
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

Look for the next issue on Feb. 23!