



# PORT Breeze

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### Adult Coloring

Bell/Whittington Public Library

Wed., Sept. 4, 6:00 p.m.

For details, visit their Facebook page.

### Mystery Book Club

Bell/Whittington Public Library

Thu., Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m.

For details, visit their Facebook page.

### Portland Farmers Market

Joe Burke Pavilion

Sat., Sept. 7, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

For details, call 361.777.4670.

### Pooch-A-Palooza

Portland Aquatic Center

Sat., Sept. 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Swimsuit Contest starts at 5:00 p.m.

For details, call 361.777.4670.

### Hummingbird Tour (Rockport)

Portland Senior Center

Wed., Sept. 11, 1:00 p.m.

Bus departs from Senior Center

For details, call 361.643.9431.

### Teen Book Club

Bell/Whittington Public Library

Thu., Sept. 12, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Meets at the Portland Dairy Queen

For details, visit their Facebook page.

For information on all the programs offered through the Senior Center, Bell/Whittington Public Library, and Parks & Recreation check out the 2019 Program Guide at [PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com).

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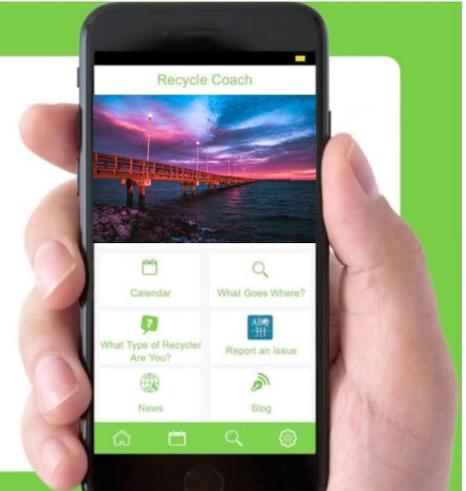
## Recycling and trash information at your fingertips!

### You get:

- A "What Goes Where?" search tool
- Collection reminders, including for holiday changes
- A personalized collection schedule
- And more!



Download the FREE **Recycle Coach** app



## CITY LAUNCHES NEW "RECYCLE COACH" APP

The City of Portland has launched the Recycle Coach app to help residents keep track of their trash, recycle, and bulk-item collections. The app lets users set reminders to put the trash and/or recycle carts out, as well as reminders about bulk-item collection, according to the designated collection schedules. Residents can choose to be notified by text or email—either on an ongoing or a one-time basis. The program also allows the City to send reminders about holiday schedules and real-time service delay notifications.

Recycle Coach also takes the guesswork out of recycling in the "What Goes Where" search tool featured in the app. The program includes information about hundreds of common and uncommon items, and whether they're recyclable and how to recycle them. Simply type in the name of the item and

the app provides the information. There is also a problem-reporting tool, equipped with geolocation, to report issues like a missed collection or other issues.

To access the app, search for the Recycle Coach app in Google Play or the Apple Store. Once the app is downloaded to your device, search for PORTLAND, TEXAS. Then enter your address and set your reminders according to your preference.

The app features a banner photo taken by Portland resident Naomi Clarke. Ms. Clarke's photo won the Picture Portland photography contest last fall.

For more information, visit [RecycleCoach-Portland](http://RecycleCoach-Portland) under CITY HIGHLIGHTS on the homepage of the City website at [PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com).

## FALL PROGRAMS RETURN TO BELL/WHITTINGTON LIBRARY

The Bell/Whittington Public Library will resume its fall schedule in mid-September with the After School Program on Monday, Sept. 16; Toddler Time on Tuesday, Sept. 17; and Teen Library Lounge returns Thursday, Sept. 19.

## UTILITY BILL AUTOPAY NOW AVAILABLE

The City of Portland has made paying your utility bill with a credit card more convenient, without any additional fees. You can now set up an account with a MasterCard or Visa and have your monthly bill paid automatically with your credit card. Payments are received immediately, so there's never a worry about missing a payment. And there are no convenience fees to use your card. The option of making a one-time payment is also available and can be done without a service fee as well.

In addition to automatic online payments, residents can view and pay multiple accounts at one time (business or multifamily accounts, review billing and payment history, and monitor consumption history).

For more information and to access the online payment portal, visit [PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com) under CITY HIGH-LIGHTS—Pay Online feature.

## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 5-YEAR CIP

In August, the Portland City Council approved the five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects scheduled for 2020 through 2024. CIP projects represent some of the most significant investments made on behalf of Portland citizens. They may include infrastructure projects, like streets and the water/wastewater system; improvements to the City's parks and trails; and refining or redesigning some of the City's recreational amenities.

CIP projects are those involving buildings or facilities with a total estimated cost of \$100,000 or more. Expenditures may also include the purchase of major equipment and vehicles, such as public safety/emergency vehicles, valued at more than \$100,000 with a life expectancy of 15 years or more.

Projects scheduled for the next fiscal year include:

- Chris Andrews Boating Center
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Public Works Center Improvements
- Indian Point Pavilion
- Soccer Complex Lighting Improvements
- Street Improvements
- Public Safety P-25 Radio Project
- Stark Road Widening
- Lang Road Drainage Improvements
- Water Storage Tank Maintenance

For details, visit [CURRENT CITY PROJECTS on the City website at PortlandTX.com](http://CURRENT CITY PROJECTS on the City website at PortlandTX.com).

## CITIZEN COMMITTEE APPLICANTS SOUGHT

Applications are now being accepted for the Board of Adjustment, Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals, and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The deadline to apply is Monday, Sept. 9.

Applicants must be able to attend at least one evening meeting a month, must be at least 21 years of age, and must have resided in Portland for the past 12 months. He or she also must be a registered voter who is not in financial arrears with the City.

When vacancies occur on various boards, the City Council uses applications to fill those vacancies. For an application, visit the [News section on the home-page of PortlandTX.com](http://News section on the home-page of PortlandTX.com). Send completed applications to [annette.hall@portlandtx.com](mailto:annette.hall@portlandtx.com) or mail them to: City Secretary, 1900 Billy G. Webb Drive, Portland, Texas 78374. Please call 361.777.4513 with any questions.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN TEXAS, OCT. 1

National Night Out in Portland is a community-centered event emphasizing public safety and neighborhood partnerships. This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Municipal Park. National Night Out is free and open to everyone.

This is a great opportunity for the entire family to get to know police and fire personnel at a fun, family-friendly event. National Night Out showcases police and fire vehicles and equipment, demonstrations, and activities to promote public safety.

H-E-B will provide hot dogs, and popcorn and snow cones will be served. Municipal Park is located at 1815 Memorial Parkway. For details, call 361.777.4444.

## REGISTRATION FOR BOO BASH TRIATHLON

Registration is now open at [AthleteGuild.com](http://AthleteGuild.com) for the annual Boo Bash Triathlon. The race date Saturday, Oct. 12, and will start at the Portland Aquatic Center, located at 2002 Billy G. Webb Dr.

The event is open to athletes of every level—from weekend warriors to elite competitors. The USAT-sanctioned event includes a Newbie Tri, Sprint Tri, and Sprint Relay. Food, drink, and music will follow at the end of the race.

For more information on these events, visit the [Parks & Recreation page at PortlandTX.com](http://Parks & Recreation page at PortlandTX.com).