

Gulf Boulevard landscaping

The Gulf Boulevard landscaping has been completed! Brick pavers and landscaping have been installed throughout Gulf Boulevard. The brick pavers were installed by the Public Works crew.



Side Street Project

The City of South Padre Island will be improving eight side streets. Improvements will include drainage, curb & gutter and sidewalks. The contract for the winning bid will be presented to City Council in March.

Short-Term Rental information

When a property owner or manager logs into their user account, they are able to register a new property, edit property information, do one-click releases of properties that are no longer owned/managed, and there is a "renew all" button to expedite annual renewals.

Additionally, the City has implemented autofill functions to allow for a quicker registration process, as well as a permit status column that reflects registrations that are active/expired.

Use the QR Code for more information on short-term rentals.



Did you know?

Brush and bulky items may be placed in the right-of-way for removal by Allied Waste between the 25th of the month through the last day of the month. Questions? Call the Environmental Health Services Department at (956) 761-8123.

Building Division updates

The City's Master Flood Hazard Prevention Ordinance has been amended to include the June 4, 2015 preliminary Flood Insurance Study report and Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

This ordinance adopts the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps that became effective on Feb.16, 2018. Find your effective Flood Insurance Rate Map here: www.riskmap6.com

The Mayor's Developers Roundtable met on Feb. 13 and reviewed proposed changes to update Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances.

Building Inspector Alex Moore successfully completed the Plumbing Inspector & Master Plumber Code Training Prep Course, which provided an overview of all aspects of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners' Plumbing Inspector Exam.

February Community Center events

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!

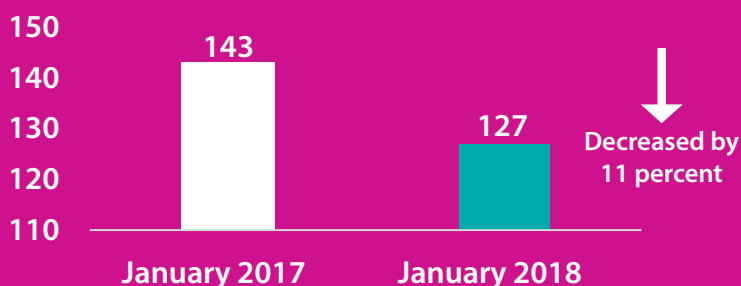
Use the QR Code to view the entire calendar of events scheduled at the Community Center!



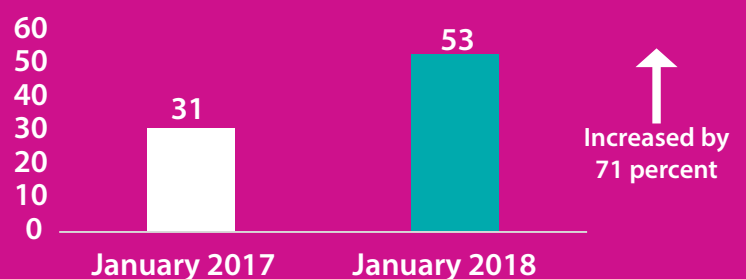
Recycling

New phone book directories are currently being delivered. Recycle old phone books at the City's regular Saturday recycling from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 4501 Padre Blvd.

Fire Department Calls for Service



Christmas Trees Collected for Recycling



Mayor Dennis Stahl proclaimed Friday, Feb. 23 as National Skip the Straw Day and urged all citizens to give up the straw habit and help spread awareness of the damages caused by plastic straws.

15 new City staff members and five recently promoted staff members were introduced to the City Council and community.

City Council approved a budget amendment to purchase a new custom Rescue Pumper from Hall Buick GMC in the amount of \$431,470 with a contingency of \$18,530.

City Council approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$75,000 for the construction of Moonlight Circle Beach and Dune Walkover, Moonlight Circle Mitigation and Ocean Circle Mitigation and other future beach access capital projects.

City Council approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$22,900 and to allow the City Manager to enter into Memorandums of Understanding with Los Fresnos EMS, Willacy County EMS, Intercity Ambulance, Transcare Medicare Transport and the Weslaco Fire Department for the provision of Mobile Intensive Care Unit Ambulances during Spring Break.

City Council tabled the agenda item to appoint a member to fill a vacancy, due to a resignation, that expires on Dec. 31, 2018 on the Shoreline Task Force.

No action was taken to consider rescheduling or cancelling the March 7, 2018 Regular City Council meeting due to travel/business commitments.



Birding and Nature Center Naturalist Javier Gonzalez presented the Tiny Yellow Throated Warbler as the Bird of the Month for February.



Mayor Dennis Stahl and Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos with Skip the Straw Committee.

View the recorded meeting



Retiring Old Glory

The Environmental Health Services Department held the first Retiring Old Glory Ceremony on Monday, Feb. 19. More than 400 flags were collected and properly retired. Thank you to the community members that attended and everyone involved in making this event a success!



South Padre Island Fire Department displaying the American flag for the Retiring Old Glory Ceremony.

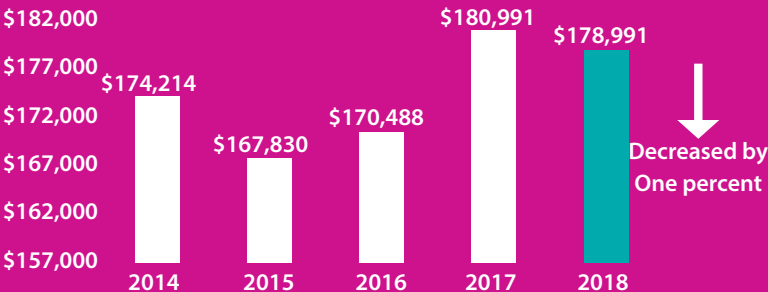


Teebs from the Native Plant Center presented the Ebony tree as the plant of the month for January/February.

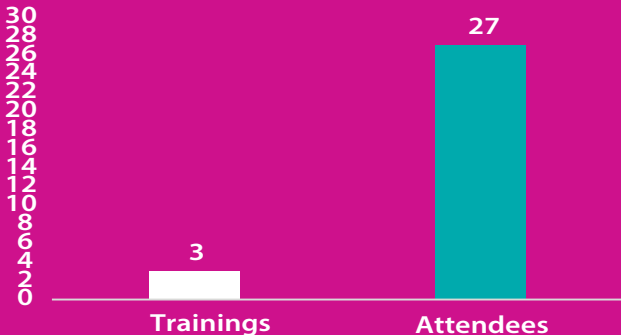
What's spiCONNECT?

This Mission of the SPI Connect program is to promote and support organizational effectiveness and employee development by providing high-quality educational training programs. The City of South Padre strives to enhance individual and team development as a means of creating a better work environment and a better South Padre Island.

January Sales Tax Five Year Comparison



January SPI Connect Trainings



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 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.

Sign up using the QR code



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.

Use the QR Code for the application



**Next City Council
meeting is March 7
at City Hall**

Key Contacts

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

Save the date!

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

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.

Use the QR Code to view events, deals and much more!



Look for the next issue on March 9!