



# the Breeze

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Friday, January 1, 2021

- Happy New Year!
- City offices closed—including the Aquatic and Community Centers
- All offices reopen for normal business hours on Monday, January 4, 2021

### Tuesday, January 5, 2021

- Portland City Council meeting
  - Portland City Hall
  - Begins at 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, January 8, 2021

- Pop into the New Year Drive Through at the Library
  - Bell/Whittington Public Library Parking Lot
  - 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 19, 2021

- Portland City Council meeting
  - Portland City Hall
  - Begins at 7:00 p.m.

For all Special Event details, please visit [portlandtx.com/517/specialevents](http://portlandtx.com/517/specialevents)

## CITY OF PORTLAND

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## CITY AMENITIES FOR RESIDENTS

The City of Portland strives to ensure our residents have high quality amenities for all ages. See the list of amenities available to you below. Please note: some facilities are not fully open or have limited services due to COVID-19. If you have questions about a facility, the contact information and website is included in each section. Current health safety protocols are provided on [portlandtx.com](http://portlandtx.com), as well.

### Special Events

The City of Portland hosts numerous special events throughout the year for our residents and visitors. Examples of special events include the annual Father/Daughter Dance, Kids Katch, Boo Bash, Mother's Day Breakfast, Pooch-a-Palooza, Summer Reading Program, monthly Farmers Markets, and more. Unfortunately, most of the special events were cancelled last year due to COVID-19. The City staff are working diligently to bring these events back safely. For up-to-date information for special events, visit [portlandtx.com/517/special-events](http://portlandtx.com/517/special-events).

### Bell/Whittington Public Library

The Bell/Whittington Library provides programs and materials in a variety of formats to meet the educational, recreational, and cultural needs of Portland residents. The staff is committed to inform, entertain, enrich, and foster self-learning through the library's collections, services, and resources. The Library's collections include books, magazines, movies, and music. Services include printing, scanning, copying, faxing, and

laminating. Services also include fun reading programs, crafts, and activities. To utilize these collections and services, please obtain a library card.

All information for the library collections, services, events and resources can be found at [portlandtx.com/181/library](http://portlandtx.com/181/library) or by calling 361-777-4560. A library card is required to utilize most services. To apply for a library card, please visit [portlandtx.com/529/library-card](http://portlandtx.com/529/library-card).

The Library is not fully open at this time. Patrons may borrow items, obtain services, and pick up craft materials by utilizing the Library's curbside services. For instructions on how to use the Library's curbside service, please visit [portlandtx.com/715/how-to-curbside-service](http://portlandtx.com/715/how-to-curbside-service). Please note: The Library does plan to gradually reopen throughout the year. Please visit the Library's website for reopening updates and upcoming event details.

### Community Center - Fitness

The Portland Community Center was completed renovated into a state-of-the-art facility in 2019. The Community Center now has a large fitness facility with new high quality fitness machines and cardio equipment. The fitness facility also has hand weights, kettlebells, an indoor track, and full basketball court. The basketball court has markings for volleyball and pickleball, as well.

Information for memberships to the Community Center fitness facility can be found at [portlandtx.com/138/membership-rates](http://portlandtx.com/138/membership-rates). Purchase a membership by January 30, 2021, for a 10% discount! To purchase a

## CITY AMENITIES FOR RESIDENTS, cont.

**Community Center - Fitness, cont**  
membership please call 361-777-4670 or visit the Portland Community Center at 2000 Billy G. Webb Drive.

**Community Center - Room Rental**  
The meeting rooms in the Portland Community Center are available to rent for a variety of events including weddings, meetings, church, and more. Each room has modern audio-visual systems, oversized screens, and onsite food preparation. To learn more about the details for renting a room for your next event, please call 361-777-4684 or visit [portlandtx.com/675/meet-portland](http://portlandtx.com/675/meet-portland).

**Aquatic Center**  
The Portland Aquatic Center is a year-round outdoor facility featuring a splash pad and two pools—recreation and competition. Each pool has numerous amenities including diving boards, slides, and large shade structures with lawn furniture. The Aquatic Center hosts swim lessons, fitness classes, and special events throughout the year. Additionally, the Aquatic Center is available for private party rentals and life guard training courses at certain times. Please note: most amenities for the Aquatic Center are limited due to COVID-19. Please call ahead to confirm availability and schedule before visiting.

For information on hours of operation, memberships, classes, rentals, and special events, please visit [portlandtx.com/127/aquatic-center](http://portlandtx.com/127/aquatic-center) or call 361-777-0792 or 361-777-4670. Purchase a membership by January 30, 2021, for a 10% discount! The Aquatic Center is located at 2002 Billy G Webb Drive.

**Skate Park**  
The Portland Skate Park is 13,524 square-feet of concrete with a ramp, grind pad, half bowls, a kidney-shopped bowl, flat-bank rail, and more. There are lights at the Skate Park for the safety of all users, as well. For rules, hours of operation, and rental fees, please visit

[portlandtx.com/142/skate-park](http://portlandtx.com/142/skate-park) or call 361-777-4670. The Skate Park is located at 2004 Billy G Webb Drive.

**Kaiah Dog Park**  
The Kaiah Dog Park is a large off-leash dog park for you and your pets to exercise, socialize, and relax. The Kaiah Dog Park has two sections—small dogs and big dogs. Each section has various equipment for playing and training. For hours of operation and rules, please visit [portlandtx.com/490/Kaiah-dog-park](http://portlandtx.com/490/Kaiah-dog-park). The Kaiah Dog Park is located at 1001 Moore Avenue, by the Public Works building.

**Municipal Park & Sports Complex**  
The Portland Sports Complex and Portland Municipal Park were built for Portland youth and families to have world-class sports facilities to play on. Each facility has all-synthetic turf playing fields and other high quality amenities for residents and visitors to enjoy. These facilities are often used for youth association practices and games, as well as, tournaments.

Most amenities at these facilities are available for daily use at no cost. For example, Municipal Park has a splash pad, covered basketball court, covered fitness equipment, walking/jogging trail, and batting cages. The Sports Complex also has a splash pad, batting cages and a 1-acre turf multipurpose field. These amenities are available to all residents and visitors free of charge on a first come first served basis.

Each facility is available for private rentals, as well. You may rent the full facility or part of a facility. The amenities are not available to the public while the full facility is rented. For more information on rentals, hours of operations, and the facilities please visit [portlandtx.com/468/facilities](http://portlandtx.com/468/facilities) or call 361-777-4683.

**Soccer Complex & Exercise Area**  
The Portland Soccer Complex is a large open field adjacent to the Skate Park on Billy G Webb Drive. The Soccer Complex is often used by youth soccer teams for practice and games. The Soccer Complex is open to the public and surrounded by a concrete walking/jogging trail. Shaded fitness equipment is available for your use, as well as, the Joe Burke Pavilion. The Pavilion is available for rent. To rent the Pavilion, please call 361-777-4670.

**Senior Center**  
The Portland Senior Center is open to Portland residents 55-years-old and older. The Senior Center provides entertainment, events, fitness classes and trips for attendees. The Senior Center is located at 601 Wildcat Drive. Please note: The Senior Center will not reopen until COVID-19 subsides and the City can safely implement programs for our seniors. For up-to-date information on the Senior Center reopening and events, please visit [portlandtx.com/484/senior-center](http://portlandtx.com/484/senior-center) or call 361-643-9431 or 361-777-4670.

*Happy New Year*

## CONNECT WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND

The City of Portland uses several online outlets to provide updates and disseminate other important information throughout the month to keep Portland residents informed. The outlets social media, our website, and a weekly electronic newsletter (eNews). We encourage you to follow us on these platforms to ensure you are up-to-date on City news, events, and notices.

To subscribe to the weekly eNews letter, please email “subscribe” to [enews@portlandtx.com](mailto:enews@portlandtx.com). The eNews letter is sent to your email every Tuesday around 3:30 p.m. You can find the City’s Facebook, Twitter, and other social platforms by visiting [portlandtx.com/79/social-networking](http://portlandtx.com/79/social-networking).