



THE CITY'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT IS A VITAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY

The Information Technology Department for the City of Portland, headed by IT Manager Terrell Elliott, provides internal services for all of the City government's technology-related requirements. The technology resources utilized by the City of Portland deliver increased efficiency, manpower leveraging, and expanded services to citizens and City departments.

These technologies include enterprise software platforms supporting various departments' missions and the services they deliver to the citizens, database systems to manage and utilize the data created and acquired by the City, and server and data center systems. A local cloud infrastructure provides a cost effective and efficient virtual environment. Multiple networks of various types include traditional copper-based Ethernet, fiber optic, microwave, cellular, and land mobile radio. Land mobile radio systems provide public safety and public works mission-critical communications. A radio-over-IP network provides interoperable radio communications between the City of Portland and other agencies and emergency services in the greater geographical area. Telephone systems and networks for all City government facilities are provided from a central location. Surveillance camera systems increase security and safety of facilities and parks. Other technologies are also utilized. Help desk services and internal maintenance and support are also provided by the department.

The City utilizes open source and government source software in all applicable areas to reduce costs. Light technology construction is handled in-house by the Technology Department.

The Technology Department keeps the organization at the forefront of advances in communications, software and information systems. In turn, the City is able to provide the very best services for our residents.

HUMMINGBIRDS AT THE LIBRARY!



Jeanette Larson, local author of *Hummingbirds: Facts and Folklore From the Americas*, will present a program about these amazing little creatures. She will answer your questions, too, and have copies of her book available.



- * Thursday September 8 at 7 PM
- * Library conference Room
- * FREE
- * Refreshments, too

Kidz Klub

The City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department and G-PSD co-sponsor the Kidz Klub After School Program. Kidz Klub is a recreation program offered at 4 school sites located in Portland. Children ages 5-12, in K through 5th grade, are eligible for enrollment. Activities include quality recreational activities with enhance children's leisure skills in safe and familiar surroundings. Fees include an afternoon snack. Extended hours will be available on early dismissal days. The program will run from school dismissal time through 6 PM. All Kidz Klub staff is certified in CPR/First Aid. The program is licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Watch for new and improved programming at all Kidz Klub sites to enhance your child's experience! There will be fitness, fun, art, sports and a variety of other unique recreational opportunities.

Sites: East Cliff, T. M. Clark and W. C. Andrews

Note: S.F. Austin students will be bused to Andrews in Portland.

- * \$60 registration fee due at registration
- * \$95 per month tuition due on the 1st of each month
- * \$15 late fee added after the 10th of the month
- * All outstanding fees must be paid prior to returning to the program.

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 ★ **CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY** ★
 ★ **SEPTEMBER 5th FOR LABOR DAY** ★
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PARKS AND RECREATION

Is now online! Register today

<http://apm.activecommunities.com/PortlandTXRec>

Here's something new for Seniors: Senior Roundtable

Join the Parks and Recreation Director and staff at the Portland Senior Center to visit, get to know each other better, discuss the latest happenings, ask questions and get answers, have some fun and make new friends! It's nothing fancy—let's just chat. Come on down, grab a chair and join us! Maybe we can look at ways to get involved and volunteer together in our Community! The door is open and the opportunities are endless! See you there!!!

- * Wednesday September 21 12:30 PM
- * Portland Community Center FREE

The Portland Aquatic Center will be OPEN Saturday, September 3 through Monday, September 5 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM each day

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Portland Aquatic Center

Extend that summer feeling and come swim on Saturdays in September!

Pooch-A-Palooza H2O

Bring your dog to make a splash at the Aquatic Center for our first ever Pooch-A-Palooza H2O! Fun for the whole family—dogs ONLY in the water, please! There will be a swimsuit contest, and a special doggie concession stand! Registration will be required, and be sure to bring current vaccination record.



- * Saturday, September 10th, 4:30-6:30 PM
- * Swimsuit contest at 5:00 PM
- * \$5 per dog/maximum of 2 dogs per adult only please

August 22-September 30:

- * Competition Pool Only
Monday—Friday 6:30—9:00 AM
- * Competition Pool Only
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:00-7:30 PM
- * Competition and Recreation Pool
Saturday 12:00-4:00 PM

Senior Services Events

HUMMINGBIRD TOUR

Come and see the hummingbirds as they migrate to south Texas! Call 643 9431 to reserve your seat on the bus. Space is limited.

- * Wednesday September 14 at 1:00 PM
- * Leave from Senior Center, travelling to Rockport
- * FREE



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, September 2nd at 6:30 - 9:30 PM.
- * Cost is \$3.00 per person.

Portland Opry

Come on down and enjoy the show at the Portland Community Center!

- * Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 PM - Doors open at 6:00 PM
- * Hot food for sale
- * \$7.00 per person

Game Days

Games Galore! Come join your friends for cards, dominoes and bingo!

- * Wednesday, September 14 at 1:00 PM
- * Portland Senior Center
- * FREE

Silver Sneakers

Join us for a comprehensive older-adult fitness program that addresses the needs of the Medicare (65+) population. It is a chair-based fitness class. Focus in on retraining useful movements that often decline with age. All set to fun, catchy tunes!

- * Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 10:30 AM
- * Portland Community Center
- * No cost to Silver Sneakers members; \$4 for Senior Citizens

Bell/Whittington Library

After School Program with Mrs. Dorothy

Stories, crafts and learning fun for children in grades K-6 Mondays from 4-5 PM

Toddler Time with Mrs. Dorothy

- * Stories, activities and crafts for preschoolers
- * Tuesdays at 10 AM

Story time with Mr. Kippy

- * Thursdays at 9 and 10 AM

Teen Library Lounge with Mrs. Ledezma

- * Games, food and fun for kids in grades 7-12
- * Thursdays from 4:30-5:30

WATCH FOR OCTOBER EVENTS!

PARKS AND REC PRESENTS:

- * **Boo Bash Triathlon!**
- * **Saturday October 8 8 AM**
- * **Boo Bash**
- * **Saturday October 22 6-9 PM**

BELL/WHITTINGTON LIBRARY PRESENTS:

- * **Book-A-Palooza October 22**
- * **Friends Book Sale Oct 20-24**

Contact the Library at (361) 777-0921 for details



Back to School



Please be alert for children in and around school zones!