

PARKS AND RECREATION

Summer Kidz Kamp 2015

Kidz Kamp is an all day camp that will be held at TM Clark Elementary beginning June 8, 2015. Activities include outdoor games, arts & crafts, field trips to the movie theater, Funtrackers, Texas State Aquarium and swimming at the Aquatics Center.

The cost is a \$60 registration fee and \$80 per week (if registered for the entire summer) and \$95 per week of NOT attending ALL summer. Ages 5-12 (5 year olds must be entering Kindergarten). Kamp times and dates are from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, June 8 thru August 14, 2015. **Call the Community Center for details 361-777-3301.**



Youth Sports Camps

The Parks & Recreation Department will be conducting four day Sports Camps for children. Camps include **Football, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, and Cheerleading.** The cost will be \$50 per participant. Ages 6-16. Date/Time still to be determined. For more information please call 361-777-3301.

Park It! 2015

Back by popular demand! Join us in YOUR park every Thursday at 6pm! We are hosting block parties at various city parks during Summer 2015! We will bring the popcorn and sno cones, you bring the family and friends. There will be food, fun and raffles to win! Mark your calendar and come out and enjoy the park with us! We will be in a park every Thursday throughout the summer! Free for all to attend!

Date, Event Time: 6-8 pm	Park
June 11, 2015	Bayside, 108 Sabine
June 18, 2015	Twin Fountains Park, 2205 Matagorda
June 25, 2015	Willacy Park, 131 Daniel Moore

REC It

Looking for something fun & FREE to do on Tuesday nights? Here's a new program! REC as in recreation, let's REC It together and have some fun. Bring your family and to Joe Burke Pavilion. We'll have a DJ and a variety of activities throughout the summer!

This is a FREE Community event, so mark your calendars and join us Tuesday Nights for REC It! Where: Joe Burke Pavilion, 2003 Billy G. Webb, Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm June 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2015

Portland Senior Center

Senior Dances

Join us at the Portland Community Center for our monthly Senior Dances. Grab your dancing shoes and come out for live music, snacks, dancing and lot of fun! Friday, June 5, 2015 from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

Portland Opry

Join us at the Portland Community Center for our monthly Opry! Thursday, June 11, 2015. Starts at 7:00 pm. (Doors open at 6:00 pm). Cost is \$7.00 per person.

Game Days

We have Game Days at the Senior Center on the second Wednesday of the month. Come join your friends for light refreshments, cards, dominos and bingo. Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center. Free for all to participate.

Portland Aquatic Center

Summer Season

May 30 - August 23, 2015: Competition Pool and Recreation Pool; 12:00 - 6:00 pm. Tuesday – Sunday. Closed Mondays.

Dive-In Movies

Come out for an evening swim while watching a movie on the big screen. Snacks will be provided. Passes do not apply. Thursday, June 12th 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 21, 2015 at 12:00 –6:00 pm. Free for Dad!

Belly Flop Contest

Come join the fun at the Portland Aquatic Center for our 6th Annual Belly Flop Contest! Contestants will be judged on grace, style, and enthusiasm and ...SPLASH! Trophies will be awarded for the first 3 places. Must be 18 years of age or older. Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 3:00 pm. Regular admission prices.

Cannon Ball Contest

Calling all kids...come make a big splash at the 5th Annual Cannon Ball Contest. Just like the big kids, the contestants will be judged on style, enthusiasm and SPLASH! Prizes will be awarded for the first three places. Regular admission fees apply. Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 3:30 pm. Regular admission prices.

Little Tykes Swim

A special time for Tots and their parents! Enjoy the Portland Aquatic Center with your little one. This event is for children 6 years and under accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children must stay within arm's reach of a parent. Every Wednesday, June 3, 2015 – August, 19, 2015; Saturdays: June 20, July 18 and August 15, 2015. 10:00 AM -12:00 pm. Regular admission prices.

Help win \$100,000 to help build our Portland Dog Park!

Vote for our Dog Park at www.facebook.com/PetSafeBrand



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Plus, 4 other lucky communities will win \$25,000!

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LIBRARY NEWS

The Bell/Whittington Public Library has kicked off it's Summer Reading Program!

Stop by the library as there is something for the whole family!

- Students in 1st - 6th grade can join us on Mondays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Kids entering Kindergarten and younger should visit the library on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am for Summer Kids Time.
- Teens are encouraged to stop by the library on Thursdays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for Summer Teen Library Lounge.
- Families can visit the library together, Friday's at 10 a.m. for the Summer Family Program. Visit the website for more information.

CodeRED Test Call Scheduled

The City will conduct a test call for our CodeRED emergency notification system on **Tuesday, June 2nd at 2:00 pm.**



CodeRED is an ultra-high speed telephone service for emergency notifications. It is a free service that allows us to notify residents within minutes in the event of an emergency that requires immediate action.

You can also register your cell phone in the system so you can be notified no matter where you are. This is important for those who work out of town but want to be alerted to emergencies in town.

Register your cell number at:
www.portlandtx.com/index.aspx?nid=320



**Change a Life!
Help a neighbor learn to read.**

Volunteer to be an Adult Literacy Tutor.

Over 30% of adults in San Patricio County read and write English below sixth grade level. San Patricio County Adult Literacy Council in conjunction with the libraries in Aransas Pass, Ingleside, Portland, Taft, Sinton, Odem, and Mathis offer the resources needed to help individuals 17 years or older who live or work in San Patricio County to read, write, speak, and communicate in English.

The Adult Literacy Council offers FREE training to become an Adult Literacy Tutor. No prior teaching experience or ability in a second language is needed. Make plans to join us!

For details, contact Linda Medellin at (361) 364-2310
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PUBLIC WORKS

Help! The rain made my toilet overflow!

The recent rains have caused wastewater problems for many residents. Why did this happen? There are two main reasons:

Infiltration – Infiltration is the groundwater that seeps into the sanitary sewer system through cracks in the piping. With the amount of rain Portland recorded, the ground has become saturated. Once saturation occurred, the groundwater soaks into the wastewater collection pipes.

Inflow – Inflow occurs when residents allow water to flow into the sanitary sewer system through their cleanouts. Each residence has a yard sewer line that connects up to the City's main sanitary sewer line, usually in the rear of the property. Most yard sewer lines have two cleanouts that should be covered by a cap. When residents remove, misplace, or damage the sewer cleanout caps, stormwater flows into the yard sewer line and into the main sewer system.

Infiltration & Inflow (called I&I) or stormwater, must be treated as if it were sewer water. This adds to the cost of treating our wastewater since it increases the use of chemicals, manpower and other resources.

Here are some of the measures the City is taking to address this issue:

Collection System Improvements - Portland is improving the communication system that alerts operators about the condition of 18 sewer lift stations across town. The improvements will provide staff with an increased lead time for situations and help prevent emergencies. It will also allow us to monitor problem areas.

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – The Utility Line Replacement Phase 1B (sewer) construction is underway. This project will repair or replace aging wastewater mains, sewer lines and manholes.

Cleanout caps – Cleanout caps are required to cover the inlets of sewer yard lines. They are available at hardware, home improvements stores, and several other area retailers. The cost on a cap is only a few dollars and they can save hours of headaches. The City is asking residents that do not have caps on their clean outs to contact Public Works through our service request link at:

<http://mygovhelp.us/PORTLANDTX/cs/SupportHome.aspx?>

to request help in locating your cleanouts or to obtain a complimentary cleanout cap. Supplies are limited so these will be distributed as first come first serve and only one per household.

Check out all our capital projects on our website at www.portlandtx.com.