



**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Mosquitoes**

The Streets Division is responsible for the mosquito spraying throughout the City of Portland. During the mosquito season, which typically runs from March to November (depending on weather), routine surveillance (including mosquito traps and landing counts) is used to determine frequency for mosquito spraying. Optimal spraying is conducted between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.



Mosquito Control Tips:

- Avoid outside activity at dusk and dawn during mosquito season.
- Wear protective clothing.
- Make sure that door and window screens fit tightly.
- Drain all standing water in roof gutters, trash cans, untreated swimming pools, etc.
- Properly dispose of tires, flower pots, cans (any refuse that may collect water).

Helping control the mosquito population is the responsibility of all property owners. Please be sure to maintain your property to minimize stagnant water problems for you and your neighborhood. To report mosquitoes in your neighborhood, call (361)777-4601. Please provide an accurate address to assist the city with state-required mosquito control survey tracking; if an address is not available, a street block range.

**Permitting**

The City of Portland Building Department is trained to answer questions from residents and contractors regarding the policies and procedures for construction within Portland. If you are planning any type of construction at your home or business, please contact our office at (361) 777-4553 to determine if a permit is needed. Additionally, contractors are strongly encouraged to contact us to determine whether the proper permits and registrations are completed before work commences. To avoid any additional fees or delays on your project, please contact the Building Department **BEFORE** any work begins.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Yoga—Bring a Friend Week**

The Portland and Recreation Department is pleased to offer Yoga-Bring a Friend Week with instructor Brigid Feydo from March 30th to April 3rd. Classes focus on posture, body alignment and healing. Yoga classes are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with morning sessions starting at 10:00 AM and afternoon sessions at 6:00 PM.

Drop in cost:	\$12.00		
4 Classes:	\$44.00	6 Classes:	\$52.00
8 Classes:	\$56.00	10 Classes:	\$60.00

For more information please contact the Community Center at (361) 777-3301 or the instructor, Brigid Feydo, at (361) 960-4557.

**Portland Senior Center**

**Senior Dances**

Join us at the Portland Community Center for our monthly Senior Dances. Grab your dancing shoes and come out for live music, snacks, dancing and lot of fun! Friday, April 3, 2015 from 6:30 – 9:30 PM. Cost is \$3.00 perperson.

**Portland Opry**

Join us at the Portland Community Center for our monthly Opry! Thursday, April 9, 2015. Starts at 7:00 PM. (Doors open at 6:00 PM). Cost is \$7.00 per person.

**Game Days**

We have Game Days at the Senior Center on the second Wednesday of the month. Come join your friends for light refreshments, cards, dominos and bingo. Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Free for all to participate.

**Portland Aquatic Center**

**Seasonal Hours**

**January 1-May 30, 2015**

6:30 AM - 9:00 AM Monday-Friday (Competition Pool Only)  
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. (Competition Pool Only).

**May 2-31, 2015**

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM Saturday

**Admission Prices:** Children & Adults \$4.00. Seniors (60 and over) \$3.00. Children under 2 are free.

**Umbrella Parties**

Reserve an umbrella for your party. Rent includes either 6 tables or 4 tables for 2 hours during general swim time. Bring your own food, cake and beverages. Registration for parties begins April 27, 2015. All registrations are held at the Portland Community Center. Available party times:

**Spring Parties**

May 2-May 29, 2015

12:00-2:00 PM Saturdays

**Summer Parties**

May 30-August 23, 2015

12:00-2:00 PM Tuesday-Sunday

3:00-5:00 PM Tuesday-Sunday

For more information please contact the Community Center at (361) 777-3301.

***Join Us For A SPLASH COURSE In Pool Safety!!!!***

**April 25, 2015** - Come Join us at the Portland Aquatic Center for a **FREE** special event from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



## CITY OF PORTLAND

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### Code Enforcement

Please take time to inspect your property for any stacks, heaps, piles of old lumber, refuse, junk, old cars, machinery or machinery parts, garbage, trash, rubbish, scrap material, piles of bricks and old appliances. Clutter can be unsightly and may harbor reptiles, rodents or other wildlife. It can also create a fire hazard or result in unsanitary conditions. Please remove any clutter located on your property. The City of Portland does offer bulk pick-up and it can be arranged by calling (361) 777-4601. If you have any questions contact Code Enforcement at (361) 777-4447.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Weekly library programs (After School Program on Monday at 4:00 PM, Toddler Time on Tuesday at 10:00 AM & Teen Library Lounge on Thursday at 4:00 PM).



Easter Egg Hunt Thursday, April 2nd 10:00 AM.



MakerSpace Umbrella Decorating Thursday, April 9th 6pm & Saturday, April 11th at 10:30 AM. Come out and make an umbrella so you will be ready for those April Showers!

### UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

**Avoid paying penalties by paying your utility bill on or before the 15th of each month.**

The City's Utility Billing Department encourages you to take advantage of the Bank Draft option to pay your utility bills. Bank Drafting is a convenient way to keep up with monthly billing. Bank Drafts are automatic, there is no charge for this option, and you receive a statement that shows paid by bank draft. Payments are drafted on the 15th of each month. If the 15th falls on the weekend or holiday, payment is drafted on the following business day. Call the Utility Billing Department at (361) 777-4500 to get set up **OR** go to our website at [www.portlandtx.com](http://www.portlandtx.com) to find Bank Draft Application along with many other forms for Utility Billing.



## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Do emergency responders have your number?

In an emergency, seconds count. Finding your home or business quickly can mean the difference between life and death. Emergency responders rely on clear, well-positioned house and building address numbers to find an address.



Portland ordinances require homes and businesses to display numbers in a conspicuous location. Numbers must be at least 3 inches high and of a color that contrasts with the background. Painted curb address numbers are helpful, but they do not satisfy the requirement to have building numbers. Buildings that are situated one hundred feet or more from the roadway, or that are obscured by vegetation or fencing, must install numbers close to the roadway. It is unlawful to remove or deface address numbers on a home or building except for repair or replacement.

### National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 12-18, 2015

The Portland Police Department will be celebrating National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 12-18, 2015. 9-1-1 Dispatchers are our true first responders. They are rarely seen, but always heard. They are the calm person on the phone when a citizens calls with an emergency, whether it be police, fire or EMS related. Dispatchers are the heroes that work behind the scene keeping it altogether.



Join us in thanking our Portland Telecommunicators: Supervisor Monte McCollum, Kathy Jones, Phil Regalado, Ylianna Chapa, Rudy Espinoza, Johnny Brooks, Sonny Slovik and Rycya Martinez



## Windfest 2015

April 17-19

Portland Community Center Grounds  
2000 Billy G Webb Drive in Portland

Thursday, April 16th, 6 pm - 10 pm Carnival Only  
Friday, April 17th, 6:00 pm - Midnight  
Saturday, April 18th, 10 am Windfest Parade  
Saturday, April 18th, 11 am - Midnight  
Sunday, April 19th, Noon - 5 pm

Thursday, April 16th - \$15.00 Wrist Bands for Carnival - no gate entry fee  
Friday, April 17th - \$5.00 Gate Entry - 6 and under FREE  
Saturday, April 18th - 11:00am-5:00pm - \$5.00 Gate (6 and under Free)  
After 5pm - \$10.00 Gate Entry Fee  
Sunday, April 19th - \$5.00 Gate entry (6 and under Free)

Parking Fee - \$3.00 per vehicle, all parking fee proceeds go to the Lion's Club or Operation Graduation to support children's activities, scholarships and a safe Graduation Party for GPISD Seniors.

### Carnival Wrist Bands

Thursday, April 16, 6 pm - 9 pm: \$15  
Friday, April 17, 6 pm - 9 pm: \$20  
Saturday, April 18, 11 am - 6:00 pm: \$20  
Saturday, April 18, ALL DAY WRIST BAND: \$25  
Sunday, April 19, Noon - 5 pm: \$20.00

Carnival Wrist Band purchase does not include Windfest Entry Fee.

