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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### Summer Kidz Kamp T.M. Clark Elementary

2250 Memorial Pkwy.  
Mon.-Fri., each week through  
Aug. 4, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
For details, call 361.777.4670.

### Dive-In Movies at the Aquatic Center

Thu., July 6, 9:00-11:00 p.m.  
\$3 per person; no passes  
For details, call 361.777.4670.

### Friday Family Movie Bell/Whittington Library

Movies start at 2:00 p.m.  
July 7—*Lego Batman*;  
July 14—*Rock Dog*;  
July 28—*Smurfs, The Lost Village*  
For details, call 361.777.4560.

### National Parks and Recreation Day Community Center and the Aquatic Center

Wed., July 12  
Visit during regular hours  
and play for free  
For details, call 361.777.4670.

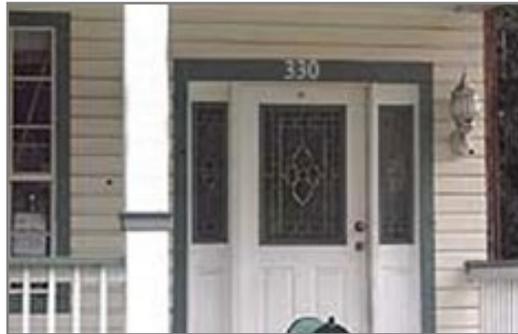
### Portland Opry Community Center

Thu., July 13, 7:00 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
For details, call 361.777.4670.

**Classics & Coffee**  
Bell/Whittington Library  
Classic movie & refreshments  
Fri., July 14, 9:30 a.m.  
For details, call 361.777-4560.

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## VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBERS ESSENTIAL TO FIRST RESPONDERS



Most people never think about their house number—but they should. For starters, a City of Portland ordinance requires home or business owners to display their address number so that it is clearly visible from the street. Just as importantly, emergency response crews need to find addresses as quickly as possible when called. They rely on house numbers for quick reference.

The following are tips from the Portland Fire Department:

- Use a different color than the background of the building or surface the number is on.
- Use block style numbers in bold type. Do not spell the numbers out.
- Use a minimum of 3-inch numbers on residential buildings and 4-inch numbers on commercial buildings.

- Do not place numbers in areas that will be blocked by trees, bushes, or vehicles.
- Light the area where numbers will be placed.
- Place numbers at a high level—like on the eave. If placed by the door, mount the numbers approximately five feet high and facing the street.
- If your home or business is more than 100 feet from the street, place the numbers by your driveway.

If the numbers on your home are not easy to find or read, it will take longer for crews to reach you. Victims of heart attack, stroke, or choking need immediate care. Minutes can mean the difference between life and death—so take a minute to see that your address is clearly visible.

## CHRISTMAS & KID KATCH ON SUMMER SCHEDULE

Ole' St. Nick will be back in town on his annual summer sojourn to Portland, heralding in the fourteenth *Christmas in July* event. Slated for Saturday, July 22, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., *Christmas in July* boasts lots of holiday-themed games and refreshments. Be sure to bring a camera to capture photos with Santa and his special guests.

The event will be held at the Aquatic Center (2002 Billy G. Webb Dr.). Regu-

lar admission prices apply.

And mark your calendar for the up-coming *Kid Katch* event on Sat., Aug. 5. The annual fishing event is free and will be held at Indian Point Pier. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon (fishing ends at 11:00 a.m.) This is a measure and release event open to those 17 and under. There are three age groups; first, second, and third- ...continued on page 2

## SUMMER READING WRAPS WITH WET FINALE

Everybody in for the Reader's Pool Party! All summer readers, that is. The pool party marks the official end of the Bell/Whittington Public Library's Summer Reading program.

Kids that complete the initial reading sheet are eligible to attend, along with a parent or guardian. Reading sheets are due Monday, July 17, so there's still plenty of time to be part of the Summer Reading program. The Reader's Pool Party is scheduled Friday, July 21, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Aquatic Center, located at 2002 Billy G. Webb Dr.

Ongoing activities include Summer Afternoon programming for kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, held on Mondays (July 3, 10, & 17), at 3:00 p.m.; Summer Kids Time on Tuesdays (July 11 & 18) at 10:00 a.m., featuring stories, crafts, and activities for infants through preschool; and, Teen Library Lounge for grades 7-12, on Thursdays (July 6, 13, and 20) from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Book clubs are also a great retreat from the heat this summer. In July, the library is offering the following book clubs: Mystery Book Club for Adults on Thursday, July 6, at 6:30 p.m. (Book: *Plum Island* by Nelson DeMille); Teen Book Club (grades 9-12) on Thursday, July 13, at 12:30 p.m. (Book: *The Things They Carried* by Tom O'Brien); and, Tween Book Club on Thursday, July 18, at 12:30 p.m. (Book: *The False Prince* by Jennifer Nielsen).

For other programs or for details on the Summer Reading program, call the library at 361.777.4560 or visit [PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com).

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-place prizes for the biggest fish will be awarded in each age category. The first 200 registrants receive a *Kid Catch* t-shirt. Lunch will be provided for everyone.

A school supply drive is part of this year's *Kid Catch*. Please bring new school supplies to donate to the G-PISD, and make a difference in the life of a child in your community.

For more information on these and other programs offered through the Portland Parks & Recreation department, call 361.777.4670.

## HIKE & BIKE BRIDGE SET TO OPEN BY SUMMER'S END

The Railroad Hike & Bike Trail elevated bridge is scheduled to be open by the end of summer. When complete, the bridge will connect two of Portland's most popular parks, Violet Andrews and Sunset Lake. Called the Railroad Hike and Bike Project because of its location on land that was formerly used as railroad right-of-way, the project is part of Portland's Park Master Plan, which details the need to develop additional trail connections in the city.

The 333-acre Sunset Lake Park is lined with a two-mile hike and bike trail. It provides an ecologically rich wetland that provides a nesting ground for migratory birds—drawing both local and visiting birding enthusiasts. The park is also popular for fishing, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, and sailing. Violet Andrews Park, a 10-acre park overlooking Corpus Christi Bay, has been developed as a wildlife and birding sanctuary, and features a hike and bike trail along the bay. It is also a favorite for kite surfers both locally and from around the country.

## RECREATION PROGRAMS IN JULY

Recreation programs to make summer special are on-going through the Portland Parks & Recreation department. Here are some of the offerings in July:

### Aqua Aerobics

Portland Aquatics Center, 2002 Billy G. Webb Dr.

Tuesday-Friday, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Pass I: Wednesday/Friday \$20

Pass II: Tuesday/Thursday \$20

Pass III: Tuesday-Friday \$30

### Park It!

Block parties at a different park **every Thursday from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

July 6 – Oakridge Park, 2233 Memorial Pkwy.

July 13 – Moser Park, 411 Seco Dr.

July 20 – Briar Bluff Park, 1530 Briar St.

July 27 – Violet Andrews Park, 154 Elm St.

### Tennis Camp

East Cliff Park, 301 Georgia Pl.

Mon.-Thu., July 10-13, Ages 6-16

### Volleyball Camp

Community Center, 2000 Billy G. Webb Dr.

Mon.-Thu., July 17-20, times vary by age group

### Baseball Camp

G-P High School Baseball Field

Mon.-Thu., July 18-21, times vary by age group

### Schitterbahn Day Trip for Teens

Tue., July 18, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Teens (ages 13-16) will enjoy a day of water rides and friendship. Cost is \$50 per teen.

Fitness classes including yoga and Zumba, as well as the SilverSneakers program, are offered weekly at the Community Center. [For information on these and other programs](#), visit [PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com) or call 361.777.4670.