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City Beach Access named

The City Council and the Shoreline Task Force approved City Beach Access 24 to be named Sunset Beach Access and the department will be creating signage.

Did you know?

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

February Sales Tax Five Year Comparison

Since 2014 there has been an increase of $78,585

Island Times

The Island has received the following accolades:

• Listed on the “10 Best Dolphin Sighting Destinations in North America” by the Travel Channel.
• Listed on the “Best Place to Rent a Summer Beach House with Friends” by TripAdvisor.
• Listed on the 2018 “8 Best Spring Break Party Destinations” by ABC News.

Read the Island Times Newsletter to view events, deals and much more!
Council Highlights

At the recent City Council meeting held on March 7, Quentin Anderson presented the City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2016-2017. This financial report is prepared from the books and records of the City of South Padre Island. The goal of this independent audit, conducted by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the City were free of material misstatement. We would like to thank the Finance Department staff and the Department Directors for their diligent efforts in the preparation of the annual financial report. Also, we would like to thank the Mayor and Council Members for their leadership and support of the City that helped make the preparation of this report possible.

City Council also awarded the 2018 Street Reconstruction Project to REIM Construction, Inc. in the amount of $1,444,900.90. The improvements will include widening the streets to allow approximately 262 parking spaces to be added to the public right-of-way. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2018 and the eight streets to be improved are:

- East Verna Jean Drive
- East Polaris Drive
- East Jupiter Lane
- East Venus Lane
- East Lantana Street
- East Atol Street
- East Sunny Isle
- East White Sands Street (pending)

Tourism

The Convention and Visitors Bureau will utilize Visa Vue Travel and Arrivalist to gain unique insights into tourism. Visa Vue and Arrivalist are synergistic reporting tools that report real-time data and are updated regularly.

These two programs will provide accurate snapshots on the effectiveness of current advertising and marketing.

Beach & Dune Permits

The City Council approved a Beach and Dune Permit to allow Regency Condominiums to construct a six-foot wide, 280-foot long dune walkover within an existing beach access footpath.

City Council approved a Beach and Dune permit to allow 5812 A Gulf Blvd. to construct a concrete paver slab on top of existing cover.

SPI Friends of Animal Rescue

Sherry Pindard from the SPI Friends of Animal presented the February 2018 statistics:

- Shelter Intake: 1 Dog, 4 Cats, 12 Opossums, 1 Raccoon
- Adopted: 8 Dogs and 10 Cats
- Reunited: 4 Dogs and 1 Cat

Click HERE for the Friends of Animal Rescue website!

SPeiConnect?

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.

FYTD Hotel Motel & Venue Tax Collections

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SPI Connect Comparison

- 3 Trainings January
- 8 Trainings February
- Increase of 39 staff members trained internally.

View the recorded meeting
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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/

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.

Next City Council meeting is April 4 at City Hall

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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!
The City of South Padre Island will host a public meeting to obtain input from citizens of South Padre Island regarding the Wayfinding Project on April 6, 2018 at 3 p.m. in City Hall located, 4601 Padre Boulevard.

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!