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# PEDC Board dives into budgeting, strategic plan

**BY BRANDI GARCIA WEST**  
Palacios Beacon

The Palacios Economic Development Corporation's deadline to analyze the budget for the upcoming fiscal year sneaked up upon the board, so last week's regular meeting shifted into an ad hoc budget workshop.

The most significant line item change was allocating \$100,000 to the professional services, tentatively for a full time executive director or personnel. Fortunately, City of Palacios' Finance Director Maria Ayala presented a prepared budget aiding the PEDC expediting the process. Ayala suggested the PEDC adjust the sales tax anticipated down \$25,000 in an effort to be conservative. The

board also eliminated the existing line item for the completed Main Street drainage project and the open ended "new future project"

The City's proposed budget must be presented and posted onto the City's website on Aug. 10, per Ayala, therefore, the PEDC, proceeded with a few alterations to the budget, with understanding the budget can be amended in the future if the need or desire arises. According to the Director D.C. Dunham, "the City basically does a thumbs up or thumbs down, they should not be tweaking our budget."

The board commended Ayala for proactively providing a draft budget.

**PPA's Grant Request**  
The Palacios Preservation Association re-

quested a grant investment of \$16,700 to fund: furniture, hardware/software, visitor's database, phone system, volunteer management marketing and the most thought provoking and controversial line item was a percentage of a part-time coordinator's salary. After listening to Edith Gower, PPA's spokesperson's request and some deliberation, Director Jim Meyn motioned to provide \$6,000 in funding now and revisit the remainder or another contribution post the PEDC's strategic planning; however the motion fell on deaf ears.

The board decided to table the request after they consult with their lawyer about feasibility of funding this type of request.

**Strategic Plan**  
The PEDC received the draft strategic plan

and some disappointment was expressed that the PEDC was not asked to be a focus group but others were and these alone were taken into account when structuring PEDC's goal priorities, an argument was that the PEDC could have set their own priorities, the outcome was to have a follow-up with the facilitator on July 24.

**Marketing Committee**  
Director Joanne Linden informed all the Palacios Downtown Association meeting will be held on July 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Palacios Library and the July 2026 issue of the Texas Saltwater Fishing Magazine features a full page advertisement displaying the July

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**BEACON BRIEFS**

**BBQ chicken, sausage benefit Sun. at Omars**

A BBQ chicken quarter and sausage plate benefit for the late Charles Triplett will be held Sun. (July 12) at Omar's Bar, located at 814 Henderson Ave. Serving begins at 11 a.m. until sold out. Plates are \$12 an includes chicken leg quarter, sausage, macaroni salad and beans. Walk-in or drive thru.

**Holiday Lights & Delights meet Tues. at Library**

A Palacios Waterfront Lights & Delights Planning Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tues. (July 14) at the Palacios Library, located at 326 Main St. Calling all Elves - families, local businesses, civic groups and community members. Join in transforming our beautiful town on the bay into a magical Christmas Wonderland. The goal is to bring the waterfront with Christmas cheer and joy through a fun, community-wide holiday lighting initiative.

**Registration underway for BGC fall soccer**

Registration is underway for the Boys & Girls Club of Palacios' 2026 fall soccer season. The league is for children aged 4-10 as of Aug. 31, 2026. Registration is \$93 through July 31st, with late registration \$113 (from Aug. 1 - 10). Teams will play a total of eight games from Sept. - Nov. Team sponsorships are available for \$150. Coaches and referees are needed. For more info contact, 361-972-2642.

**PALACIOS PRIDE**  
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**Celebrating America's 250th on East Bay**



**PALACIOS' South Bay Park was packed with crowds browsing over 70 vendors for last weekend's Fourth of July Celebration, presented by the Palacios Lions Club, which culminated with the fireworks show over Tres Palacios Bay. For more from the Fourth of July fun, see page 2. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)**

**PISD Education Foundation to pick-up tab for first day of school supplies**

**BY RYAN WEST**  
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Parents around the City by the Sea rejoiced at the recent announcement that the first day of school supplies for students at Palacios ISD are covered.

The Palacios ISD Educational Foundation announced last week they will be providing ALL PISD students the school supplies normally required for the 1st day of school. The supplies will be delivered to the student's classroom prior to the first day of school.

"We hope this will provide some financial relief for parents and peace knowing their child has everything they need for a successful school year," said a news release courtesy the Palacios ISD Education Foundation.

Parents may need to replace the supplies throughout the year or purchase supplies as needed.

## CofC's Poker in Palacios \$4,500 grand prize up for grabs Sat.

The Palacios Chamber of Commerce is preparing for one of its most anticipated annual events as the 14th Annual Poker in Palacios Texas Hold'em Tournament & Fundraiser returns Saturday, July 11, 2026, at the Palacios Recreation Center.

Known for combining coastal hos-



pitality, friendly competition, and community spirit, Poker in Palacios continues to attract participants from throughout Matagorda County the Coastal Bend and beyond. This year's tournament will feature a Grand Prize valued at \$4,500 (Visa gift cards), along with payouts and prizes for top

finishers.

The day begins with a delicious seafood lunch featuring Palacios shrimp at 11 a.m., followed by the Texas Hold'em Main Event. In addition to poker action, attendees can enjoy a gun raffle, 50/50 raffle, cash bar, and popular side games including Black-jack and Hi-Low.

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## Palacios Community Health Expo returns Tues. to the Palacios Community Hub

Join us for the biggest and best Palacios Community Health Expo yet!

This FREE community event is designed for the whole family with health resources, wellness activities, community connections, educational sessions, vendor booths, giveaways, and more — all in one place.

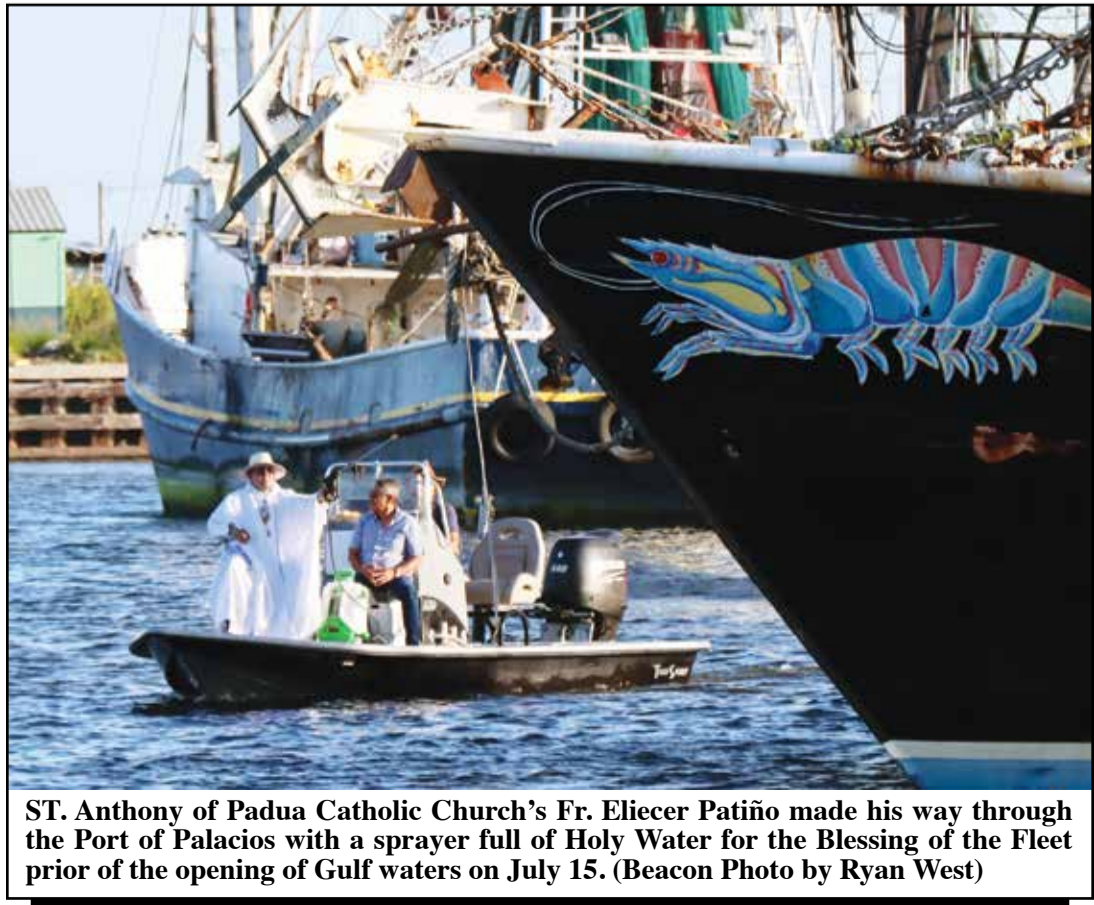
This year's Health Expo will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on next Tues. (July 14) at the Palacios Community Hub, located at 1001 5th St. in Palacios. This year's event will feature special areas dedicated just for seniors, a fun kids area, and even gardening opportunities and education for those interested in growing healthier lifestyles at home. Whether

you are looking for information, support, fitness opportunities, health screenings, or simply a fun and positive day in the community, there will truly be something for everyone.

Enjoy opportunities throughout the day including:

- Diabetes support and education
- Gardening education
- Chair yoga and regular yoga
- Zumba and movement activities
- Mental wellness information
- Community lunch and networking
- Local vendors and community resources
- Family-friendly activities

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**ST. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church's Fr. Elicer Patiño made his way through the Port of Palacios with a sprayer full of Holy Water for the Blessing of the Fleet prior of the opening of Gulf waters on July 15. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)**

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