

PARKS AND RECREATION

Join us for a free **SPLASH COURSE** in pool safety!!! Our first ever *Play at the Pool* day! Summer is right around the corner and we know you and your family can't wait to make a splash! Water is fun and refreshing but can be dangerous if safety precautions are not in place. Join us for a safety session of the H²O kind! Visit with vendors, watch demonstrations and jump in our pool for some safe play. Saturday, May 3, 2014; 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM; Portland Aquatic Center. Free - all children must be accompanied by an adult to enter. No registration necessary.

Summer Kidz Kamp 2014

Kidz Kamp is an all day camp at a GPISD campus beginning June 9, 2014. Kampers participate in activities including outdoor games, arts & crafts projects, special events, and offsite field trips to North-Shore 8 Movie Theater as well as swimming at the Portland Aquatics Center. For more information, please call 777-3301. Registration begins April 26th \$60.00 registration fee and \$75.00 per week (if registered for the entire summer). \$60.00 registration fee and \$90.00 per week if NOT attending ALL summer. Ages 5-12 (5 year olds must be entering Kindergarten); 7:00am – 6:00pm, June 9 through August 15, 2014.

Mother/son dance

By popular demand! The Portland Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting its inaugural Mother/Son Dance. All school age boys are invited to bring their mother, grandmother, aunt, sister or other mother figure to the event. The Community Center will be decorated in a Country Western theme and snacks will be provided. Current pop music and boys favorites will be spun by a professional DJ. A photographer will be available at an additional cost. Guests are asked (but not required) to wear country western attire. Purchase your tickets at the Portland Community Center and all Kidz Klub sites. Friday, May 9, 2014; 6:30-9:30 PM; Portland Community Center; \$15.00/couple, \$7.00/additional child

Portland Aquatic Center upcoming events

Seasonal Hours (Competition Pool Only)

- January 1 – April 30, 2014
 - 6:30-9:00 AM Monday-Friday
 - 5:00-7:30 PM Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
- May 10-17, 2014
 - Open Saturdays Noon-4:00PM
- Open Saturday, May 24, 2014 through Monday, May 26, 2014 from Noon-4:00 PM for Memorial Day weekend.

Summer Hours (Competition and Recreational Pools)

- May 31-August 24, 2014 Noon-6:00 PM Tuesday-Sunday
- Closed Mondays

Admission Prices: Children & Adults \$4.00. Seniors (60 and over) \$3.00. Children under 2 are free.

Quarterly Pass*- Resident

Individual:	\$ 77.00
Family:	143.00
Senior:	66.00

Annual Passes*- Resident

Individual	\$143.00
Family:	270.00
Senior:	116.00

Quarterly Pass Non-Resident

Individual:	\$ 99.00
Family:	115.00
Senior:	66.00

Annual Passes – Non-Resident

Individual	\$ 204.00
Family	336.00
Senior	116.00

**Passes exclude special events*



THE NEW WINDFEST 2014
April 11-13, 2014
 Portland Community Center Complex
 2000 Billy G. Webb Dr.
For more information, go to
www.portlandtx.org

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pharmaceutical drug drop box

In partnership with the Youth Continuum of Care Coalition, Community Coalition Partnerships, the Portland Police Department now has a pharmaceutical drug drop box placed in the lobby of the police department (1902 Billy G Webb) for proper and safe disposal of expired and unused medication. The box was generously donated by Al Willeford Chevrolet in Portland. The intent of the program is twofold:

- To encourage citizens to remove unneeded medications from their homes and thereby reduce access to addictive medications to prevent accidental or intentional misuse by others in the home; and
- To provide an environmentally safe alternative to disposing of medications in a landfill or sewer system, which may negatively impact the environment.



Medications can be dropped off anonymously anytime of the day or night. Pills may be left in their original container or can be placed in a sealed plastic baggie. Liquids must be in a sealed, unbroken plastic bottle. No glass should be placed in the drop box. To contain any leakage, bottles containing liquids can also be placed inside of a plastic baggie. No syringes will be accepted in the drop box. If you have any questions, contact the Portland Police Department at (361) 777-4444.

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LIBRARY NEWS

- After school:** Every Monday, 3:30-5PM
- Toddler Time:** Every Tuesday 10-11AM
- Teen Library Lounge:** Every Thursday 4-6PM
- Mr. Kippy:** Every Thursday at 9AM and 10 AM
- E-Reader University:** One-on-one assistance with your e-reader Tuesdays 3-5PM
- On demand computer class:** April 25, 10-11:30AM
Google Gadgets
- Genealogy workshop:** Wednesday, April 16, 2014. 3PM
- Bridge lessons:** Every Friday in March from 1:30-3:30 PM. Beginners or advanced players are welcomed. Please feel free to bring food and drink to enjoy while you play.
- Couponing to save:** Saturday, April 5 Noon-2 PM
Come learn how to do it from the pros and enjoy a coupon exchange.

Regular Computer Classes

- Introduction to computers** is held each Monday from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM at Carriage Inn Retirement Community (401 NorthShore Blvd)
- Introduction to computers** is held each Monday from 10 AM to 11 AM at the Portland Senior Center.
- Beginners computer training** is held on Tuesdays at 10 AM at the Ingleside Dairy Queen and at 1 AM at the Ingleside Public Library.
- Basic Internet and email** are held each Wednesday from 10 AM to 11 AM at the Bell Whittington Public Library.
- Intermediate computers** is held each Wednesday from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM at the Bell Whittington Public Library.
- Beginners computer training** is held on Thursdays at 10 AM at the Portland Dairy Queen and at 1:30 PM at the Bell Whittington Public Library.
- Easter egg hunt:** Thursday, April 17, 2014 Promptly at 10 AM.

Scrabble Tournament - Thursday, April 24, 2014
Portland Community Center, 2000 Billy G Webb
Hosted by the San Patricio County Adult Literacy Council

- **Registration and Social Hour 5:30-6:15 PM**
- **6:15 PM Team Orientation.**
- **Games start promptly at 6:30 PM**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Tables of 8: \$320 - Spectators: \$20 per person**

For tickets & information contact:
(361) 364-2310 or sanpatliteracy@yahoo.com

UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

The Utility Billing Department strives to provide accurate, timely, and courteous customer service. The following information is provided to better assist all customers.

Business hours

Monday - Friday 8AM - 5PM (may be closed on holidays)
Regular monthly payments are due on or before the 15th of every month. *(This does not include disconnect notice payments.)*

Types of payments accepted

Payments may be made by the following options (include the payment coupon or account number with all payments):

- Bank Draft - An Authorization Agreement is required and may be obtained at City Hall/the City website. *This service is offered at no extra charge.*
- In person at City Hall: Cash, Checks, Money Orders, VISA, MasterCard (A \$4.00 fee is assessed for all credit/debit card payments.)
- Online – www.portlandtx.com with credit/debit card (\$4.00 fee applies)
- Mail – Payments must be post-marked by due dates to avoid additional fees.
- Drop Box – We strongly encourage the use of checks/money orders when using the Drop Box.
- HEB Grocery Store – Payments are accepted at the local HEB located at 1600 Wildcat Drive. *(Additional fees may apply)*

The Drop Box is located in the parking lot between City Hall and the Community Center to accept payments 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

For accounts not paid when due

- Late Fees – A 20% penalty is added to accounts not paid on or before the 15th.
- Disconnect Notices are sent to delinquent accounts not paid by the 15th. The disconnect date is indicated on the notice.
- A \$20.00 Disconnect Processing Fee is added to delinquent accounts not paid by the disconnect date.

The following reconnect fees are applied to delinquent accounts when service is disconnected

- \$25.00 reconnect fee when paid during regular business hours. (Plus the \$20.00 Disconnect Processing Fee.)
- \$45.00 reconnect fee when paid at the Police Department after hours. (Plus the \$20.00 Disconnect Processing Fee.)
- Service may be reconnected after regular business hours until 9PM.

Helpful tips

- Save money by paying your bill on time to avoid additional fees.
- Only use checks and money orders when using the Night Drop.
- Use the envelope and payment coupon stub provided with your bill for efficient and prompt service.

CONTACT THE UTILITY BILLING DEPARTMENT AT 361-777-4500 FOR ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR BILL/ACCOUNT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hurricane season starts June 1st and the predictions for the Gulf of Mexico vary from year to year. We have been fortunate over the past few years and have been spared from any major hurricanes striking our area. However, you should always be prepared for the possibility of a hurricane striking the Coastal Bend.

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 prepare you for an impending storm. Don't wait until the last minute to prepare, visit www.texasprepares.org to get information that can save your life.

The Portland Fire Department is ready to assist you if you have any questions. Please visit www.texasprepares.org or come by Fire Station #2 at 595 Buddy Ganem to pick up information that can help you prepare.