

PARKS AND RECREATION

Summer Extravaganza

Kick off the summer at Municipal Park. Live music by The Groove. Food, inflatable games and fun will be provided. Grab a chair and enjoy! **Community drive for donated outdoor or sports equipment for Connections, a local home away from home for youth in our community.** Saturday, June 7, 2014. 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM; Municipal Park. Free. No registration necessary.

Park It! 2014

Back by popular demand - our award-winning Park-It! Program. We will be in a different park at 6:00 PM each Thursday throughout the summer! We will have popcorn and snow cones. Bring your family and friends. Enjoy food, fun and raffle prizes! Mark your calendar! Support your neighborhood and enjoy your park!

Date, Event Time: 6-8 PM	Park
June 12, 2014	Twin Fountains Park, 2205 Matagorda
June 19, 2014	Willacy Park, 131 Daniel Moore
June 26, 2014	East Cliff Park, 301 Georgia
Please Note - No Park It, July 3rd	Bayside Park, Star Spangled Spectacular on Friday, July 4th
July 10, 2014	Oakridge Park, 2233 Memorial Parkway
July 17, 2014	Moser Park, 411 Seco
July 24, 2014	Municipal Park, 1815 Memorial Parkway
July 31, 2014	Chatwork Park, 2340 Memorial Parkway
August 7, 2014	Briar Bluff Park, 1530 Briar
August 14, 2014	Violet Andrews Park, 154 Elm Street

80's Skate Night

Find your skates and get ready for a trip back in time. Do you remember all the hours you spent skating with your friends back in the day? Let's do it again at Municipal Park. We will have a DJ spinning the tunes. It will be a blast! Dress up in your best 80's attire for a chance to win a prize in our costume contest. Grab your friends, get some Aqua Net, parachute pants and let's skate! Saturday, June 21, 2014; 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM at Municipal Park. Free. No registration necessary.

Portland Aquatic Center

Summer Season

May 31 - August 24, 2014: Competition Pool and Recreation Pool; 12:00 - 6:00 PM. Tuesday – Sunday. Closed Mondays.

Lap Swim

Lap swimming is an excellent workout for everyone from the aquatic enthusiast to the occasional swimmer. **The Aquatics staff encourages individuals to keep fit by swimming. We reserve a portion of each pool for lap swimming. In addition,**

one lap lane is dedicated to swimming laps during general swim hours. Swimmers must be able to swim the full length of the pool continuously without support. Multiple programs at our facility may affect the number of lap lanes available. Lap swim is available year round, please see our seasonal hours for more information. Regular admission fees apply. Summer hours: Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM; Monday-Thursday. 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Umbrella and Private Parties at the Portland Aquatic Center

Reserve the blue or red umbrella for your party! Get exclusive use of the blue umbrella with 6 tables or the red umbrella with 4 tables for 2 hours during general swim time. Or, rent the pool after hours for a private party. Bring your own food, cake and beverages. Registration for parties began March 24, 2014. All registrations must be made at the Portland Community Center.

Aquatics Special Events

Dive-In Movies

Come out for an evening swim while watching a movie on the big screen. Snacks provided. Passes do not apply. Thursday, June 12th and Thursday, August 7th at 9:00 - 11:00 PM. \$3.00/person

Father's Day Swim

Fathers swim free with a paid child during general swim hours. Happy Father's Day! Sunday, June 15, 2014. General Swim Hours. Free for Dad!

Belly Flop Contest

Come join the fun at the Portland Aquatic Center for our 5th Annual Belly Flop Contest! Contestants judged on grace, style, and enthusiasm and of course...SPLASH! Trophies awarded for the first three places. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Saturday, June 21, 2014. 3:00 PM. Regular admission prices.

Cannon Ball Contest

Calling all kids! Come make a big splash at the 4th Annual Cannon Ball Contest. Just like the big kids, contestants will be judged on style, enthusiasm and SPLASH! Prizes for the first 3 places. Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 3:30 PM. Regular admission prices.

Junior Lifeguard Camp

This program is designed to be a community based water safety program for youth ages 11-15. Students will receive instruction in water safety, facility operations, basic work skills, lifeguard skills, first aid and CPR as well as proper nutrition. Students will receive a certificate from Jeff Ellis International Lifeguard Training Program, a t-shirt, whistle, lanyard and many hours of fun and excitement. Snacks included. Participants must provide their own lunch. Monday, June 16 – Friday, June 20, 2014; Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18, 2014; Monday, August 11 – Friday, August 15, 2014. 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. \$130.00

Little Tykes Swim

A special time for Tots and their parents! Come enjoy the Portland Aquatic Center with your little one. This special event is for children 6 years old and younger accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children must stay within arm's reach of a parent. Every Wednesday, June 4, 2014 – August 20, 2014; Saturdays: June 28, July 26 and August 23, 2014. 10:00 AM -12:00 PM. Regular admission prices.

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UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

Hurricane season begins June 1st and ends November 30th. Now is a good time to secure your property.



Discard unwanted items from your yard. Have a plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down. Be sure your shrubs

and trees are trimmed so they are more wind resistant. Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts. Properly place brush and unwanted large items out for pick up on your street's designated week. Leaving these items out for pick up weeks at a time may cause potential danger should severe weather occur.

To view the brush and large item pick up schedule, go to the City website at www.portlandtx.com. Select the Department tab, hover down to Public Works, select Trash & Recycling, and click on Trash/Recycling Schedule. You can also call the Utility Billing Department at 361-777-4500 or Republic Services at 361-698-5000 for schedule information.

Code Enforcement

It is that time of the year again when everything is in full bloom. The Portland Police Department wants to remind you to cut your grass regularly and not let it grow over twelve (12) inches tall. Also, tend to your trees which hang over sidewalks or over the street. Trees that hang over a sidewalk should not hang lower than seven (7') feet and trees hanging over the streets should not hang lower than twelve (12') feet. We want to thank you for helping keep our city beautiful.

Public Works

Are you experiencing a water leak or sewer back-up at your residence?

If you are experiencing a water leak or a sewer back-up at your residence, please contact Public Works for assistance prior to contacting a private plumber. A crew will be dispatched to determine if the issue is on the city-maintained line or on the private yard line. This will help eliminate any unnecessary plumbing costs. The Public Works Department is staffed 24 hours a day and can be reached at 361-777-4601.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mr. Kippy: Every Thursday at 9 AM and 10 AM

E-Reader University: One-on-one assistance with your e-reader every Tuesday 3-5 PM

On demand computer class: June, 20, 2014-Booking Your Summer Vacation. 10 AM

Makerspace: Essential Oils June 5, 2014 6-8 PM from 6-8 PM.

Coupon Swap: Thursday, June 26, 2014 from 6-8 PM.



The library summer schedule is packed with reading activities and fun for the whole family. Please come by the library and pick up a calendar of all the exciting events going on this Summer at the library or visit our website at www.portlandtx.com to download and print a calendar.

Regular Summer Reading Club Meeting Times

1st-6th grades: Mondays 3-4 PM

Kinder and Younger (Babies and Toddlers): Tuesdays 10-11AM

Summer Teen Lounge: Thursdays 2-4 PM



SUMMER READING CLUB KICK-OFF PARTY AND MAGIC SHOW WITH JOHN O'BRYANT

**Winner of Best Comedy Act and Two Time Winner of the Best Magician Award-San Antonio
Appearing Here Friday, June 6, 2014 10 AM**

Join Us Every Friday in June for a Fun Family Program:

Safari Greg: Friday, June 13, 2014 10 AM

Higher Hope Balloons: Friday, June 13, 2014 10 AM

The Geek Bus: Friday, June 27, 2014: 1-5 PM

Thank You From the San Patricio County Adult Literacy Council

San Patricio County Adult Literacy Council Board of Directors, tutors and students would like to thank everyone who made the first "Scrabble Tournament for Literacy" fundraising event a success. A gift of literacy is empowering, giving its recipients an opportunity for a better life for themselves and their families, and the chance to become more productive participants in their communities. This becomes a win-win situation for everyone.

Municipal Court

Did you know that you can pay most Municipal Court fines and costs online? To do this, go to www.portlandtx.com. Go to Departments at the top of the page, and then hover over Municipal Court in the drop down box. This will bring another drop down box, click on pay a ticket or fine. You will need to know your Citation or Cause Number, as well as the total amount of the fine. Not all cases may be paid in lieu of court; particularly if you are a minor or juvenile. If you are unsure if you may pay your citation online, or if you need further assistance, please contact the court at 361-777-4540.