



CITY HALL & PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY JULY 3

Portland Fire Chief Lyle Lombard Reminds us:

ENJOY THE PROFESSIONAL FIREWORKS IN OUR AREA!

As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, fireworks go on sale in certain areas. The City of Portland salutes patriotism in honoring our nation's history. And the Fire Department wants residents to remember that **the sale, use, display or possession of fireworks is prohibited within the city limits of Portland.**

For more information or clarification, please contact the Fire Marshal at 361-643-0155.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Park It! 2015

Back by popular demand! Join us in YOUR park every **Thursday at 6 pm!** 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. Food, fun and raffles to win! Mark your calendar s 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! **All from 6 to 8 PM**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Park</u>
July 2	East Cliff Park, 301 Georgia
July 9	Oakridge Park, 2233 Memorial Pkwy
July 16	Moser Park, 411 Seco
July 23	Municipal Park, 1815 Memorial Pkwy
July 30	Chatwork Park, 2340 Memorial Pkwy

REC It!

Looking for something fun & FREE to do on Tuesday nights...here's a new program! Well we are ready to REC it with you every Tuesday night this summer! That's right, REC— as in recreation! Let's REC it together and have some fun! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to Joe Burke pavilion. A DJ will spin the tunes and there will be a variety of activities provided! You can dance or even bring your old school roller skates and cruise...

This is a FREE Community event, bringing families and neighbors together to REC it! Tuesday nights REC it! And don't forget—you get to Park It on Thursdays, too!...who says there is nothing fun to do in Portland!!! We have a fantastic action-packed summer planned just for you!

REC It! TUESDAYS, July 7, 14, 21, 28 6-8 PM Joe Burke Pavilion, 2003 Billy G. Webb

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 provided. Passes do not apply. Thursday, July 9 at 9:00 - 11:00 PM. \$3.00/person.

Little Tykes Swim

A special time for Tots and their parents at the Portland Aquatic Center! For children 6 years and younger, with a parent or guardian. Children must stay within arm's reach of a parent. Every Wednesday through August 19; Saturday July 18 and August 15, 2015. 10 AM -12 PM. Regular admission

Junior Lifeguard Camp

Our unique program has been a hit! This program is be a community-based water safety program for youths ages 11-15. Students will receive instruction in water safety, facility operations, basic work skills, lifeguard skills, first aid and CPR, and proper nutrition, and will receive a certificate from Jeff Ellis International Lifeguard Training Program, a t-shirt, whistle and a lanyard. Participants must provide their own lunches.

Monday, July 13 through Friday July 17 8 AM to 4 PM Cost is \$130

Swim Stroke Clinic

Whether you're young or old, beginner or advanced, weekend warrior or triathlete: everyone can benefit from our stroke clinic. The Portland Aquatic Center is bringing in USA certified swim coach Mic Nelson to offer a clinic that will teach the technical aspects of each of the 4 Olympic strokes. Learning the fundamentals and technical aspects will help improve proficiency of the strokes.

Monday Jul 13 6 PM to 8 PM Cost is \$40

Christmas in July

Join Good Ole Saint Nick and other guests in their summer gear as they enjoy their 4th annual vacation at the Portland Aquatic Center! There will be Christmas-themed fun, games and snacks. Parents, make sure you bring a camera for pictures with Santa, and other special guests!

Saturday July 25 2 PM to 4 PM Regular admission prices

Kid Katch

The City of Portland is co-sponsoring the 12th annual Kid Katch Youth Fishing Tournament with the Saltwater Fisheries Enhancement Association, Spectra Energy and the San Patricio County and Nueces County branches of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Children 17 and under are invited to participate in three different age categories. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each age group for Biggest Fish. Free lunch is provided and t-shirts will be given to the first 200 registrants. The event is strictly "measure and release." Parents may accompany children. Come out and join the fun! **And be sure to bring some new school supplies with you to the event to donate to our School Supply Drive! All supplies will be donated to Gregory-Portland ISD to help children who cannot afford them. Kid Katch is a FREE event. Donate and make a difference in the life of children in your community!**

Saturday August 1 9 AM to 12 PM (fishing ends at 11 AM)

Indian Point Pier FREE Registration is now open!

Summer Kidz Kamp 2015

Kidz Kamp is an all-day camp that is currently being held at Gregory-Portland Intermediate. Campers participate in activities such as outdoor games, arts and crafts projects, special events, and off-site field trips to Northshore 8 Move Theater, Funtrackers, Texas State Aquarium and the USS Lexington. There is also swimming at the Portland Aquatic Center. For more information please call 777-3301. **Registration is ongoing.**

Weekdays through August 14 7 AM to 6 PM Ages 5-12 (5-year-olds must be entering kindergarten) Costs: \$60 registration fee and \$80 per week, if registered for the entire summer. \$60 registration fee and \$95 per week if NOT attending ALL summer.

Youth Sports Camps

The Portland Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting several four-day Sports Camps for children. These camps will include **BASKETBALL, DANCE AND CHEERLEADING.** Instructors for these camps have extensive knowledge in these sports. Your child will learn the fundamentals of the sport they register for in an environment that will allow him or her to learn and retain more information.

Please call 361 777-3301 for details.

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LIBRARY IS CLOSED SATURDAY JULY 4

LIBRARY NEWS

2015 Summer Reading



“Every Hero Has a Story”

Activities continue through the month of July.
ALL READING LOGS ARE DUE FRIDAY, JULY 17.
Get yours in and win chances to receive really awesome prizes!

MR. KIPPY IS ON VACATION IN JULY

Join us for Summer Family Movies!— PG’s!

Friday July 10 Big Hero
Friday, July 17 Brave
Friday, July 24 The Lego Movie

All screenings at 10 AM

WILD THINGS LIVE ANIMAL SHOW!

Families welcome to come for a performance on Friday, July 31 from 10 to 11 AM. Please come to the library and pick up a calendar of events!

GENEALOGY PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY

All levels of family history researchers are welcome!
Wednesday, July 22 at 3 PM in the Library meeting room
Free refreshments (while they last!)

TEEN LIBRARY LOUNGE

WILD THINGS LIVE ANIMAL SHOW

Special Teen Library Lounge performance!
Thursday, July 30, 2-3 PM
Thursdays in July—July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
2 PM to 4 PM

VIDEO EDITING AND PHOTOSHOP CLASSES

FOR TEENS

are being offered through July 17
For youth in grades 7-12
Stop by—no need to sign up in advance!
Video editing July 3, 7, 10, 14, 17
Photoshop July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15
All classes run from 2 PM to 4 PM

UTILITY BILLING

Utility customers who pay by check should use only black or blue ink. This will ensure that your payment is processed properly. Banks have difficulty scanning ink colors other than black or blue, and that can delay your account being credited.

Utility customers who mail their utility payment should mail their payments a day or two earlier than they have in the past. The U.S. Postal Service is taking longer to process mail these days. All payments received after the 15th of the month are subject to late penalties. To avoid penalties, please mail your payments 5-7 days before the 15th.

If you prefer a different payment option, we have bank drafting, an online payment through our website at www.portlandtx.com or you can come into City Hall at 1900 Billy G Webb Drive, Portland, TX 78374 to the Utility Billing Department. If you have any questions please feel free to call 361-777-4500.

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, July 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

Portland Opry

Join us at the Portland Community Center for our monthly Opry! Thursday, July 9. Starts at 7 PM. (Doors open at 6 PM). Cost is \$7 per person.

Game Days

Games Galore! Don’t want to be stuck playing the same old games? We have Game Days at the Senior Center on the second Wednesday of the month. Come join your friends for light refreshments, cards, bingo and dominoes. Wednesday, July 8, at 1 PM. And it’s FREE!

Classic Movie Night

Portland Senior Center is hosting a classic movie night—and there will be complimentary popcorn! Join your friends!

Thursday July 23 5:30 PM Senior Center Free

Coushatta Casino “No-Brainers” Trip to Kinder, Louisiana

Join us as your comfy Rockport Tours coach whisks you to the Best Western in Kinder, LA, just a few steps from the casino. Coushatta “No-Brainers” trip includes transportation, 1 night of lodging at the Coushatta Grand Inn, free 24/7 shuttle to and from the casino, as well as the services of a Rockport Tours escort. It’s easy and great fun! IMPORTANT: For everyone’s safety, WE DO NOT drive overnight! Please arrive at your pickup place at least 15 to 20 minutes before scheduled departure.

Depart August 20 at 6:15 AM from Portland Walmart Parking lot

Return Aug 21 at 12 PM \$85 per person reserve at 361 643-9431

Or Come to the Senior Center and reserve. Seats are limited!

FROM PORTLAND PUBLIC WORKS
BRUSH AND BULKY WASTE UPDATE

We are continuing to work with our contractor, Republic Services, to catch up with brush and bulky pickup. Republic has brought additional resources to the city and hopes to back on schedule soon. Brush and bulky trash pickup is generally heavier in the spring and summer. Recent rains have also contributed to the schedule delays.

Here are some helpful reminders about the service to assist in expediting your pick up:

- Piles must be placed four feet from potential obstacles including signs, mailboxes, water meters, gas meters, and fire hydrants.
- Items must be placed in front of your residence. Items placed in empty lots will not be picked up.
- Please do not park in front of brush piles. The claw truck must be able to park beside the pile.
- Construction materials, tires, TVs, paint, hazardous materials, and bagged household trash will not be picked up. These items must be disposed of separately by the resident.
- Bagged leaves should be disposed of in your trash cart. If you place them out for brush service, please do not place them with additional brush.
- Brush and bulky pickup is a single-family residential service. The contractor will not pick up items in front of businesses, multi-family residences (with dumpsters), churches, or schools. These properties must contact Republic Services directly.
- Professional landscapers and tree trimmers must be registered with the City and remove debris. They may not leave the brush in front of your home.

Please contact Public Works at (361) 777-4601 with any questions. Thank you for your patience!