



CITY COUNCIL SEEKS BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The City Council of Portland is soliciting applications from qualified citizens who wish to serve on its volunteer boards, commissions and committees. Regular board, commission and committee members must be at least 21 years of age, have resided within the City for at least 12 months, be registered to vote, not be in financial arrears to the City and be able to attend at least one (1) regular evening meeting a month. If you would like to be considered for appointment to the Board of Adjustment, Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals or the Planning and Zoning Commission, please contact Annette Hall, City Secretary, at (361) 777-4513.



SCHOOL STARTS THIS MONTH WATCH FOR KIDS!

August 22nd is the first day of school for students attending G-PISD. Police Chief Mark Cory reminds you that officers closely monitor school zones throughout the City. Motorists should be alert for children going to and from school, especially near morning bell times when a child may be inattentive trying to get to school on time. Drivers should obey all traffic laws, especially those in and around school zones. The most common violations officers observe are speeding and the use of cell phones while driving in schools zones.

Cory also reminds citizens that, like other communities, burglaries of motor vehicles are a concern. More than 90% of the vehicles that are burglarized were left unlocked by their owners making them easy targets. Computers, firearms and tools are just a few of the items commonly stolen. "Please do your part to stop these crimes by simply locking your vehicles at all times," he said.

Chief Cory also offers this advice: "The Portland Police Department continually strives to keep our community safe. We are facing uncertain times as a nation, and we ask all citizens to stay vigilant and observant of their surroundings. I refer to this as a relaxed-awareness mindset. If you observe a person or activity that you believe is suspicious, please immediately report this to the Portland Police Department by calling (361) 777-4444, or 911 in the event of an emergency. By working together we will keep Portland a great community in which to live and work."

Kidz Klub

The City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department and G-PISD co-sponsor the Kidz Klub After School Program. Kidz Klub is a recreation program offered at 4 school sites located in Portland. Children ages 5-12, in K through 5th grade, are eligible for enrollment. Activities include quality recreational activities with enhance children's leisure skills in safe and familiar surroundings. Fees include an afternoon snack. Extended hours will be available on early dismissal days. The program will run from school dismissal time through 6 PM. All Kidz Klub staff is certified in CPR/First Aid. The program is licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Watch for new and improved programming at all Kidz Klub sites to enhance your child's experience! There will be fitness, fun, art, sports and a variety of other unique recreational opportunities.

Sites: East Cliff, T. M. Clark and W.C. Andrews Elementary Schools.

Note: S.F. Austin students will be bused to Andrews in Portland.

- * \$60 registration fee due at registration
- * \$95 per month tuition due on the 1st of each month
- * \$15 late fee added after the 10th of the month
- * All delinquent fees must be paid before child can return to the program.

PARKS AND RECREATION SPECIAL EVENT! KID KATCH!

Portland is co-sponsoring the 13th annual Kid Katch Youth Fishing Tournament, in conjunction with Spectra Energy, HEB and the San Patricio County and Nueces County branches of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Children 17 and under are invited to participate in 3 different age categories. The event is strictly measure and release. Parents may accompany children. Join the fun! Be sure to bring new school supplies to donate at the event, too! All supplies will be donated to G-PISD to help children who may not be able to afford them.

Kid Katch is a FREE event—donate and make a difference to a child in our community!

- * August 6 9 AM-12 PM (fishing ends at 11 AM)
- * Indian Point Pier
- * Preregister at Portland Community Center or at the pier on the day of the event

Cheerleading Camp

Four day cheerleading cam for children ages 6 to 16. Instructors are the TAMUCC Cheer Team

- * August 1-4 9-11 AM
- * Community Center
- * \$50

Dance Team Camp

The TAMUCC Dance Team will teach children ages 6 to 16 various dance styles, including jazz, hip-hop and pom, as well as jumps, turns and leaps.

- * August 1-4 1-3 PM
- * Community Center
- * \$50

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Aquatic Center Events

Dive-In Movie

Swim, movie and snacks!

- * August 4 9:00 - 11:00 PM
- * \$3 per person



Little Tyke Swim

Children 6 and younger, with a parent or guardian

- * August 10 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
- * Regular admission prices



Liquid Luau

Say "Aloha!" to summer with music, games, limbo and giveaways! Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, or just enjoy the evening with family! (Passes do not apply)

- * August 11 8:00 - 11:00 PM
- * Regular admission prices

Home school Swim

New exclusive swim time for home schoolers. Take a break from the books!

- * August 16 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
- * Regular admission prices

Senior Services Events

End of Summer Party for Seniors! And it's FREE!

Send summer off in style with our annual cookout! We'll be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs to celebrate the end of another great summer!

- * Wednesday August 3 12:00 PM at the 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, August 5 6:30 - 9:30 PM
- * Cost is \$3.00 per person.

Game Days

Games Galore! Come join your friends for cards, dominoes and bingo!

- * Wednesday, August 10 1:00 PM
- * Portland Senior Center
- * FREE

Portland Opry

Come on down and enjoy the show at the Portland Community Center!

- * Thursday, August 11 7:00 PM - Doors open at 6:00 PM
- * Hot food for sale
- * \$7.00 per person

Silver Sneakers

Join us for a comprehensive older-adult fitness program that addresses the needs of the Medicare (65+) population. It is a chair-based fitness class. Focus in on retraining useful movements that often decline with age.

- Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10:30 AM
- * Portland Community Center
- * No cost to Silver Sneakers members; \$4 for Senior Citizens

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The City of Portland Development Services Department is trained to answer questions from residents and contractors regarding the policies and procedures for construction within Portland. If you are planning any type of construction at your home or business, please contact our office at (361) 777-4553 to determine if a permit is needed. Additionally, contractors are strongly encouraged to contact us to determine whether the proper permits and registrations are completed before work commences. To avoid any additional fees or delays on your project, please contact the Development Services Department at Public Works **BEFORE** any work begins.



BELL WHITTINGTON LIBRARY

We had a super summer reading program this year! So many children read so many books—and so did our adults! Thank you to all who helped to make it a great program, and congratulations for being super readers!



Mr. Kippy is back at his usual times in August—Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

August 25 at 7:00 PM we will kick-off adult reading club with James Lee Burke's *Cimarron Rose*. Copies are available at the Library.

Mrs. Dorothy's Storytime will begin again in September, and so will Mrs. Ledezma's Teen Library Lounge.



Call the Library at (361) 777-0921 for more information.