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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

After-School Program Bell/Whittington Library

Every Monday, 4:00 p.m.
Open to grades Kindergarten-6th
For details, visit their Facebook page.

Mystery Book Club Bell/Whittington Library

Thu., Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m.
For details, visit their Facebook page.

Coloring for Grownups Bell/Whittington Library

Wed., Nov. 7, 6:00 p.m.
For details, visit their Facebook page.

Portland Farmers Market Joe Burke Pavilion

(Behind Community Center)
Sat., Nov. 3, 9:00 a.m.
For details, call 361.777.4670.

Portland Opry Portland Community Center

Thu., Nov. 8; Doors open 6:00 p.m.;
Show begins 7:00 p.m.
For details, call 361.643.9431.

Kidz Dayz All-Day Recreation Program

Community Center
Mon.-Wed., Nov. 19-21
For details, call 361.777.4670.

For information on all the programs offered through the Senior Center, Bell/Whittington Library, and Parks & Recreation check out the [2018 Program Guide](#).



COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION SCHEDULE SET

Big changes are in store for the Portland Community Center.

Opened in 1995, this is the first full-scale renovation for the multi-use center. Improvements include restoration of the interior spaces, including replacing wall coverings, flooring, bathroom renovations, gymnasium flooring, additional audio-visual equipment, and upgraded fitness areas. The redesigned center will boast a ballroom nearly double the size of the current one, with provisions to divide the space into smaller meeting and event rooms.

The \$15 million renovation is planned in phases to allow residents to continue to use the building as much as possible during construction. Site work around the Community Center has already begun in preparation for a new front entrance and expansion of the ballroom. The Community Center staff will continue to take bookings and schedule meetings and special events through March 2019.

Following this year's Christmas in

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VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE

The City of Portland will hold a Veterans Day Remembrance ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 11, to recognize those who have served this country in the U.S. military—whether in wartime or peace time. Ram Chavez and the Veterans Band of Corpus Christi will conduct the program. The ceremony begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Portland Veterans Memorial, located behind Portland City Hall at 1900 Billy G. Webb Drive.

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Portland event on Dec. 8, the fitness side of the facility will be closed. For residents with fitness memberships, there will be a small cardio room set up for use during construction. During this time, member fees will be waived, and the drop-in rate will be reduced to \$2. Yoga, SilverSneakers, Tippiie Toes, and ballet programs will continue through March. The fitness side of the building is tentatively scheduled to re-open by late spring or early summer 2019.

The ballroom and meeting spaces are anticipated to close in late spring 2019. The expansion is expected to be complete by December 2019, in time for next year's Christmas in Portland event.

KEEPING TRASH LIQUID OFF STREETS

The City has received complaints about the liquid that leaks from Republic Services' vehicles and falls onto the streets, creating a smelly nuisance. It's a common complaint in cities that have a trash or recycle service.

According to a Republic Services representative, the issue is caused by too many people throwing away liquid products in their trash and recycle carts. The trucks are sealed but are not watertight, so liquid in the garbage ends up in the bottom of the trucks and spills into the street. Republic Services has the trucks making more frequent trips to the landfill to help combat the issue and also because of the heavier weight caused by the liquids. He encouraged residents to empty liquids out of jars, cans, or other containers before disposing of them, and by keeping the lids closed on trash and recycling carts to keep out the rain. The less liquid that makes it into trash and recycle carts, the less trash liquid there is to leak onto Portland's streets.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22-23, for the Thanksgiving holidays. The Bell/Whittington Library will be closed Thursday, Nov 22-Saturday, Nov. 24. The Portland Community Center, Aquatic Center, and the Senior Center will be closed Nov. 22-23. The Community Center will resume regular hours on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The Thursday trash/recycle collection for Nov. 22 will be rescheduled for Saturday, Nov. 24.

HOLIDAY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Holiday events abound in Portland, so check your list, put on your Christmas hat, and join friends and neighbors for a wonderful Christmas season filled with events and activities for the whole family.

Parade of Lights

Santa Claus is coming to PORTLAND!

Welcome Santa to town as he travels the illuminated parade route through the community. The 2018 Christmas in Portland Parade of Lights happens at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3. The parade leaves from the Community Center parking lot at 2000 Billy G. Webb Dr.

Individuals or companies interested in participating in the parade must register their floats no later than Tuesday, Nov. 27. Forms are available at the Community Center. For more information, call 777.4670.

Christmas in Portland

The 15th Annual Christmas in Portland event, sponsored by the City of Portland and the Kiwanis Club of Portland, will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Portland Community Center, located at 2000 Billy G. Webb Dr. Festivities include Christmas crafts, photos with Santa, face painting, cookie decorating, Christmas bingo, letters to Santa, winter carnival games, refreshments, and appearances by Rudolph and Frosty! Parents should be sure to bring a camera to take photos with Santa.

The event is free and open to everyone. Participants are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to Christmas for Kids Year-Round. Make a difference in the life of a child in our community!

Pooch-a-Palooza

Calling all Christmas canines! Come to the Kaiah Dog Park and share your Christmas canine wish with Santa! Pooch-a-Palooza happens Thursday, Dec. 13, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Straight from the North Pole, Santa and his elves will be taking photos with your perky pooch. (Please note that Kaiah Dog Park rules will still be in effect during Pooch-a-Palooza.) Bring a pet donation like a blanket, towel, or toy to participate. All donations will go to Portland Animal Control and Last Chance Rescue.

Kaiah Dog Park is located at 1000 Moore Ave. For more information, call 361.777.4670.