



HAPPY 2016!

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 1st & 18th



PARKS AND RECREATION

FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES

The Portland Community Center, located at 2000 Billy G. Webb Drive, is a multi-use facility, featuring both fitness and facilities and rooms to rent for special occasions. The fitness center includes:

- * Full-size basketball court
- * Indoor walking track
- * Racquetball courts
- * Full-size locker rooms
- * Weight room comprised of free weights and weight machines (plate-loaded and selectorized)
- * Cardio rooms featuring treadmills, stair climbers, an elliptical trainer, upright and recumbent bikes, Jacob's ladder, spin bikes, Concept 2 rowing machines, and a step mill
- * Open Monday through Friday 5:30 AM to 9:30 PM
 - Saturday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 - Sunday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- * Open Gym times (membership or drop-in exercise fee required):
 - Open gym (general): Monday and Friday 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 - Basketball: Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 to 9:30 PM
 - Volleyball: Wednesday 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

AQUATIC CENTER POLAR BEAR CLUB

Take the plunge! Join the Aquatic Center Polar Bear Club and track your swimming distance throughout the winter months. Receive prizes at 10, 25 and 50 miles. Miles will be tracked at the Aquatic Center. Regular admission fees apply.

- *December 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016
- *6:30 to 9:00 AM; 5:00 to 7:30 PM
- *Regular admission fees apply



7th ANNUAL FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Feb. 12th, 6:30PM

Community Center

The Portland Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting the 7th Annual Father/Daughter Dance. All school age girls are invited to bring their father, grandfather, uncle, brother or other father figure to the event. The Community Center will be decorated in a theme and snacks will be provided. Current pop music and Dad's favorites will be spun by a professional DJ. A photographer will be available at an additional cost. Guests are asked to wear semi-formal attire. And back by popular demand...the fun photo booth and sundae bar! Tickets can be purchased at the Portland Community Center and all Kidz Klub sites.

- When: Friday, February 12, 2016 , 6:30-9:30 PM
- Where: Portland Community Center
- Cost: \$15.00/couple, \$7.00/additional child

SENIOR SERVICES

January 14th, 5:30 PM **PORTLAND OPRY** **Community Center**

Don't miss the Opry! Doors open at 5:30 PM. Join us for dinner! Hot food available at additional cost. The show starts at 7 pm, and you will be blown away by the amazing talent we have here on our Portland stage! So come on down and enjoy the show! Thursday, January 5th, 6:30-9:30 PM. Cost is \$7 per person.



Tues, Thurs & Fri, 10:30 AM **SILVER SNEAKERS** **Community Center**

The Silver Sneakers Fitness Program is a comprehensive older-adult fitness program that addresses the needs of the Medicare population (age 65+). Silver Sneakers is a chair based fitness class focused on retraining useful movements that decline with age. This is a great class with activities paced for you, set to fun, catchy tunes. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 10:30 AM.

No cost to Silver Sneakers members; \$4 for Senior Citizens



January 13th, 1:00 PM **GAME DAY** **Senior Center**

Games Galore! Don't want to be stuck playing the same old games? We have Game Day at the Senior Center the second Wednesday of each month (excluding holidays). Come join your friends for light refreshments, cards, dominoes, and bingo. Free for all to participate.

**Resolve this year
to get in shape!
Portland Community Center
wants to help you start
2016 right.
Purchase a membership
during the month of
January and
receive a 10% discount!**

BELL WHITTINGTON LIBRARY



We had a wonderful holiday season here at the Library, and we are all looking forward to a super 2016! Join us this year for some (or all!) of our activities for children of every age, from infants to teenagers!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Every Monday from 4-5 PM for Kinder through 6th grade. Join us for crafts, science fun, movies and snacks! We have a great time!



TODDLER TIME

Every Tuesday from 10-11 AM we host a story time for babies, toddlers and preschool age children. Mrs. Dorothy presents stories, finger plays and crafts for little ones!



MR. KIPPY'S STORY TIME

Every Thursday at 9 & 10 AM, Mr. Kippy is here with stories for the little ones!



TEEN LIBRARY LOUNGE: NOTE NEW TIME!!!

Thursdays in January—the 14th, 21st and 28th, and now running from 4:30-5:30 PM. Teens are welcome to come and enjoy snacks, board games, video games and crafts.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trash/Recycling Schedule

The 2016 Trash/Recycling/Bulk calendars have been posted on our website and are available at <http://www.portlandtx.com/index.aspx?NID=255>

To access your calendar click on the link above the table that shows your street. Paper copies of the schedule for your area are also available at Utility Billing and Public Works. Please call Mary at (361) 777-4601 with any questions.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up with the regular bulk trash pickup; there is not a special pickup this year. Please be sure your trees are placed curbside by 7:00 am the Monday of your regularly scheduled bulk trash week. As a reminder, waste should be placed four (4) feet from any obstacles, parked vehicles, and away from the water meter.

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Congratulations!

The City of Portland hosted its Employee Appreciation & Awards Luncheon on Thursday, December 17, 2015. These employees have served the citizens of Portland for 30 or more years.



Lt. Tony Cano is the Commander of the Uniform Services Division at the Police Department. This is Lt. Cano's 35th year as an employee for the City of Portland.



Rey Barrera is the Water & Wastewater Supervisor at the Public Works Department. This is Rey's 35th year as an employee for the City of Portland.



Yolanda Ochoa
Utility Billing

Yolanda is celebrating 30 years of service to the citizens of Portland.



Roger Cruz
Street Maintenance

Roger is celebrating 30 years of service to the citizens of Portland



Ramiro Avila
Street Maintenance

Ram is celebrating his 30th year of service to the citizens of Portland