



Public Works

Reminder: Drought Management Stage 2 is Currently in Effect

The City of Portland continues to be in Stage 2 of its Drought Management Plan. 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 ascertain the proper day, please call Public Works at 361-777-4601. Watering is not allowed between 10 am-6 pm.
- 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 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 www.portlandtx.com/index.aspx?NID=399).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City of Portland Explorers recently participated in State Competition in Arlington, TX. The competition was a multi day event consisting of over 16 separate events. They competed against over 80 teams from all corners of the state.



Pictured from left to right Back row: Frankie Garza, Collin Ware, Tristen Hill, Nathan Miculka, Louis Ortiz Front row: Nathan Sanchez, Iris Maldonado, Angel Aleman Officer Sponsors: Weldon Wright, Nadia Lugo

Team 1: Louis Ortiz, Angel Aleman, Nathan Sanchez, Francisco “Frankie” Garza Team 2; Nathan Miculka, Collin Ware, Iris Maldonado, Tristen Hill

Team 1 won 3rd place in Crisis Negotiations
Team 2 won 2nd place in Officer Down Rescue and First Aid.

Team 1 competed in events such as Active Shooter, DWI Traffic Stops, White Collar Crimes, Robbery In Progress, Felony Traffic Stops, Domestic Violence and Crisis Negotiations.

Team 2 competed in Bomb Threats, Officer Down/ Rescue, Burglary In Progress, Crime Scene Search, Arrest Search and Seizure Warrants, Misdemeanor Traffic Stops, Traffic Accidents

Fire Department

Fire Safety Tips for Students

Each year college and university students, on- and off-campus, experience hundreds of fire-related emergencies nationwide. There are several specific causes for fires on college campuses, including cooking, intentionally set fires, overloaded power strips and open flame. Overall, most college-related fires are due to a general lack of knowledge about fire safety and prevention.

For most students, the last fire safety training they received was in grade school, but with new independence comes new responsibilities. It is important that both off-campus and on-campus students understand fire risks and know the preventative measures that could save their lives.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, there are approximately 18,000,000 students enrolled in 4,100 colleges and universities across the country. Since the 2000 academic year, 86% of the campus-related fire fatalities have occurred in off-campus housing where approximately two-thirds of students live.

Cooking

- Cook only where it is permitted.
- Keep your cooking area clean and uncluttered.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- If a fire starts in a microwave, keep the door closed and unplug the unit.

Smoking

- Make sure cigarettes and ashes are out. Never toss hot cigarette butts or ashes in the trash can.
- Use deep, wide ashtrays. Place ashtrays on something sturdy and hard to ignite.
- After a party, check for cigarette butts, especially under cushions. Chairs and sofas catch on fire fast and burn fast.
- It is risky to smoke when you have been drinking or are drowsy.

Many other factors contribute to the problem of dormitory housing fires including:

- Improper use of 911 notification systems delays emergency response.
- Student apathy is prevalent. Many are unaware that fire is a risk or threat in the environment.
- Evacuation efforts are hindered since fire alarms are often ignored.
- Building evacuations are delayed due to lack of preparation and preplanning.
- Vandalized and improperly maintained smoke alarms and fire alarm systems inhibit early detection of fires.
- Misuse of cooking appliances, overloaded electrical circuits, and extension cords increase the risk of fires.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Boo Bash Triathlon

Come join us and Al Willeford Chevrolet in the 2nd Annual Boo Bash Triathlon Festival! We have something for everyone from the weekend warrior up to the elite athlete!

Saturday, October 18, 2014. Joe Burke Pavilion, Portland Aquatic Center. 8 am.- \$60.00

Sprint - \$75.00. Sprint Relay - \$100.00. Register:

Itsyourrace.com.

Boo Bash

Calling all Ghosts and Goblins! Come out to enjoy the 9th Annual Boo Bash. Events will include a costume contest for children and pets, a pumpkin decorating contest, carnival games and inflatable slides. Contests are limited to the first 30 pre-registered in each age group. Registration ends promptly at 6:45pm. **The Blood Mobile will be on site; parents, donate blood and save a life. An easy way to make a big difference in your community while attending this FREE event!**

Saturday, October 25, 2014. 6 pm – 9 pm. Joe Burke Pavilion, 2003 Billy G. Webb. Free 6 pm-6:45 pm, day of the event (costume contest begins @ 7 pm).

Kidz Klub 2014-2015

Kidz Klub registration for the 2014/2015 school year is ongoing. Kidz Klub is an after school program held at GP Intermediate, Andrews Elementary, TM Clark Elementary and East Cliff Elementary. The program is licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Activities include games, arts and crafts projects, guest presentations and special events. \$60.00 registration fee, \$95.00/month. Ages 5-12 (5 year olds must be entering Kindergarten in the fall). Monday – Friday, 3 pm – 6 pm, excluding holidays.

Portland Senior Center

Senior Dance

Friday, September 5, 2014. 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Portland Community Center. Music by Bud Whittington. \$3 per person.

Senior Game Day

Wednesday, September 10, 2014. 1 pm to 3 pm. Portland Senior Center.

Portland Opry

Thursday, September 11, 2014. 7 pm to 9:30 pm. \$7 per person. Doors open at 6 pm.

Portland Aquatic Center

August 25-September 30, 2014:

6:30 am – 9 am Monday-Friday Competition Pool Only
5 pm – 7:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Competition Pool Only - 12 pm - 4 pm Saturday Competition and Recreation Pool

* The Portland Aquatic Center will be open Saturday, August 30 through Monday, September 1, 2014 from 12 pm-4 pm in observance of Labor Day.

* Facility open weather permitting

Umbrella Parties

Reserve the blue or red umbrella for your party which includes exclusive use of the blue umbrella with 6 tables or the red umbrella with 4 tables for 2 hours during general swim time. Bring your own food, cake and beverages. Registration for parties begins March 24, 2014. All registrations are held at the Portland Community Center.

Fall Parties

August 25 – September 30, 2014 12 pm– 2 pm. Saturday

Basic Umbrella, Red: \$40 plus entry fee of each guest.

Basic Umbrella, Blue: \$50 plus entry fee of each guest.

After Hours Rentals

The Portland Aquatic Center is available to rent for your special occasion! The cost includes exclusive use of the Portland Aquatic Center and lifeguard staff. Bring your own food, cake and beverages. Registration for summer and fall parties begins March 24, 2014.

Fall Parties

August 25 – September 30, 2014. 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm..7 pm – 9 pm. \$220.00 up to 100 people, each additional 50 guests is \$55 extra.

Portland AquaCats Swim Team

Whether you're training for a tri, looking for a challenge, want to stay in shape, or just want to meet new friends, the City of Portland has something for you! USA certified Coach Mic Nelson will join us, so come on out and join the Portland AquaCats Swim Team. Ages 5 and up. Monday and Thursday evenings beginning September 8, 2014. 6 pm-7 pm. \$140.00

UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

We would like to encourage all of our customers to participate in the City's recycling program. The following are tips on how to recycle:

- Labels do **not** need to be removed from bottles or containers.
- Remove and dispose of lids from metal cans, plastic bottles, and jars.
- Food containers should be clean (rinsed) before putting in recycle bin.
- Keep newspaper dry and separate from other kinds of paper.
- You may separately bag or box mixed paper and cardboard.
- Flatten boxes and corrugated cardboard to less than two feet.
- Light bulbs, dishes and mirrors are **not** recyclable.
- Glass is **not** accepted.



LIBRARY NEWS

Join us every Thursday morning at 10 & 11am for Story Time with Mr. Kippy at the Bell/Whittington Public Library.

- After School Program begins Monday, Sept. 15th at 4 pm in the library meeting room. Science, crafts and holiday celebration fun for Kinder thru 6th grade.
- Toddler Time begins Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 10 am for preschool aged children. Join Mrs. Dorothy for stories, finger plays and crafts.
- Fall Mesh Wreath Makerspace Saturday, Sept. 20th \$15 supply fee. Contact the library to register and secure a spot as space is limited.
- Homecoming Mums & Garters Workshop Friday, Sept. 26th 10 am for Adults
- Homecoming Mums & Garters MAKERSPACE, Saturday, Sept. 27th 10 am for Adults & Teens
- Coupon Swap Thursday, Sept. 25th 6 -7 pm.

2014 TASTE OF PORTLAND, "Feast at the King's Table"

Thursday, September 18, 2014 NorthShore Country Club 6:30 pm. All are invited. For more information call (361) 643-2475 www.portlandtx.org