



PARKS AND RECREATION

Kidz Klub 2015-2016

Kidz Klub registration for the 2014/2015 school year is ongoing. Kidz Klub is an after school program held at GP Intermediate, Andrews Elementary, TM Clark Elementary and East Cliff Elementary. The program is licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Activities include games, arts and crafts projects, guest presentations and special events. \$60.00 registration fee, \$95.00/month. Ages 5-12 (5 year olds must be entering Kindergarten in the fall). Monday – Friday, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, excluding holidays.

Kidz Dayz

Kidz Dayz is an all-day recreation program offered during school holidays and teacher in-service days (note: this program is not provided on City holidays). Children in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join the fun at T.M. Clark Elementary. Activities will include arts and crafts, organized recreational play, games, prizes, and lots of other fun. A morning and an afternoon snack will be provided. Children must provide their own lunches. Contact the Portland Community Center at 361-777-3301 for dates. Register 2 weeks in advance and pay a discounted fee of \$15.00

Boo Bash Triathlon

Come join the us and Al Willeford Chevrolet in the 3rd Annual Boo Bash Triathlon Festival! We have something for everyone from the weekend warrior to the accomplished athlete.

<u>NEWBIE</u> 200 yard swim, 6 mile bike, 1 mile run	\$60.00
<u>SPRINT TRI</u> 400 yard swim, 14 mile bike, 5k run	\$75.00
<u>SPRINT RELAY</u> 400 yard swim, 14 mile bike, 5k run	\$100.00

Each finisher will receive a t-shirt, medal, food and entertainment! Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 8:00 AM at the Joe Burke Pavilion (Aquatic Center) Register at www.Itsyourrace.com

BOO BASH!

Calling all ghosts and goblins! Come out to enjoy the Annual Boo Bash! Events will include a costume contest for children and pets, a pumpkin decorating contest, carnival games and inflatable slides. Contests will be limited to the first 30 who preregister in each age group. Registration ends promptly at 6:45 PM on the day of the event. Event is FREE! Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Joe Burke Pavilion. Register 6:00-6:45 PM, the day of the event if you want to participate in the Costume contest at 7:00 PM.

The Bloodmobile will also be on-site. Parents: Donate blood and save a life! It's an easy way to make a big difference in your community while attending this FREE event!

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, September 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

Portland Opry

Did you know there is an Opry in Portland? We are on the Opry circuit of the Coastal Bend to bring you evenings filled with entertainment and fun! Doors open at 5:30 PM. Join us for dinner! Hot food available at extra cost. Come on down and enjoy the show! Thursday, September 10. Show starts at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$7 per person.

Hummingbird Tour



Come see hummingbirds as they migrate to South Texas. Reserve your seat on the bus as we head to Rockport. Seats are limited so call now at (361) 643-9431. Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Meet at Senior Center. And it is FREE!!!

Silver Sneakers

The Silver Sneakers Fitness Program is a comprehensive older-adult fitness program that addresses the needs of the Medicare population (age 65+). It is a chair-based fitness class. Silver Sneakers focuses on retraining useful movements that decline with age. This is a great class with activities paced for you, set to fun, catchy tunes. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10:30 AM, at the Portland Community Center. No cost to Silver Sneakers members; \$4 for Senior Citizens.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trash/Recycling Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving: Residences and businesses regularly scheduled for Thursdays will have their service on Saturday, November 28.

Christmas/New Year's Day: Both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Friday this year; so there are no trash or recycling services on Fridays in Portland, therefore there will be no change in trash and recycling schedules during December.

Updated trash/recycling/bulk pickup schedules through the end of the year are available at <http://www.portlandtx.com/index.aspx?NID=255>. We anticipate the 2016 Trash/Recycling/Bulk calendars to be available on the website mid-December. If you have any questions, please call our office at (361) 777-4601.

Watering Restrictions

Portland is still under Stage 2 watering restrictions. The lake levels are still above 30% at this time. No watering between the hours of 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM except by using the hand watering method with a positive shut off. For any other method, water only on your trash day (unless you have a Water Use Permit). Any changes will be available on the website at www.portlandtx.com.

School is back in session....



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BELL WHITTINGTON LIBRARY NEWS

SUMMER READING WRAP-UP:

WOW!!! The numbers are in! 458 Reading Certificates were turned in to the Library directly and through Mr. Kippy's outreach! Fantastic job, everyone! More than 350 people attended the Readers' Pool Party—Summer Reading 's grand finale! A special thanks to all our volunteer helpers! A great big thank you to all of our Summer Reading 2015 sponsors for the super prizes:

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Portland Aquatic Center

Teen Advisory Group

Texas State Aquarium

Applebee's

Whataburger

31 raffle winners won bikes, iPods, a Wubble Bubble ball, a scooter, a selfie booth, and many more great prizes! First Place winners in our book mark contest will have their winning bookmarks printed and available to all at the front desk.

GET READY FOR THE EVER-POPULAR TEENS ONLY MUM & GARTER MAKERSPACE FOR YOUTHS IN GRADES 7-12!

Thursday September 10 5-7 pm
Saturday September 12 12-2 pm

Come to the Library to preregister—**IN-PERSON REGISTRATION REQUIRED! NO ONE ADMITTED WITHOUT A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM**

Better hurry—this one fills up quickly!
PLEASE NOTE: TO ALLOW MORE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE, YOU MAY ATTEND ONE CLASS ONLY—BUT NOT BOTH!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Resumes Monday September 14 at 4 PM

TODDLER TIME

Resumes Tuesday September 15 at 10 AM

TEEN LIBRARY LOUNGE

Resumes Thursday, September 17, 4:00-6:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

Book-a-Palooza is coming again!

Saturday October 10, 2015

This is a 1 day FREE event to focus on early childhood literacy. Event includes FREE books, storybook characters, theme tents entertainment and lots of reading fun!

Changes in credit card sales

In the wake of many large-scale data breaches and increasing rates of counterfeit credit card fraud, U.S. card issuers are rolling out a new technology to protect consumers and reduce fraud. Beginning in October, credit and debit cards will contain a chip that will require users to insert their card into a machine instead of swiping it. The chip cards are expected to be in place and widely used by the end of 2015.

For your protection, starting October 1, 2015, the City will no longer accept credit or debit card payments over the phone. All City offices that take credit or debit cards will switch their point-of-sale equipment to accept chip cards by October 1, 2015. Once the new chip card comes out, vendors like the City will make the City become liable, or responsible, for payments made by phony credit or debit cards.



This new type of card improves fraud protection for consumers, as well as the City. This new chip card changes the way users make payments, and the way the City takes payments. Customers can still make credit or debit card payments in person or through our online payment service. If you want to make a utility payment or municipal court payment online please go to our website at www.portlandtx.com. If you have any questions please call us at City Hall (361) 777-4500.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

- ◆ Observe school zone signs and drive the proper speed limit
- ◆ Remember to watch for school buses and to stop when the bus is unloading and loading children
- ◆ Make sure your child is properly protected when riding a bike to school, and knows the rules of the road



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Do you or someone you know need Literacy assistance? Call us. The San Patricio County Adult Literacy offers free tutoring for Reading, Writing, and Communicating in English. These classes are offered at no cost to adults (17 yrs. & older) living or working San Patricio County. Additional classes offered are pre-GED and Citizenship preparedness as well as English classes for English as Second Language (ESL) participants. Registration forms may be obtained at the library or by contacting the SPCALC office at (361) 364-2310 or by email at sanpatliteracy@yahoo.com. Register today, classes start in September.

Clases de Inglés ¿Necesite ayuda en aprender a leer, escribir, o para comunicar en inglés? Llámenos. El condado de San Patricio oferta clases para aprender leer, escribir, y comunicando en inglés. Estas clases son ofrecidas en ningún costo a adultos (17 años. y más viejo) viviendo o trabajando San Condado de Patricio. Las clases adicionales ofrecieron son pre-GED y preparación de Ciudadanía. Los formularios de inscripción pueden ser obtenidos en la biblioteca o contactando la oficina de SPCALC en (361) 364-2310 o sanpatliteracy@yahoo.com Regístrese hoy mismo, las clases comienzan en Septiembre.