



PUBLIC WORKS

Have you received a letter about Exterior Water Service Line Coverage?

Many homeowners have reported receiving letters from companies offering warranties for their water and wastewater service lines. These letters are NOT part of any program from the City of Portland, nor is the City endorsing any of these companies. These letters are sent as part of a marketing campaign to offer a service that homeowners may or may not be interested in.

The service offered is a type of insurance policy for the water lines and sewer lines on a homeowner's property. The warranty service requires residents to pay a monthly fee for the service, use the plumbers that are within their warranty network, and pay a high deductible when a claim is filed.

Maintenance of the water service line from the meter to the house and the sanitary sewer line from the City easement to the house is the responsibility of the homeowner should a problem arise. If you are experiencing issues with either your water or wastewater service, please contact the Public Works office at 361-777-4601. If the issue is on the City line, Public Works crews will make the repairs. If the issue is on the homeowner side, Public Works crews will assist in determining the location of the issue. However, a private plumber would be required to make the repairs in this situation.

Public Work crews are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 361-777-4601 to handle any water or wastewater issues. More information regarding a homeowner's water and wastewater service line responsibility is available at our website at <http://www.portlandtx.com/index.aspx?NID=261>

UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

Avoid paying penalties by paying your utility bill 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 each month showing that your account was 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 **OR** go to our website at www.portlandtx.com to find Bank Draft Application along with many other forms for Utility Billing.

Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8-5.

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.



Kidz Dayz - Spring Break 2015

Kidz Dayz is an all-day recreation program offered during school holidays and teacher in-service days (note: this program is not provided on city holidays). Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join the fun at T. M. Clark Elementary. Activities will include arts and crafts, organized recreational play, games, prizes and lots of fun. A morning and afternoon snack will be provided.

Children must provide their own lunch. Contact the Portland Community Center for dates. Register two weeks in advance and pay a discounted fee of \$15.00.

Stroller Strides

When: 9:30 am

Monday & Wednesday

Portland Classes Start 01/05/15

Where: Joe Burke Pavilion

2003 Billy G. Webb

Register: Corpuschristi.fit4mom.com

CITY OF PORTLAND

1900 Billy G. Webb Drive
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The Land of Possibilities

San Patricio County Adult Literacy Council's

SCRABBLE

Tournament For Literacy

Friday, March 20, 2015

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

Portland Community Center

2000 Billy G. Webb

Portland, Texas 78374

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, February 6, 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, February 12, 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, February 11, 2015. 1:00 pm. Senior Center. Free for all to participate.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Bell/Whittington Public Library suffered water damage over the Thanksgiving holiday and was closed from December 1, 2014 thru December 20, 2014. While there was no damage to the book collection, computers for the public and staff computers were all damaged. New sheet rock and carpet had to be installed in order for the library to remain safe for the public and its employees. The ocean-themed mural in the Children's area has been completed. While we cannot currently offer computers for the public to use; free Wi-Fi is still available along with check outs of books, music CDs, audio books and fax and copy services.

Weekly library programs including After School Program on Monday at 4 p.m., Toddler Time on Tuesday at 10 a.m. & Teen Library Lounge on Thursday at 4 p.m., will return mid January and run through mid May. Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation during this time.

We will hold a Genealogy Program on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. We invite everyone interested in learning more about researching family history to attend. Free Refreshments also.

Round up your family, friends and co-workers to 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 San Patricio County and the communities of Aransas Pass, Gregory, Ingleside, Mathis, Odem, Portland, and Taft

Employee Spotlight

Ed Davila works in the Parks Maintenance Department and specializes in maintaining the tourist areas in the city, including Indian Point Pier, Sunset Lake, and Violet Andrews Park, as well as the US 181 medians. Ed works hard at keeping Portland clean to create an inviting appearance and good impression for visitors and



residents by ensuring the areas are manicured and litter free. "I take pride in making sure Portland is beautiful to visitors so they'll come back," he says. Ed was born and raised in Corpus Christi and enjoys providing for and spending time with his family. His favorite show is The Big Bang Theory. Ed recently celebrated his one year anniversary with the city and drives our logo truck. Give him a wave and say Hi!