

## Drainage Master Plan survey available

The City of South Padre Island held an open house meeting for the Drainage Master Plan on Wednesday, Aug. 1. The Community Drainage Survey has been launched.



Thank you to the community members for attending!

Click or scan the QR Code to tell us about your experiences with drainage and flooding issues on the Island.



## Padre Boulevard update

Contractors has installed more than 8,900 plants along Padre Boulevard sidewalks.

## Composter loan program

The City of South Padre Island Environmental Health Services Department (EHSD) is launching the Composter Loan Program available to residents of South Padre Island. This composter is easy to use and has a tumbling design that will help residents implement green practices of their own.

Requirements for the Composter Loan Program:

- 90-day loan agreement
- Refundable \$50 deposit
- Composting Made Easy training

For more information contact the EHSD at (956) 761-8123.

## Open house meeting scheduled

The City of South Padre Island would like to invite the public to an open house meeting regarding the reconstruction of four additional side streets. This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 4 p.m. at City Hall, located at 4601 Padre Blvd.

The four streets under review are listed below:

- West Mars Lane
- West Georgia Ruth Drive
- West Polaris Drive
- A portion of East Mars Lane toward Gulf Boulevard

This project will improve the street conditions, drainage and increase pedestrian mobility by adding sidewalks on select streets. The project is scheduled to begin in October. Once started, it should take about three months and will cost approximately \$345,000.

## Letter to the City

Friends of RGV Reef President Gary Glick has written a letter thanking the City and the Convention and Visitors Advisory Board for their support of the reef.

The City's \$50,000 contribution will provide transportation of approximately 900 tons of recycled concrete railroad ties to the reef.

Additionally, the City will be given access to the site to place an underwater "South Padre Island" sign.

## Did you know?

The Shoreline Department cleans the beach early in the mornings. To ensure the equipment can travel through safely, beach shade devices are not permitted before 9 a.m. For additional information on shade devices, please call (956) 761-8123.

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



Current job openings

Information Counselor

Custodian/Facility Maintenance

Police Officer (Part Time)

## CVB HOT Tax Month Over Month Comparison

2016  
2017  
2018



## Council Highlights

At the meeting held on Wednesday Aug. 1, the City Council held a public hearing on the 2018-2019 Property Tax Rate and the 2018-2019 five-year Capital Improvement Plan. The City tax rate will remain the same rate as last year.

Shoreline Director Brandon Hill presented an update on the Nearshore Berm Nourishment and the Particle Tracer Study. The nourishment is complete and the tracer study will begin on Aug. 14.

The City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-19 amending Chapter 4.

Highlights of Chapter 4 amendments:

- 18 items were amended
- The amendments allow developers and contractors to choose how they will comply with building codes as opposed to the previous ordinances dictating what materials will be used or prohibited.
- Most of the changes are updating ordinances that have been in place since 1978!
- The use of alternate designs and materials help reduce the cost of construction and labor.
- Though the amendments reduce restrictions, the protection of the public is not being compromised.

View the Aug. 1 recorded meeting here



## O'Carroll promoted to Captain

Long-term Officer Claudine O'Carroll has been promoted to the rank of police captain. O'Carroll has twenty years experience and has held the previous ranks of lieutenant, sergeant, detective and police officer.



Captain O'Carroll's new rank was presented at the Aug. 1 City Council meeting.

## Staff receives Mayor's Challenge Coin

Mayor Dennis Stahl presented seven staff members of the South Padre Island Fire and Police Departments with a Mayor's Challenge Coin. Staff were recognized for their outstanding service and performance to South Padre Island!

Those recognized are as follows:

- Fire Chief Doug Fowler
- Police Captain Claudine O'Carroll
- EMS Lieutenant Oziel Garcia
- Firefighter/Paramedic Carissa Reyna
- Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Deleon
- Firefighter/Paramedic Jose Olvera
- Firefighter/EMT-1 Felipe Herrera



Mayor Stahl presenting staff with challenge coins.

## Officers receive new equipment

The South Padre Island Police Department has been awarded more than \$54,000 from the Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant. Officers are now equipped with high-powered weapon resistant body armor for tactical situations.

During the 85th Legislative Session, Governor Abbott signed Senate Bill 12 that created funding for this grant program to provide body armor to law enforcement agencies.



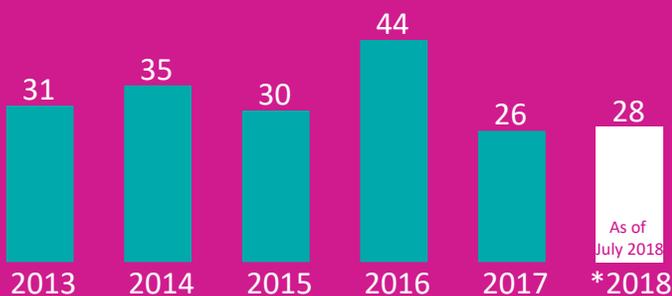
## City announces general and special elections

A general election will be held in the City of South Padre Island, Texas on Nov. 6, 2018, to elect a Council Member – Place 3 and Council Member – Place 5. Candidate applications for a place on the general election ballot can be filed with the City Secretary's office between Monday, July 23, 2018, through Monday, Aug. 20, 2018. The deadline to file in the general election is Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, by 5 p.m.

Additionally, a special election will be held concurrently on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, to fill the unexpired term of Council Member – Place 2. Candidate applications for a place on the special election ballot can be filed with the City Secretary's office between Tuesday, July 24, 2018, through Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018. The deadline to file in the special election is Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, by 6 p.m.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, when office hours will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Candidate filing packets can be picked up at City Hall, located at 4601 Padre Blvd. For additional information, please contact Susan Hill, City secretary at (956) 761-8109 or via e-mail at [shill@mystpi.org](mailto:shill@mystpi.org).

## Fire Incidents Yearly Comparison



# 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 7,000 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 has launched an online financial transparency portal. This portal provides multiple years of information that enhances the accountability of the City's financial operations.



Financial Transparency

Click the \$ for more information

## 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!

