



the Breeze

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Adult Coloring Session
Bell/Whittington Public Library
Wed., Aug. 2, 6:00 p.m.
For details, call 361.777.4560.

Mystery Book Club (Adults)
Bell/Whittington Public Library
Thu., Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m.
For details, call 361.777.4560.
Book: Love You More, by Lisa Gardner

Dive-In Movies
at the Aquatic Center
Thu., Aug. 3, 9:00-11:00 p.m.
Movie: Trolls
\$3 per person; no passes
For details, call 361.777.4670.

Senior Dances
Community Center
Fri., Aug. 4, 6:30 p.m.
For details, call 361.643.9431.

Kid Katch
Indian Point Pier
Sat., Aug. 5, 9:00 a.m.– Noon
For details, call 361.777.4670.

Portland Opry
Community Center
Thu., Aug. 10, 7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
For details, call 361.777.4670.

End-of-Summer Party
Portland Senior Center
Fri., Aug. 25, Noon
For details, call 361.643.9431.

MUNICIPAL PARK AND SPORTS COMPLEX SET TO DEBUT



“There will be no place like Portland when we are finished.”

Those words were spoken by Reed Seaton, CEO of Hellas Construction, the company building Portland’s sports fields at Municipal Park and the Sports Complex, at the groundbreaking last year. Hellas is anticipated to turn the parks over to the city before this fall and, if all goes as expected, the project will come in on time and on budget.

As Hellas completes the final phases of each of the parks, Portland residents will soon get to see for them-

selves. Plans are underway for a grand opening to showcase the new fields for Portland residents. Details will be forthcoming as plans are finalized.

Municipal Park was built in 1968, and had not been significantly renovated since it opened. The 21-acre park now has five baseball fields, each sized for different leagues and made with Hellas’ Matrix turf, using an organic infill and protective padding under the turf.

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UTILITY BILL SCHEDULE & SERVICE INFORMATION

City of Portland utility bills are mailed on the first of every month. Payments are due on the 15th of each month; if unpaid, a 20% late fee is assessed on any remaining account balance. Accounts that are not paid by the 30th of each month are subject to disconnect.

For your convenience, the city offers

an online payment option at PortlandTX.com. (Please note that the service company charges a \$4 fee for this service.) Utility bills can also be paid at HEB.

Please contact the Utility Billing department at 361.777.4500 for questions about a utility bill.

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SPORTS FIELDS *continued...*

Renovations also include sound systems, scoreboards, batting cages, dugouts, sports lighting, common areas, concessions and restrooms, a covered basketball court, covered fitness station, a jogging trail, splash pad, a covered playground with turf surfacing, and shade structures with picnic tables and grills.

The Sports Complex opened in 1977. It has been expanded to include four softball fields, each capable of hosting soccer games in the outfield, one full-size football/soccer field—that can also be configured to three youth soccer fields, and one multi-purpose field. All are made with Hellas' Matrix turf, and a protective padding under the turf. The 33-acre park will feature a sound system, concessions and restrooms, picnic tables, dugouts, sports lighting, scoreboards, covered bleachers, batting cages, and a covered playground and splash pad.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Summer Programs

Summer activities continue at the Bell/Whittington Public Library. Children's entertainer Staci Gray brings her musical talents to town on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. Her original music gets children to sing, dance, and just be a bit silly. On Tuesday, Aug. 15, the team from the Texas State Aquarium will cross the causeway to present "Creature Tales," combining reading and wildlife to build early language skills and to encourage a curiosity about nature. The show begins at 10 a.m. and features a turtle-themed tale, along with replicas and biofacts.

Summer Reading Program

Adults in the Summer Reading Program must turn in their reading sheets by 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31. Winners will be contacted on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

For more information about this and other programs offered at the library, call 361.777.4560. Bell/Whittington Public Library is located at 2400 Memorial Parkway.

BUILDING A BETTER IGLOO IN TEXAS

The Bell/Whittington Public Library Summer Reading Program's *Build a Better World* theme spurred a cool idea in some of the young participants. Throughout May and June they gathered milk jugs and in late July, they had enough to start construction on a summer igloo. What better way to fight the summer heat than taking refuge in a Texas-style igloo.

At press time, the igloo was still under construction, but these young builders plan to have it completed in time to beat the August heat.

RECREATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Summer Camps

Summer camps wrap up with cheerleading and dance activities at the Portland Recreation Center.

Cheerleading Camp (Ages 6-16)

Portland Community Center

Mon.-Thu., Aug. 7-10

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Dance Team Camp (Ages 6-16)

Portland Community Center

Mon.-Thu., Aug. 7-10

1:00-3:00 p.m.

End-of-Summer Party

Say so long to summer at the Portland Aquatic Center's end-of-summer Liquid Luau Party on Thursday, Aug. 10, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Break out those Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts, and bring the family for an evening of music, games, and giveaways. Standard admission prices apply. No passes, please. The Aquatic Center is located at 2002 Billy G. Webb Drive.

Kidz Klub

During the school year, the City of Portland and the Gregory-Portland ISD co-sponsor Kidz Klub, an after-school program for kids from kindergarten through 5th grade. The program is offered at three G-PISD elementary school campuses: East Cliff, T.M. Clark, and W.C. Andrews. (Stephen F. Austin students can attend the program at W.C. Andrews.) For details, call Parks & Recreation at 361.777.4670.

Portland Parks & Recreation offers a full slate of recreational and fitness activities throughout the year.

[Get the details in the annual program guide, available online on the Parks & Recreation page at **PortlandTX.com**.](#) The Portland Community Center is located at 2000 Billy G. Webb Drive.

