



**Public Works**

**Drought Management Stage 2 is Currently in Effect**

The City of Portland implemented Stage 2 of its Drought Management Plan on Tuesday, July 15, 2014. The watershed that fills our water supply reservoirs has currently received significantly less than normal precipitation and is experiencing drought conditions. As a result, Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon have fallen to less than 40% of their capacity. All water customers (residential, commercial, schools, and municipal facilities) are required to implement the following water restrictions:

**The Stage 2 Restrictions include:**

- Watering with irrigation systems or hose-end sprinklers is only allowed on the residential trash day. The watering day is the residential trash day for commercial dumpster accounts, and Fridays for those customers outside of city limits without a residential trash day. If you are unable to determine the proper day, please call Public Works at 361-777-4601.
- Watering is permitted on any day, at any time, if it is done with a bucket, watering can or hand-held hose with a positive shutoff nozzle.
- Using water to wash a car, boat, etc. is only allowed on the residential trash day. Watering can only be done with a bucket, watering can or hand-held hose with a positive shutoff nozzle.
- Using water to fill a pool is only allowed on the residential trash day.
- Foundation watering is allowed any day using a hand-held hose or drip irrigation.
- Water may not run constantly through a tap, hydrant or valve and defective plumbing which results in water loss must be repaired.
- Watering down a building, driveway, sidewalk or street is prohibited.

Variances to the restrictions are available for limited circumstances (i.e., newly-planted grass and large properties requiring more than one watering day). For any questions on variance applications contact Public Works (1101 Moore Avenue or <http://www.portlandtx.com/index.aspx?NID=399>).

**Street Improvements Coming to Portland!**

In February 2014, the City's consulting engineer completed a Comprehensive Street, Parking Lot, Sidewalk, and Trail Study to develop a long-range plan for maintaining and improving infrastructure throughout Portland. The plan identifies approximately \$15,000,000 of street seal coats, overlays, rehabilitations, and reconstructions to be completed within the next six years.

The first phase of the plan is scheduled to begin construction in mid-August 2014 by applying seal coats to the following streets: Northcliff Drive, Southcliff Drive, Starlite Drive (From Denver Street To East Haven Drive), Euclid Circle, Polaris Drive, Orion Drive & Circle, Westcliff Drive, Diomedea Drive, Gulfton Drive (From Sea Gate Drive To End), Country Club Boulevard (From Broadway Avenue To Inverness Drive), Georgia Place (From Shore Drive To Broadway Avenue), 4th Avenue (From Moore Avenue To Wildcat Drive), 6th Avenue (From Moore Ave-

nue To Wildcat Drive), 7th Avenue (From US 181 To Wildcat Drive), Market Street (From W Broadway Avenue To End), Elm Street, Live Oak Drive, Hickory Drive, Post Oak Drive, Spruce Drive, Pecan Drive, Aspen Drive, and Oak Ridge Drive.

***Did you know?***

- A seal coat is an application of a layer of asphalt binder covered with a layer of aggregate applied to an existing paved surface. Seal coats are a very important part of the City's preventive maintenance program. The City would not be able to maintain the lifespan of its asphalt street network without a comprehensive seal coat program.
- Seal coats prevent water from seeping into the roadway base. Moisture makes the supporting structure under the pavement soft and traffic loads will break up the asphalt pavement and can lead to costly repairs and create inconveniences and safety hazards.
- Approximately 72 hours prior to your street being seal coated, each resident will receive a door hanger notifying them that their street is scheduled to be seal coated. It is important to turn off sprinkler systems and not park on the street the day your street is scheduled to be seal coated.
- One common concern for seal coats is the loose rock after construction. Once the contractor has ensured that the rock is securely embedded in the liquid asphalt and the liquid asphalt has time to properly harden, the loose rock will be swept to the edge of the street. Street sweepers will begin picking up the loose rock as needed and will continue sweeping until all of the loose rock is removed. This sweeping process can sometimes take several weeks. For updated schedules and information on seal coats, please visit [www.portlandtx.com/index.aspx?NID=251](http://www.portlandtx.com/index.aspx?NID=251) or call Public Works at (361) 777-4601.

**Fire Department**

Hurricane season is here! June 1<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of hurricane season and the predictions for the Gulf of Mexico vary from year to year. However, you should always be prepared for the possibility of a hurricane striking here in the coastal bend area. We have been fortunate over the past few years and have been spared from any major hurricanes striking our area. We all need to keep in mind, IT ONLY TAKES ONE!



The State of Texas has a website that has a great deal of information that you can access from your own computer that will provide you with the tools to be prepared in case of an impending storm. Don't wait till the last minute to prepare, visit [www.texasprepares.org](http://www.texasprepares.org) to acquire information that can save your life.

The Portland Fire Department is here to assist you if you have any questions. Please visit the website at [www.texasprepares.org](http://www.texasprepares.org) or come by Fire Station #2 at 595 Buddy Ganem to pick up information that can aid you in being prepared.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION

### **Park It! 2014**

Back by popular demand! Join us in YOUR park every Thursday at 6pm! We are hosting block parties at various city parks during Summer 2014! We will bring the popcorn and sno cones, you bring the family and friends. There will be food, fun and raffles to win! Mark your calendar and come out and enjoy the park with us! We will be in a park every Thursday throughout the summer! Free for all to attend!

6-8 pm.

August 7, 2014. Briar Bluff Park; 1530 Briar

August 14, 2014. Violet Andrews Park; 154 Elm

### **Portland Aquatic Center Aquatics Special Events**

#### **Dive-In Movies**

Come out for an evening swim while watching a movie on the big screen. Snacks will be provided. Passes do not apply. Thursday, August 7, 2014; Frozen; 9 - 11 pm. \$3.00/person.

#### **Liquid Luau**

Aloha! Say goodbye to another great summer season with a fun-filled evening of music, games and giveaways. Join in the limbo contest, wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, or just enjoy the evening with the family! Passes do not apply.

Thursday, August 14, 2014;

8 - 11 pm. Regular admission prices.

#### **Junior Lifeguard Camp**

This program is designed to be a community based water safety program for youth ages 11-15. Students will receive instruction in water safety, facility operations, basic work skills, lifeguard skills, first aid and CPR as well as proper nutrition. Students will receive a certificate from Jeff Ellis International Lifeguard Training Program, a t-shirt, whistle, lanyard and many hours of fun and excitement. Snacks are included. Participants must provide their own lunch.

Monday, August 11 and Friday, August 15, 2014 8 am - 4 pm. \$130.00.

#### **Little Tykes Swim**

A special time for Tots and their parents! Come enjoy the Portland Aquatic Center with your little one. This special event is for children 6 years of age and younger accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children must stay within arm's reach of a parent.

Every Wednesday June 4, 2014 - August, 20, 2014  
Saturday August 30, 2014. 10 am -12 pm. Regular admission prices.

### **3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**

Think you have skills? Prove it. Come out to the Portland Community Center and put those skills to the test. The City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament for teens between the ages of 12-17. Divisions will consist of the following age groups in both girls and boys categories: 12&13; 14&15; 16&17. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place finishers. \$ 30.00 per team (no more than 4 players per team). 12-17 ages. August 9, 2014.

### **Six Flags Fiesta Texas Day Trip**

The City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a day trip to Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio, Texas. Fiesta Texas is a 200 acre park featuring awesome rides, great shows, and incredible attractions as well as White Water Bay Water Park. We will be departing from the Portland Community Center on a charter bus at 7 am and will return at approximately 9:30 pm the same day. Please send your teen with a sack lunch or money to purchase lunch at the park. An afternoon snack will be provided. This trip will be monitored by staff members that are trained in CPR/ First Aid. Space is limited. Must have a minimum of 30 participants. \$ 50.00 per person. 13-16 ages. August 13, 2014.

### **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, August 1, 2014. 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Portland Community Center. \$3.00/person.

#### **Game Days**

Games Galore! Don't want to be stuck playing the same old games? We have Game Days at the Senior Center on the second Wednesday of the month. Come join your friends for light refreshments, cards, dominos and bingo. Wednesday, August 13, 2014. 1 pm. Senior Center. Free for all to participate.

#### **Portland Opry**

Thursday, August 14, 2014. Portland Community Center; 7 pm to 9:30 pm. \$7 per person. Doors open at 6 pm.

## **UTILITY BILLING SERVICES**

**Avoid paying penalties by paying your bills on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.** The City's Utility Billing Department encourages you to take advantage of the Bank Draft option to pay your utility bills. Bank Drafting is a convenient way to keep up with monthly billing. Bank Drafts are automatic, there is no charge for this option, and you receive a statement that shows paid by bank draft. Payments are drafted on the 15th of each month. If the 15th falls on the weekend or holiday, payment is drafted on the following business day. Call the Utility Billing Department at 361-777-4500 to get set up. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8-5.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

**Connections:** Thursday, Aug. 7. 10 am. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Thursday, Aug 7. 11 am - Teens.

**Genealogy:** Wed. Aug. 13. 3 pm. All levels of family researchers are welcome. Free refreshments!

**On Demand Computer Class** - Friday, Aug. 15. 10 am. **Topic:** Ebates & Online Shopping.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up: Ice Age Mammals;** Monday, Aug. 11. 2 pm. **Food Make Up & Other Surprises;** Monday, Aug. 18. 10 am.