



PUBLIC WORKS

Trash/Recycling Schedule

The 2015 Trash/Recycling/Bulk calendars have been posted on our website and are available at:

<http://www.portlandtx.com/index.aspx?NID=255>

To access your calendar click on the link above or copy the link to a browser. Check the table that shows your street. If you have any questions, please call our office at (361)777-4601.

Garage Sales

With the beginning of the New Year, many residents are preparing for spring garage sales. Here is a list of things that residents should remember when having a sale:

- Each residence is allowed 2 sales per calendar year – they must be at least 90 days apart
- Permits are \$15.00 and obtained at the Public Works office at 1101 Moore Avenue
- Be sure to come into the office before your sale begins – or no later than 4:45pm on Friday
- 3 signs are issued with each permit – 1 must go in front of the residence and the other 2 may be placed 24 hours before your sale
- Signs may NOT be altered to read differently than printed
- All garage sales will be listed on the website (unless otherwise requested). Visit www.portlandtx.com, and click on Garage Sales under the Lifestyle tab
- Don't fill out your signs until you are sure you will be having your sale – if your sale is canceled due to rain, call Public Works the next business day and we are able to reschedule your sale

UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

Avoid paying penalties by paying your bills on or before the 15th 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.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

All regular City of Portland offices will be closed in observation of Martin Luther King Day, January 19th, 2015. Emergency Personnel will be on duty.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Sweetheart Ball

The Portland Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting the 6th Annual Sweetheart Ball. All school age girls are invited to bring their father, grandfather, uncle, brother or other



father figure to the event. The Community Center will be decorated in a Frozen theme and snacks will be provided. Current pop music and Dad's favorites will be spun by a professional DJ. A photographer will be available at an additional cost. Guests are asked to wear semi-formal attire. And back by popular demand the fun photo booth and sundae bar! Tickets can be purchased at the Portland Community Center and all

Kidz Klub sites. Friday, February 13, 2015. 6:30-9:30 pm. Portland Community Center. \$15.00/couple, \$7.00/additional child.

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, January 2, 2015. 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Portland Community Center. \$3.00/person.

Portland Opry

Join us at the Portland Community Center for our monthly Opry! Thursday, January 8, 2015. 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm). Portland Community Center. \$7.00 per 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, January 14, 2015 at 1:00 pm. Senior Center. Free for all to participate.



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The Land of Possibilities

MUNICIPAL COURT

Resolutions for a Safe New Year

- Pay attention. Most people have been driving for so long; they are on autopilot when driving, especially if driving the same route every day. Take the time to actually see what you're looking at, instead of just glancing. Have you ever arrived at your destination and not remembered anything about the drive there? If so, you know how important it is to pay close attention to your driving.
- Watch out for other drivers. Remember that other drivers are just like you, they may be tired, or upset, had too much to drink, or be inexperienced. Think back to a time when you made a serious mistake while driving. Chances are at least one driver you will come into contact with will be dealing with these or other issues. So, watch other drivers and anticipate the things that can go wrong.
- Leave a few minutes early. If at all possible, try to leave early so that you will be able to react calmly to any delays that may occur. If you didn't leave early, don't try to drive too fast or aggressively to make up for the fact that you left too late. If you're already late, will it really matter to your boss if you're five minutes late as opposed to seven?
- Be courteous. Too often, we are all in a hurry, trying to get to our destinations. Many drivers have a me-first attitude; which can lead to road rage. So, think about how you would like to be treated, and then treat other drivers with the same kindness. Remember that most drivers are not trying to intentionally irritate you; they are probably just trying to their destination as quickly as possible.
- Don't talk on the cell phone or text while driving.



Have a safe and happy New Year!

RACK YOUR TILES, RACK YOUR BRAINS, AND ROUND UP YOUR FRIENDS FOR



Tournament For Literacy

Friday, March 20, 2015

5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Place: Portland Community Center
2000 Billy G. Webb
Portland, Texas 78374**

Round up your family, friends and co-workers and come play SCRABBLE in this unique, fast-paced and exciting team event. Your ticket includes food, a silent auction, and a night of old-fashioned entertainment.

**Team Table of 6 - \$240.00 Student Team of 6 - \$150.00
Spectator Ticket: \$10**

You can help change lives and establish a legacy of literacy for many San Patricio County adults and their families. Your support will provide literacy materials and instruction to adults who are working to achieve a better life by improving their literacy skills.

Join Us – for a fun evening and support our efforts to eradicate illiteracy.

Form a Team * Sponsor a Team * Volunteer

**For Team, Tickets, and Sponsorship information contact:
San Patricio County Adult Literacy Council
(361) 364-2310 * sanpatliteracy@yahoo.com
Website: www.spcalc.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/SPCALC**

SPCALC serves the communities of San Patricio County, Texas: Aransas Pass, Gregory, Ingleside, Mathis, Odem, Portland, and Taft.