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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Portland Parks & Recreation
offers programs for all ages
throughout the year.

[Visit PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com)
for a complete listing.

Adult Coloring

Wed., May 3, 6 p.m.
Bell Whittington Library
For details, call 361.777.0921

Play It Safe Splash Day

Saturday, May 6, Noon
Portland Aquatic Center
For details, call 361.777.3301.

Mystery Book Club for Adults

Thu., May 11, 6:30 p.m.
Bell Whittington Library
For details, call 361.777.0921.

Mother & Son Dance

Friday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.
Portland Community Center
For details, call 361.777.3301.

Mother's Day Swim

Sunday, May 14, Noon
Portland Aquatic Center
For details, call 361.777.3301.

Genealogy Group

Tuesday, May 30, 2:30 p.m.
Bell Whittington Library
For details, call 361.777.0921.

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SUMMER AQUATICS PROGRAM OFFERS FUN, FITNESS



Summer is just around the corner and the Portland Recreation Department has lots of recreational programming to keep the whole family active. Upcoming programs include:

Lifeguard Training Course

The National Pool and Waterpark Lifeguard Training course is designed for those 15 years of age and older. It includes oxygen administration, AED, and lifeguard skills training. This course is

offered May 10-13 and 18-21. (Note that you must be at least 16 to work for the City of Portland.)

Aqua Z

This high-energy class combines music with unique moves and combinations that sculpt and tone the body. Evening classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, starting May 1. Times are 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

Portland is committed to balancing the demands of both a growing economy and a growing community.

ExxonMobil/SABIC has selected San Patricio County as the site for its new ethylene cracker facility. This project will become a reality over the next six to eight years. There is no doubt that this facility will have a significant and lasting impact on our community and the entire Coastal Bend. Many of those who will be involved in the construction or the long-term operations of this facility will choose to make Portland and

the North Bay area their new home. The leadership and staff of the City of Portland will continue to work diligently to make Portland the most livable community in our region.

Recent community reaction to the selection of San Patricio County as a potential site for this facility should leave little doubt that we as a region can do a better job of engaging a broader constituency in the process of planning, promotion, and acquisition of major industrial development

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SUMMER AQUATICS PROGRAM...continued

Morning classes begin June 12, and will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays starting at 8 a.m. All classes take place in the competition pool at the Portland Aquatic Center.

AquAttack

Aerobic kickboxing is a trending new workout, and it's gaining fans around the world. Energizing, powerful, and effective, aerobic kickboxing burns calories and tones muscles. Evening classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting May 1. Hours are 6:30-7:30 p.m. Morning classes begin June 12, and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 8 a.m. All classes take place in the competition pool at the Portland Aquatic Center.

Aqua Aerobics

A low-impact workout, this class uses water resistance to increase muscle tone, flexibility, range of motion, and strength, without stressing your joints. Classes begin Thursday, June 1, and will be offered Tuesday through Friday, starting at 8 a.m. Classes take place in the recreation pool at the Portland Aquatic Center.

Portland AquaCats

AquaCats is a recreational swim team participating in the Corpus Christi Summer Swim League. Meets are held at the Portland Aquatic Center, as well as at pools in the surrounding area. Registration is already underway. The program begins May 1.

Little Tykes Swim

This unique class is geared for children who are six years old or under, and accompanied by a parent or guardian. It's scheduled on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., starting June 7. Classes are also scheduled on Saturday, June 24, and Saturday, July 22.

The [summer aquatics program](#) also includes group and private swim lessons, as well a junior lifeguard camp, homeschool swims, and dive-in movies. For information on these and other classes offered through the Portland Parks & Recreation's summer programs, call 361.777.3301.

During the summer, the Aquatics Center is open Tuesday through Sunday, from noon to 6 p.m. Summer hours start May 30 and continue through Aug. 23. The Aquatics Center is located at 2002 Billy G. Webb Drive, adjacent to the Portland Community Center.

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURES; TRASH & RECYCLE SCHEDULE

City offices, including the library and senior center, will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. The Portland Community Center will be open during normal hours. Trash and recycle collection will be conducted on the normal schedule and will not be affected by the holiday.

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projects. We cannot ignore or marginalize the interests of those stakeholders who are most impacted by a given project. Successful economic development and industrial growth should not require that we sacrifice the quality of life or the livability of our communities. Both objectives can be achieved, but only if both are considered to be of equal importance.

Great cities are one result of great city planning. However, great city planning is not enough. Effective leadership requires taking actions, making tough decisions and balancing competing needs and demands. The leadership and staff of the City of Portland strongly supports economic development and continued business growth in our region and look forward to working with ExxonMobil/SABIC to create a better future for our community and the region. We recognize the key role that we and other cities play in promoting and encouraging growth and investment. Simultaneously, we are committed to protecting and enhancing the quality of life in our existing neighborhoods. It is equally critical that we ensure our future development potential through the protection of our residential growth corridor.

We are committed to balancing the demands of both a growing economy and a growing community. We want to strengthen our partnerships and collaborate with local industries, the Port of Corpus Christi, the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation, the City of Corpus Christi and with other regional stakeholders as we work collectively toward a long-range urban/industrial master plan for the North Bay area.

Portland will ultimately grow to a population of 30,000, 40,000 and even beyond 50,000. We must work together to ensure and protect our community's quality of life as we grow. Future generations deserve both the opportunity for economic success and a great community in which to live, work and play.

LIBRARY'S CLASSIC FILM SERIES RETURNS

The Bell Whittington Public Library's Classic Film Series returns with a showing of Casablanca on Friday, May 12. It's free and open to the public. The library is located at 2400 Memorial Parkway. For information on this and other programs offered at the library, call 361.777.0921 or visit online at PortlandTX.com.