



## **Facing growth, City maintains focus on high standards and quality construction**

Portland is facing significant growth with the addition of at least four new area industrial developments. In the next several years, those developments could generate as many as 3,000 new jobs. We expect a large percentage of those workers to live in Portland.

To get ready for the growth, the City has invested close to \$18 million in public infrastructure improvements in the last decade to promote new residential and commercial construction. In the next five years, we will invest over \$34 million in improvements and additions to city infrastructure.

Today, there are 210 residential lots ready for building. An additional 60 lots are under construction with another 280 in various stages of planning and development. The city staff is working closely with home builders and residential developers to encourage progress on all available tracts.

Portland continues to distinguish itself from many other communities by requiring a higher standard for development and construction. Our Comprehensive Plan and a Unified Development Ordinance give guidance to developers and insure that all new buildings in Portland meet consistent and acceptable standards.

Affordable housing, built to quality standards, combined with a focus on safety, the needs of our families, and an exceptional school district, will insure Portland continues to be the Coastal Bend's premiere community for raising families.

## **Annexation**

The City of Portland has begun the process of annexing about 1,863 acres west of Portland that lies within the City's extra-territorial jurisdiction. As part of the process, the City Council will hold two separate public hearings to allow citizens and property owners to ask questions and voice concerns. City staff, representatives from the City's legal team, and consulting planners will be in attendance to answer questions. For more information on the annexation process, go to [www.portlandtx.com](http://www.portlandtx.com).

**NOTICE  
OF  
PUBLIC  
HEARING**

### First Public Hearing:

Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Calvary Lighthouse  
7251 County Road 2004  
Portland, Texas

### Second Public Hearing:

Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
City of Portland City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
1900 Billy G. Webb Drive  
Portland, Texas

## **Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule**

As the holidays are quickly approaching, the following trash and recycling routes will be affected by Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Please note that these are the **ONLY** days which regular services are affected.



Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
– affected residents will have their service Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
– affected residents will have their service Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – affected residents will have their service Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Join us in making Christmas decorations at the Library.

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – Makerspace: Christmas Paper Medallions by Horsefeathers Artistry/RoseAleta Laurell. 10am.

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – Makerspace: Deco Mesh Christmas Tree. Thur.  
Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. 6 – 8pm. \$15 supply fee due at the door.

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – Makerspace: Deco Mesh Christmas Tree. Sat.  
Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. 10:30am – 12:30pm \$15 supply fee due at the door.

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Makerspace: Fabric Yo-Yo Angels by Margaret Edwards. 6:30pm – 8pm.

Call 777-0921 to reserve your spot as space is limited.

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**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Toy Drive**

The Portland Parks and Recreation Department will host a Toy Drive to benefit Christmas for Kids Year Round. Drop off a new unwrapped toy at the Portland Community Center December 1-14, 2014. Make a difference in our community by making Christmas just a little brighter for children in Portland!

**Christmas in Portland**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in Portland event, sponsored by the City of Portland and the Kiwanis Club of Portland, will be held Thursday, December 4, 2014. Festivities will include pictures with Santa, Christmas crafts, face painting, cookie decorating, Christmas bingo, letters to Santa, hayrides, winter carnival games, refreshments and appearances by Rudolph and Frosty! Parents, be sure to bring your camera to take a picture with Santa. **All participants are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy to this FREE event. All toys will be donated to Christmas for Kids Year Round. Make a difference in the life of a child in your community!**

Thursday, December 4, 2014. 5:30pm – 8pm (Pictures with Santa begin at 5pm). Portland Community Center. Free. No registration necessary.



**Parade of Lights**

Santa Claus is coming to...PORTLAND! Welcome Santa to town as he travels the illuminated parade route through the community. The 2014 Christmas in Portland Parade of Lights will begin at 6pm on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Individuals and companies who are interested in participating in the parade may complete a registration form available at the Portland Community Center. **Don't forget about our Toy Drive benefitting Christmas for Kids Year Round. Drop off a new unwrapped toy at the Portland Community Center!** Monday, December 8, 2014. 6pm. Free. Parade floats must register by Monday, December 1, 2014.

**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, 3pm – 6pm, excluding holidays.

**Adult Co-Ed Volleyball**

Coming soon to the Portland Community Center! \$250.00 per team. 18 and above. Date/Time: TBA.

**Portland Aquatic Center**

**Winter Hours** (October 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015)

Monday – Friday 6:30 – 9 a.m.  
Mon, Tues, Thurs 5 – 7:30 p.m.

**Walk Across Texas**

Come join the Walk Across Texas Program in conjunction with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Teams can water walk, swim laps or take part in aerobics to earn miles. All mileage will be entered into the Texas A&M Walk Across Texas database and tracked to compete with other teams throughout our fine state! Register Free at the Portland Aquatic Center or for more information contact Sheri Gagliano, (361) 777-3301.



**MUNICIPAL COURT**

The Texas Driver Responsibility Program is a program that assesses surcharges in one of two methods.

**Method One:** Points are assigned to convictions on Class C moving violations as follows:

- Two points for a moving violation conviction in Texas or another state.
- Points will not be assigned for speeding less than ten percent over the speed limit or for seat belt violations.
- Two points ARE assessed for Child Safety Seat Violations.
- Convictions of a moving violation that resulted in an accident, in Texas or another state, will be assigned three points.
- Texas DPS will assess a surcharge when a driver reaches a total of six points or more on their driver record in a three-year period. This surcharge will be reviewed annually.
- If the driver record continues to reflect six or more points during the three year period, the surcharge will be assessed.

**You will be charged:**

\$100.00 for the first six points.  
\$25.00 for each additional point.

**Method Two:** Surcharges are also assessed for other convictions. No points are given for these offenses, but the surcharge is automatically charged when you are convicted. The surcharge and offense information is listed as follows:

- Driving While Intoxicated or DWI-related offense:  
First offense: \$1,000  
Second or Subsequent offense: \$1,500  
DWI with Blood Alcohol Content 0.16 or greater: \$2,000
- Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility: \$250.00
- Driving Without a Valid Driver's License (No Driver License, No CDL, No Endorsement, Operate with License for another Class Vehicle, etc.): \$100.00

Surcharges are cumulative and are automatically assessed for the convictions above. You can be assessed more than one surcharge during the same 3-year period. For example, if you receive six points and are assessed a \$100.00 surcharge, and are then convicted of failure to maintain financial responsibility during the same 3-year period, you will also be assessed an additional \$250.00 surcharge. Points will stay on your record for three years. Please contact the Texas DPS (800-424-7120) or visit the DPS Website ([www.tx.dps.state.tx.us](http://www.tx.dps.state.tx.us)) if you have any further questions.