

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



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REMINDERS

Brush and bulky items can be placed out beginning on the 25th until the last day of each month for collection by Republic Services. [Click here](#) for more information.

LMWD has initiated Stage 3 water restrictions as part of its Water Conservation Plan. [Click here](#) for details.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday • August 3

5:30 PM • City Council Meeting

View upcoming meetings, live stream meetings in session, & watch archived meetings [here](#).

EVENTS

Saturday Recycling

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 8 AM to 11 AM

Where: SPI Community Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

Ron Hoover Fishing

Tournament

Date: Friday & Saturday,

July 29-30th

Where: SPI Convention Centre

82nd Annual Texas

International Fishing

Tournament

Date: August 3-7

Where: SPI Convention Centre

For more fun things to do on SPI, [click here!](#)

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some highlights from the July 27th Special City Council Meeting!

- Chief Financial Officer, Rodrigo Gimenez, submitted the City's proposed budget for the upcoming 2022-23 fiscal year;
- Resolution No. 2022-14 was approved, allowing notice of a meeting for Council to vote on the proposed 2022 tax rate;
- and Director of Operations, Wendi Delgado, presented the City's 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

To watch this meeting online, view the Agenda, and more, click or scan the QR code.



The items above are a requirement of the City's Home Rule Charter and/or budget process for each Fiscal Year.

CRASE TRAINING

The South Padre Island Police Department will be hosting a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training for any interested community members, businesses or organizations.

The course is about two hours and includes a presentation, videos, and an opportunity for questions.

Space is limited to 100 people per session so register today to attend!

EVENT DETAILS

Date:

Tuesday, August 16

Two Sessions:

9 AM and 2 PM

Where:

SPI Convention Centre

[Click here to](#)

[register!](#)

JOIN TEAM SPI

The City of South Padre Island is hiring! To view open positions or submit an application, [click here](#).

SUMMER FIREWORKS

Check out these amazing Firework Shows to see why South Padre Island is the Fireworks Capital of Texas!

- **Fireworks over the Bay at Louie's Backyard**
 - Every Tuesday & Friday at 9:15 PM
- **Fireworks on the Beach at The Isla Grand**
 - Every Thursday at 9:15 PM
- **Fireworks on the Pier at Clayton's Beach Bar**
 - Everyday at 9 PM

UPDATE: SPI MEDICAL CENTER



The SPI Medical Center project is still underway despite pandemic related challenges and speed bumps faced along the way. Project developer, Wilkinson Capital Partners, is currently merging with another capital firm to complete the project and South Padre Medical Facilities, LLC has formed as an investment platform.

SPI Medical Center will serve as a micro-hospital for the community and our millions of visitors who come to the Island each year. At launch, the facility is expected to operate as a Level 4 Trauma Center with Urgent Care services and an Emergency Room. Once operational, SPI Fire Department (SPIFD) EMS Medical Director, Dr. R. Joe Ybarra, will also serve as Chief Medical Officer for SPI Medical Center.

Dr. Ybarra has over 35 years experience as an emergency medical physician with 30 of those years spent as SPIFD's EMS Medical Director. He also operates his own clinic here on South Padre Island, Population Health, which offers primary care level services for the community and visitors alike. His practice manager, Hector Ramos, is a board certified Community Paramedic and CPM instructor. Currently, Dr. Ybarra is developing a Community Paramedicine Program to provide mobile integrated health services to the community.

Dr. Ybarra's unique insight of our Island, and the emergency medical situations that occur here, are what drove him to initiate the SPI Medical Center project, understanding the need for expanded healthcare services on South Padre Island. The project remains ongoing, with Sam Wilkinson of Wilkinson Capital Projects, leading the way. For questions and project updates, [click here](#).

SUMMER TIPS



The best place to be on a summer day is right here on South Padre Island! Check out the information below for helpful tips and reminders.

- Umbrellas or other shade devices can be set up on the beach between 9 AM to 10 PM.
- Mobichairs (beach wheelchairs) are available for free at the SPI Fire Station. Call SPIFD at (956) 761-3040 for more information.
- #KeepSPIBeautiful and dispose of trash properly.
- Be cautious of hot sand and pavement for yourself and pets.
- Glass containers are prohibited on the beach.
- If digging on the beach, fill in any large holes before leaving as it could delay or damage emergency vehicles operating on the beach and possibly trap sea turtles and their hatchlings.

PET OF THE WEEK

Say hello to Max, our Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! He is a gorgeous Boxer-mix, about 2 years old, is neutered, microchipped and up-to-date on all vaccines. His friendly and loving personality would make him the perfect addition to any family.



To visit, adopt, or foster Max (or any of his furry friends!) visit FOAR at 4908 Padre Blvd. To complete an adoption application online, [click here](#).

Reminder: If you lose your pet or find an animal needing assistance, call FOAR's 24/7 hotline at (956) 772-1171.

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