

PARKS AND RECREATION

Star Spangled Spectacular

Join us for our first ever *4th of July in the Park!* We'll have food and games and lots of fun! Friday, July 4, 2014. 6-10pm. Bayside Park. FREE!

Movie on Memorial

Come catch a movie at the park, bring your chairs and we will provide the popcorn! Saturday, July 12, 2014. 8-10pm. Municipal Park. FREE.

Portland Aquatic Center *Aquatics Special Events*

Dive-In Movies

Come out for an evening swim while watching a movie on the big screen. Snacks will be provided. Passes do not apply. Thursday, July 10, 2014; Thursday, August 7, 2014. 9 - 11 pm. \$3.00/person

Christmas in July

Saturday, July 26, 2014 Regular admission prices. 2-4 pm.

4th Fest

Friday, July 4, 2014. 1-4pm (food while supplies last). Regular admission fee

Junior Lifeguard Camp

This program is designed to be a community based water safety program for youth ages 11-15. Students will receive instruction in water safety, facility operations, basic work skills, lifeguard skills, first aid and CPR as well as proper nutrition. Students will receive a certificate from Jeff Ellis International Lifeguard Training Program, a t-shirt, whistle, lanyard and many hours of fun and excitement. Snacks are included. Participants must provide their own lunch.

Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18, 2014. Monday, August 11 – Friday, August 15, 2014. 8 am – 4 pm. \$130.00

Little Tykes Swim

A special time for Tots and their parents! Come enjoy the Portland Aquatic Center with your little one. This special event is for children 6 years of age and younger accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children must stay within arm's reach of a parent. Every Wednesday, June 4, 2014 – August, 20, 2014. Saturdays: June 28, July 26 and August 30, 2014 10 am -12 pm. Regular admission prices.



Summer Kidz Kamp 2014

\$60.00 registration fee and \$80.00 per week (if registered for the entire summer). \$60.00 registration fee and \$95.00 per week if NOT attending ALL summer. Ages 5-12 (5 year olds must be entering Kindergarten) 7 am – 6 pm, June 9 thru August 15, 2014

Summer Teen Program 2014

The Teen ESCAPE program will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Participants have access to ping pong tables, air hockey tables, foosball tables, basketball goals and other supplies. We will also have activities such as outdoor games, arts & crafts projects, special events, tournaments, and off site field trips to NorthShore 8 Movie Theater as well as swimming at the Portland Aquatics Center. Come join the fun! **Registration is ongoing.** \$20.00 registration fee and \$5.00 per week Ages 13-16. 11am – 4pm, June 10 thru August 16, 2013 at G-P Intermediate School

Six Flags Fiesta Texas Day Trip

The City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a day trip to Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio, Texas. Fiesta Texas is a 200 acre park featuring awesome rides, great shows, and incredible attractions as well as White Water Bay Water Park. We will be departing from the Portland Community Center on a charter bus at 7 am and will return at approximately 9:30 pm the same day. Please send your teen with a sack lunch or money to purchase lunch at the park. An afternoon snack will be provided. This trip will be monitored by staff members that are trained in CPR/ First Aid. Space is limited \$ 50.00 per person . 13-16 ages . July 23, 2014 (date may vary).

Youth Sports Camps

The Portland Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting several four day Sports Camps for children. These camps will include **Football, Basketball, Soccer, Speed and Agility and Volleyball.** Instructors for these camps have extensive knowledge in these sports. Your child will learn the fundamentals of the sport they are registered for in an environment that will allow him/her to learn and retain more information. All camps are held from Monday through Thursday.

For more information please call 361 777-3301. \$50.00 per participant .Ages 6-16.

Volleyball – Portland Community Center July 14-17, 2014.

Ages 6-10; 8:30am to 10:30am. Ages 11-16; 10:30am to 12:30pm

Soccer- Portland Soccer Complex July 14-17, 2014. Ages 6-10; 9am to 10:30am. Ages 11-16; 10:30am to 12pm

Portland Senior Center

Matter of Balance

Do you have concerns about falling? Learn how to manage falls and increase activity levels as well as reduce fall risk at home. Class size is limited so be sure to sign up early. Tuesday and Thursday, July 1 - 24, 2014; 12:30 pm-2:30 pm at the Senior Center. Free

Portland Opry

Thursday, July 10, 2014. Portland Community Center; 7 pm - 9:30 pm; \$7 per person. Doors open at 6 pm.

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Save time, save gas, and do away with late penalties! Take advantage of the City's online payment option to pay your bill with VISA or MasterCard. Log on to the website at: www.portlandtx.com. Click on the departments tab, hover down the list to Utility Billing, and then hover over and click on Pay Your Utility Bill Online. Click on Member Registration. To register you will need a phone number, an email address, and a password. Click on Create Member. An email will be sent to you. Follow the instructions on how to activate your account. You will need your account number (include the dashes) and the last payment amount. Please note: A \$4 service fee is required when using VISA or MasterCard. Call 361-777-4500 if assistance is needed.

Public Works

Several 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 is the responsibility of the homeowner should a problem arise. If you are experiencing issues with either your water or wastewater, 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. Evening and weekend emergency calls are routed through the Police Department dispatcher. You may also visit us at 1101 Moore from 8 am-5 pm Monday through Friday.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mr. Kippy: Will be on vacation during the month of July. He returns Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 9 am.

E-Reader University: One-on-one assistance with your e-reader every Tuesday 3-5 pm.

On demand computer class: July 18, 2014: Finding events and amusements on-line.

Summer Reading Club



The library summer schedule is packed with reading activities and fun for the whole family. Please come by the library and pick up a calendar of all the exciting events going on this Summer at the library or visit our website at www.portlandtx.com to download and print a calendar.

Regular Meeting Times

1st-6th grades: Mondays 3-4 pm

Kinder and Younger (Babies and Toddlers): Tuesdays 10-11 pm

Summer Teen Lounge: Thursdays 2-4 pm

Every Friday in July join us for a Free family movie and popcorn at 2 pm.

Important Summer Reading Program Dates

July 18, 2014: Deadline to turn in reading logs.

July 25, 2014: Reader's and Family Pool Party at the Portland Aquatic Center 6:30-8:30 pm.

July 30, 2014: The Reader's Red Carpet Gala to celebrate all our summer readers! Event complete with celebrities, paparazzi, and photo ops for all.

Fire Department

Hurricane season is here! June 1st marked the beginning of hurricane season and the predictions for the Gulf of Mexico vary from year to year. However, you should always be prepared for the possibility of a hurricane striking here in the coastal bend area. We have been fortunate over the past few years and have been spared from any major hurricanes striking our area. We all need to keep in mind, IT ONLY TAKES ONE!

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 be prepared in case of an impending storm. Don't wait till the last minute to prepare, visit <http://www.texasprepares.org/> to acquire information that can save your life.

The Portland Fire Department is here to assist you if you have any questions. Please visit the website at <http://www.texasprepares.org/> or come by Fire Station #2 at 595 Buddy Ganem to pick up information that can aid you in being prepared.

JULY 4TH HOLIDAY CITY BUSINESS HOURS

In observance of Independence Day, the City business schedule for Friday, July 4th is as follows:

- City Hall, Public Works, Library, Senior Center, and Kidz Kamp will be closed.
- Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Stand-by Crews will be available 24 hours a day.
- Community Center and Skate Park will open from 9am - 5pm. Pool will be open during regular hours, 12pm to 6pm.
- Garbage and Recycle service will be provided as regularly scheduled.
- The Library will be closed and will resume regular hours on Saturday.
- All other departments will resume regular hours on Monday, July 7th.