



# The Breeze

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## FIREWORKS Dangerous and Illegal

As the Portland Fire Department and the citizens of Portland prepare to celebrate the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of not only the dangers of fireworks but also that the possession and discharge of fireworks is illegal in and around the city limits of Portland. As we celebrate the Independence of our Great Nation and display our patriotism with great enthusiasm, we must do this safely and legally.

Pyrotechnic devices from sparklers to aerial rockets cause thousands of fires and serious injuries each year. Permanent scarring, loss of vision, dismemberment – are all too often the harsh realities of fireworks use. Amateur fireworks use endangers not only the users, but also bystanders and surrounding property and structures.

As a reminder, City Ordinance section 7-60 states that a person may be fined from \$25 to no more than \$200 for possessing or discharging fireworks within 5000 feet of the city limits of Portland.

Please celebrate your holiday safely and legally!

## CITIZEN SURVEY PANEL

Do you wish you could give someone at City Hall a piece of your mind? Well, we are actually looking for people to do just that!

We are collecting email addresses of Portland residents who want to tell us how we are doing. In coming months, the City will be conducting a variety of surveys about various things. If you want to participate and give your opinion, please sign up for the Survey Panel and give us your email address.

To enroll on the panel, go to [www.portlandtx.com](http://www.portlandtx.com) and click on "Survey Panel Invitation" under the *What's New In Portland* banner. We ask that all survey participants be at least 18 years of age and live in the City of Portland. For each survey, only one member per household will be allowed to participate. It only takes a few minutes to sign up, so please do so today .

## Nixle Messaging Service Now Available To Residents

The City of Portland is launching a new community information service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology. Official alerts and messages from public officials are sent to you via web, e-mail, and cell phone texts about public safety threats and community events.

Nixle is simple, trusted and is free to residents. According to Police Chief Randy Wright, Nixle will augment the city's existing CodeRED emergency notification system. "Nixle gives us the added ability to keep our citizens informed about things happening in and around the city such as traffic tie-ups, major accidents, unfolding events like missing persons, and major crimes," he said.

"Nixle is a first-of-its-kind tool for communities that need to provide critical information to their residents," said Craig Mitnick, the founder and CEO of Nixle. "When it comes to public safety information, you have to trust the source. Residents of Portland can rest easy that the local messages they receive are authentic."

For now, Portland residents will be able to receive police and fire-related information via Nixle. Additional information sources, including announcements and messages about upcoming recreation and city events, will begin in the near future.

To sign up for the free service, visit [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Simply type in "Portland, Texas" to get started.

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## BELL/WHITTINGTON LIBRARY

### July Library Events

Celebrate Your Independence Moviethon  
Friday, July 2 @ 9:30 A.M.

Storytime with the Corpus Christi Hooks  
Thursday, July 8 @ 10 A.M.

Wild West Reading Program  
Thursday, July 15 @ 10 A.M.

Bird Adaptation Workshop  
Saturday, July 24 @ 11 A.M.

Texas State Aquarium presents  
"Trashy Tails"  
Thursday, July 29 @ 10 A.M.

Summer Reading Program  
End of Summer Party  
Friday, July 30 @ 6 P.M.

Come check out our full calendar of events  
[www.portlandtxlibrary.com](http://www.portlandtxlibrary.com)

## Portland Aquatic Center

### Dive-In Movie

When: Thursday, July 8 @ 9 p.m  
Cost: \$3.00/person

### Little Tykes Swim

This special event is for children 6 years of age and younger accompanied by a parent or guardian.  
When: Tuesday, July 13 & Saturday, July 17 @ 10 A.M.

### Splash Night

Come join us for a fun filled evening at the Portland Aquatic Center. We will be swimming, dancing, playing games and dining on delicious pizza and snacks. Participants must be entering grades 2-8. All staff is CPR/first aid certified.  
When: Friday, July 16 @ 7 P.M.  
Cost: \$20.00/person

### Junior Lifeguard Camp

When: Monday, July 19-Friday, July 23 8 A.M.-4 P.M.  
Cost: \$130.00/person

### Sports Night

When: Thursday, July 22 @ 8 P.M.  
Cost: Regular Admission Price

### Christmas in July

Join Good Ole'Saint Nick and other special guests in their summer gear as they enjoy their vacation at the Portland Aquatic Center. There will be Christmas themed fun, games and snacks. Parents, make sure you bring your camera for pictures with Santa!  
When: Saturday, July 24 @ 2 P.M.  
Cost: Regular Admission Price

### 1st Annual Belly Flop Contest

Come join the Portland Aquatic Center for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Belly Flop Contest. Contestants will be judged on grace, style, enthusiasm and of course...splash! Trophies will be awarded for the first three places. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.  
When: Saturday, July 31 @ 3 P.M.  
Cost: Regular Admission Price



### Movie in the Park

Saturday, July 24 @ 9 P.M.  
Municipal Park  
FREE

(Bring chairs or a blanket,  
popcorn will be served)



### Schlitterbahn Day Trip

Wednesday, July 14  
Cost : \$45.00/person

Ages 13-16