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CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST 2020

The City of Portland is in the Christmas spirit! Christmas on the Coast 2020 is underway. The City of Portland has several fun events and decorations for you to enjoy this holiday season.

GLOW Portland

Let us make Portland GLOW! GLOW Portland is an annual Christmas decoration competition for homes. This year, we are including businesses in the competition, as well.

We encourage you to decorate your home or business with lights and other festive décor. Once decorated, send a picture of your decorations and your address to shelby.obrien@portlandtx.com to be entered into the competition. Additionally, you will be placed on an overall map. This map will serve as a tool for families to use for a self-guided tour of lights and decorations through Portland.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

The City of Portland's Tree Lighting Ceremony is Tuesday, December 1. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be broadcast live on the City of Portland's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Join us for this event from the comfort of your home!

Portland Holiday Market

The December Farmers Market will transform into a Holiday Market on Saturday, December 5. The Portland Holiday Market will be held at 810 Houston St. - across from Greens & Things and Portland Marine. The Holiday Market takes place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Face coverings and social distancing are required.

The Holiday Market will have entertainment and family photo opportunities. Pets are welcome at the Market, as well. The Holiday Market is also a great opportunity to find delicious food and unique Christmas presents since all vendors at Portland Markets handmade their products.

Parade of Lights

The annual Portland Parade of Lights is Monday, December 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The theme for the parade this year is Christmas Movies. The parade route begins and ends at the Portland Community Center on Billy G. Webb Dr.

The parade route goes as follows:

- Billy G. Webb Dr. to Cedar Dr.
- Right on Cedar Dr. to Lang Rd.
- Right on Lang Rd. to Wildcat Dr.
- Right on Wildcat Dr. to Memorial Pkwy
- Right on Memorial Pkwy to Billy G. Webb Dr.

We ask all parade spectators to sit with people of their household only and maintain social distance from others. If you cannot maintain social distance from others, please wear a face covering for the duration of the parade.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSURES, TRASH & RECYCLE SCHEDULE

All City-owned buildings are closed Thursday and Friday, December 24-25, in observance of Christmas. Please note: Republic Services will not provide services on Thursday, December 24. Instead, all homes and businesses regularly serviced on Thursday will have their trash picked up on Saturday, December 26.

Christmas on the Coast, continued

Christmas in Portland

The Portland Parks and Recreation department plans to host Christmas in Portland on Saturday, December 12, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Christmas in Portland will be held outdoors at the City Complex (1900/2000 Billy G. Webb Dr.). The Parks and Recreation Department has several fun family activities planned including arts and crafts, showing a Christmas movie, and Santa! Please bring your own camera to take pictures with Santa. Please note that all health safety protocols will be enforced, including wearing a face covering.

Letters to Santa

The Bell/Whittington Library is working with Santa to ensure he receives all Portland children's Christmas lists. Please visit portlandtx.com/181/library to access Santa's online form. The form asks you to provide your child's name, address, whether they have been naughty or nice, and what they want for Christmas this year. The Library staff will send the information to Santa right away.

Cocoa in the Park

The Portland Parks and Recreation Department plans to have Cocoa in the Park every Tuesday in December. The Parks and Recreation staff will have a hot cocoa stand at available from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at a different park each week. Please see the schedule below:

- Dec. 1: Bayside Park
108 Sabine Dr.
- Dec. 8: Violet Andrews Park
305 Wildcat Dr.
- Dec. 15: East Cliff Park
301 Georgia Pl.
- Dec. 22: Twin Fountains Park
2205 Matagorda Dr.

Please maintain social distance from others and wear a face covering while at the hot cocoa table. Staff will wear face coverings and gloves while serving. Hand sanitizer will be provided for your use, as well.

Portland Light Trail

The City of Portland has decorated the entire City Complex courtyard with beautiful lights and decorations, in addition to our Christmas

tree. Gather the family and head to the City Complex to see the new decorations and take pictures. Pets are welcome, as well.

As mentioned earlier, the City of Portland has a map on our website of all the Christmas decorations and lights around town. Utilize this map to enjoy a self-guided tour of lights though Portland. We encourage you take pictures, tag the City on our social media pages, and use the hashtag #portlandislit.

COVID Conscious

The City will require all staff and attendees to follow all health safety protocols at the Christmas on the Coast events. Additionally, the City is carefully monitoring the status of COVID-19 in our area. If there is a spike in cases or other health concerns, the City has alternative plans for these events. Please monitor the City's website (portlandtx.com) and the City's Facebook page (facebook.com/CityofPortlandTexas) for any changes to the planned events and updated information.

Merry Christmas, Portland!

Pack the Pantry 2020

Portland's annual Pack the Pantry food drive was a great success. Thanks to our residents and staff, the City donated thousands of food items and a generous monetary donations to the Salvation Army's Portland Food Pantry. The donated items will help feed those in need in our area this holiday season. The City of Portland is grateful to have caring residents who help one another.

