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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Dive-In Movies at the [Aquatic Center](#)

Thu., June 8, 9-11 p.m.
\$3 per person; no passes
For details, call 361.777.3301.

Little Tykes Swim [Aquatic Center](#)

Wed., June 7-Aug 9 or
Sat., June 24 and July 22, 10 a.m.
For details, call 361.777.3301.

Father's Day Swim [Aquatic Center](#)

Sun., June 18, Noon-6 p.m.
For details, call 361.777.3301.

Belly Flop Contest & Cannon Ball Contest [Aquatic Center](#)

Sat., June 24, 3 & 3:30 p.m.
For details, call 361.777.3301.

Genealogy Group

Tue., June 27, 2:30 p.m.
[Bell/Whittington Library](#)
For details, call 361.777.4560.

Friday Family Movie

Fri., July 7, 2 p.m.
[Bell/Whittington Library](#)
For details, call 361.777.4560.

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“BUILD A BETTER WORLD” SUMMER READING PROGRAM



The Bell/Whittington Public Library wants everyone involved in “Building a Better World.” That’s the theme for this year’s [summer reading program](#), which is designed to keep the Portland community learning...and reading...all summer long.

To participate, simply pick up a reading sheet at the library and start keeping track of your child’s reading. Once a reading sheet is full, turn it in at the library. Kids will receive one ticket for each submitted sheet; tickets can be used for a chance to win prizes. Read more to complete more reading sheets and get more chances to win prizes. All reading sheets must be submitted by Monday, July 17, to be eligible for prizes. Winners will be announced Friday, July 21.

Kids that complete the initial reading sheet win entry for themselves and a par

ent or guardian into the Reader’s Pool Party at the Portland Aquatic Center. Reading certificates for summer reading participants will be available from July 28 through Aug. 31. The library staff has structured a program that’s full of fun.

FAMILY PROGRAMS include:

The Magic of Cody Fisher

An interactive, upbeat magic show
Friday, June 2, 10 a.m.

Lucas Miller

The musical zoologist
Friday, June 9, 10 a.m.

Epic Entertainment

Game show fun
Friday, June 16, 10 a.m.

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BE PREPARED BEFORE A MAJOR STORM STRIKES

It’s been 47 years since the last hurricane hit the Coastal Bend section of the Texas Gulf Coast, so most of the residents of Portland haven’t experienced the effects of a hurricane in this community. Being prepared well in advance of a major storm can keep your family safe and help protect property.

The National Weather Service has a wealth of information about preparing for

a hurricane. The site, located at [Weather.gov](#), and listed under Hurricane Preparedness, contains information from experts about everything from gathering supplies and planning your evacuation, to securing your home.

Find the link to [Weather.gov](#) on the homepage of the City’s website at [PortlandTX.com](#).

CAMPS & ACTIVITIES IN JUNE

There's lots of [recreational programming](#) to keep the family active this summer. From camps to classes, there are all sorts of sports including soccer, basketball, tennis, and soccer. Here are some of the activities scheduled in June:

Park It!

Block parties at a different park **every Thursday from 6-8 p.m.**

June 8 - Bayside Park, 108 Sabine

June 15 – Twin Fountains Park, 2205 Matagorda

June 22 – Willacy Park, 131 Daniel Moore

June 29 – East Cliff Park, 301 Georgia

Junior Lifeguard Camp

Aquatic Center, 2002 Billy G. Webb

Mon.-Fri., June 12-16, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Summer Kidz Kamp

T.M. Clark Elementary, 2250 Memorial Parkway

Mon.-Fri., each week through Aug. 4, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Football Camp

Chatwork Park, 2340 Memorial Parkway

Mon.-Thu., June 5-8, 8-10 a.m.

Basketball Camp

Community Center, 2000 Billy G. Webb

Mon.-Thu., June 26-29, 8-10 a.m.

Speed & Agility Camp

Soccer Complex, 2000 Billy G. Webb

Mon.-Thu., June 12-15, 8-10 a.m.

Mon.-Thu., June 19-22, 8-10 a.m.

Baseball Camp

G-P High School Baseball Field, 4601 Wildcat

Mon.-Thu., June 12-15, times vary by age group

Volleyball Camp

Community Center, 2000 Billy G. Webb

Mon.-Thu., June 12-15, times vary by age group

Soccer Camp

City Soccer Complex, 2000 Billy G. Webb

Mon.-Thu., June 26-29, 8-10 a.m.

For a complete list of classes and activities being offered through the Parks & Recreation Department, as well as cost and detailed class information, call 361.777.3301.

FOURTH OF JULY CLOSURES; TRASH & RECYCLE SCHEDULE

City offices, including the library and senior center, will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The Portland Community Center and the Aquatic Center will be open from noon to 6:00 p.m. There will be no Kidz Kamp. The skate park will open regular hours. Trash and recycle collection will be conducted on the normal schedule and will not be affected by the holiday.

CITY PREPS FOR MOSQUITO SEASON

The City of Portland has begun preventative measures to help control the mosquito population during mosquito season. We encourage residents to implement mosquito control efforts at their own homes as well.

Trained staff will use chemical fogging to help control the mosquito population. Truck-mounted spraying will be conducted on an ongoing basis, depending on the insect population and weather conditions. Spraying cannot be conducted in rain or mist and can only be accomplished when winds are less than 10 miles per hour. To the extent possible, City staff typically will schedule spraying between 8:30 p.m. and midnight, and 4:00 to 6:30 a.m., when fewer people and pets are outdoors.

Mosquito spraying cannot eliminate mosquitoes completely. The City asks that residents take action to help prevent mosquito infestation as well. Residents should empty and replace outside water sources for pets daily to prevent ingestion of sprayed chemicals. Other outdoor areas of standing water should be eliminated, when possible, to decrease favorable mosquito breeding conditions. These include planters, buckets, tires, children's swimming pools, gutters, etc. For more information, visit PortlandTX.com or call the 361.777.4601.

SUMMER READING...continued

Safari Greg

Live animals, comedy, and fun

Friday, June 23, 10 a.m.

The Edge of Imagination with Johnny Villareal

Stop-motion animation mobile lab

Friday, June 30, 10 a.m.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS include:

Summer Afternoon Programs

Mondays; June 5, 12, 19, 26; 3 p.m.

Grades 1-6

Summer Kids Time

Tuesdays; June 6, 13, 20, 27; 10 a.m.

Kindergarten and younger

Teen Library Lounge

Thursdays; June 8, 15, 22, 29; 2 p.m.

Grades 7-12

Adults can join the Bucket List Summer Reading Club for Adults as part of this year's program. For details on all summer activities, call 361.777.4560.