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## **Community tips for Spring Break**

**South Padre Island, TX, Feb. 28, 2019:** The City of South Padre Island has been preparing for Spring Break and the unique challenges that come with this annual event. Spring Break is a time of the year that college students look forward to, with many of them coming to South Padre Island. The City has many ways the community can assist during Spring Break.

## Community members may assist the City with the following:

- Assist non-profits with parking management. (Contact Michael Flores 956-761-8386)
- Beach clean up. (Contact Brandon Hill 956-761-8166)
- Assist with meal preparation/distribution. (Call Mayra Nunez 956-761-8389/Marisa Amaya 956-761-3834)
- Leaving the Island for Spring Break? Housing for Public Safety is needed for the many law enforcement officers that will be here. (Contact Rosa Zapata 956-761-8386)

## Below are some tips for the community and short-term renter owners:

- Get to know your neighbors.
- Start a neighborhood watch on your street.
- Learn which homes are short-term rentals and who to contact for issues that may arise by searching HERE.
- Tell a neighbor when you are out of town.
- Notify a neighbor if others will be at your house.
- Contract with a security company for regular checks on your property.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Lock up vehicles and valuables.
- Avoid driving at peak times: 3 p.m. to midnight.
- Sign up for Swift911, the City's emergency notification system that sends out notifications directly to you via your home phone, cell phone and/or email, by clicking HERE.
- For non-emergency situations call (956) 761-5454.
- For emergencies call 911.

- View registered rental properties and the contact person <u>HERE</u>.
- Buy a smart monitor to alert you of how many people may be at your property. Examples: Party Squasher & Noiseaware.
- Confirm/update the emergency contact that is designated to respond to the property within one hour with a signed agreement regarding complaints from the City <u>HERE</u>.
- List permit numbers on all advertisements of registered property.
- View a sample short-term rental agreement <u>HERE</u>.
- Check out the FAQ page <u>HERE</u>.

Spring Break Texas Week is scheduled for Saturday, March 9 – Sunday, March 17, 2019.

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