



PUBLIC WORKS

What's the fuss about what to flush?

Every day foreign objects that should not be flushed are discovered in Portland's wastewater collections facilities. Flushing trash and other non-sanitary items damages our sewer lines and treatment plant, wastes additional water, and can contaminate the bays. Below is a listing of common items that find their way into the toilet bowl that can cause harm:

- **Feminine sanitary items, diapers, paper towels, facial and baby wipes, and tissues:** These products are made of materials that don't break down. Due to the bulk, these items can damage your home's private service line and could cost you time, money, and frustration to repair. Even if the item says it's flushable, these belong in the trash.
- **Prescription and over the counter medications:** These should **never** be flushed down the toilet. These contain chemicals that we don't want entering the bays. Unused prescription and medications can be disposed at a free, confidential drop-off bin in the lobby of the Portland Police Department at 1902 Billy G. Webb.
- **Kitty litter:** Kitty litter, even if it's "flushable", will eventually clog your pipes. That's not the only concern; toxoplasmosis is a parasite from cat feces and is harmful to marine life. Put the kitty litter and the kitty droppings in the trash.
- **Latex and dental floss:** Both of these products don't biodegrade and clog or damage your pipes.
- **Legos, dead goldfish, remote controls, and Dad's car keys:** Teaching your children about the proper use of a toilet can help keep your toilet in working order as well as your sewer line. Remember to teach children that only human waste and paper should be flushed.

For more information about what cannot be flushed, please visit: <http://www.portlandtx.com/index.aspx?nid=261>

Public Works Director appointed

Jamie Pyle, P.E., has been appointed as Public Works Director. She is a Civil Engineer, Registered Land Surveyor and Certified Floodplain Manager. She is currently the major projects engineer and manager for the City of Corpus Christi.

She holds a BS in Engineering and is pursuing a Masters degree in Public Administration. Pyle begins on March 2nd and will replace Brian DeLatta, who has been promoted to Assistant City Manager.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Kidz Days Spring Break 2015

Kidz Days is an all-day program held at TM Clark during the GPISD Spring Break. Children will participate in arts and crafts projects, indoor games, outdoor sports, and special events. Children will also go on a field trip to the NorthShore 8 movie theater. The program is licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. A morning and afternoon snack will be provided. Children must provide their own lunch: \$15.00/day if registered 2 weeks prior to attending, \$20.00/day after 2 weeks. Ages 5-12. March 16-20, 2015. 7:00 am- 6:00 pm.

Register at the Portland Community Center. Space is limited.

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, March 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, March 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, March 11, 2015. 1:00 pm. Senior Center. Free for all to participate.

Stroller Strides

When: 9:30 AM

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Portland Classes Start 01/05/15

Where: Joe Burke Pavilion

2003 Billy G. Webb

Register: Corpuschristi.fit4mom.com

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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 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 **OR** go to our website at www.portlandtx.com to find Bank Draft Application along with many other forms for Utility Billing.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Appointed

Mark Cory, currently a Commander with the Rockport Police Department, has been appointed as Police Chief. With over 28 years experience in law enforcement, Cory is licensed as a Master Peace Officer and a law enforcement instructor. He holds both Bachelors and Masters degrees from University of Incarnate Word. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy as well as the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT). Cory begins his duties on March 2nd and replaces Gary Giles who accepted the Police Chief position in Orem, Utah.



Code Enforcement

Please take time to inspect your property for any stacks, heaps, piles of old lumber, refuse, junk, old cars, machinery or machinery parts, garbage, trash, rubbish, scrap material, piles of bricks and old appliances. Clutter can be unsightly and may harbor reptiles, rodents or other wildlife. It can also create a fire hazard or result in unsanitary conditions. Please remove any clutter located on your property. The City of Portland offers bulk pick-up. Call (361) 777-4601 for more information. If you have any questions contact Code Enforcement at (361) 777-4447.

LIBRARY NEWS

Weekly library programs (After School Program on Monday at 4:00 pm, Toddler Time on Tuesday at 10:00 am & Teen Library Lounge on Thursday at 4:00 pm)

Come join us for Bubble Festival at the Library Friday, March 20th 10:30 am. There will be songs and lot of fun!



Easter Egg Hunt - Thursday, April 2nd, 10:00 am.



MakerSpace Umbrella Brigade decorating class - Make an umbrella to enter in the Annual Umbrella Brigade Contest at Windfest 2015, or just for fun!

Thursday, April 9th 6:00 pm
Saturday, April 11th at 10:30 am

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



San Patricio County Adult Literacy Council's

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.