



# the Breeze

Official news from the City of **portland**  
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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### SilverSneakers Community Center

Every Tue./Thu./Fri., 10:30 a.m.  
For details, call 361.777.4670.

### After-School Program begins Bell/Whittington Public Library

Mon., Sept. 11, 4:00 p.m.  
For details, call 361.777.4560.

### Toddler Time begins Bell/Whittington Public Library

Tue., Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m.  
For details, call 361.777.4560.

### Hummingbird Tour Portland Senior Center

(traveling to Rockport)  
Wed., Sept. 13, 1:00 p.m.  
For details, call 361.643.9431.

### Teen Library Lounge begins Bell/Whittington Public Library

Thu., Sept. 14, 4:30 p.m.  
For details, call 361.777.4560.

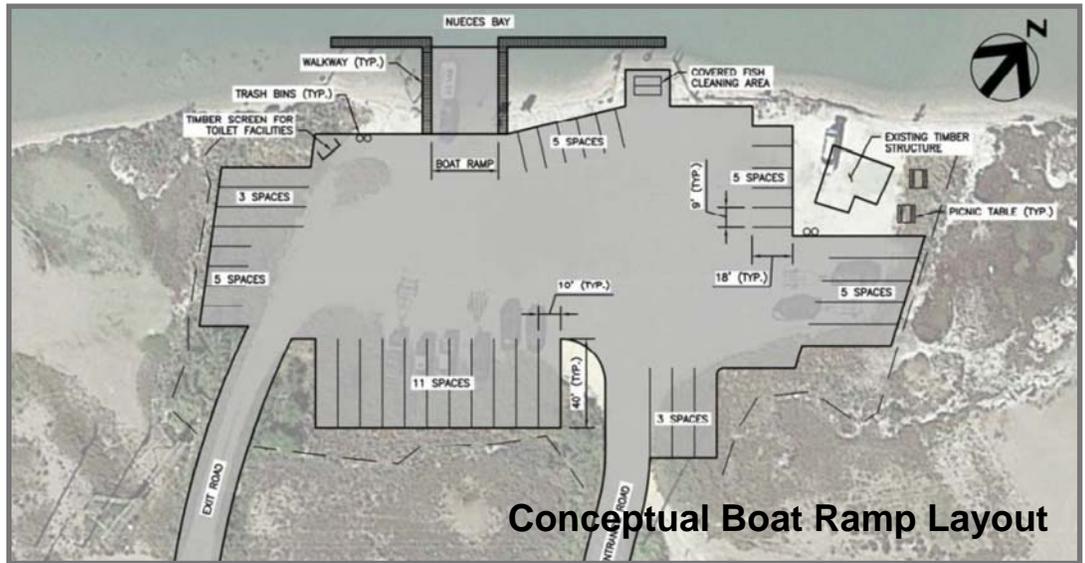
### Portland Opry Community Center

Thu., Sept. 14, 7:00 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
For details, call 361.777.4670

### Classics & Coffee Bell/Whittington Public Library

Fri., Sept. 15, 9:30 a.m.  
Adults 18 & older  
Featured film: *Citizen Kane*  
For details, call 361.777.4560.

## COUNCIL APPROVES 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



Conceptual Boat Ramp Layout

In August, the Portland City Council approved a five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). These projects represent investment or reinvestment in the Portland community. They include infrastructure projects, like streets and the water/wastewater system; improvements to the City's parks and trails; and refining or redesigning some of the City's recreational amenities.

For planning purposes and to ensure that dollars spent on high-value capital improvement projects are well managed and optimized, the Portland City Council adopts a five-year CIP every year. This yearly review and update of the CIP ensures that City leaders will continue a

long-term approach to the future of Portland.

Projects slated for 2017-2018 include:

### Infrastructure

#### Utility Line Replacement

Replacing aging pipes in older parts of town

#### Street Improvements

Ongoing rehabilitation and overlay projects, or sealcoat projects, to be performed on street sections prioritized by the condition of the pavement

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## LATE SEPTEMBER OPENING PLANNED FOR SPORTS VENUES

After nine months of construction, the City of Portland is readying to unveil two new sports venues: Municipal Park on Memorial Parkway and the Sports Complex on Buddy Ganem Drive. **Grand opening activities are scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for the Sports Complex, and on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 6:00 to**

### 8:00 p.m. for Municipal Park.

Both events are free and open to everyone. Sports-related games and activities, and ballpark fare, are part of the opening line-up.

As it becomes available, information will be provided on the City of Portland Facebook page and at [PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com).

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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT continued...

### Public Works Center Improvements

Construction of a new animal control facility, fueling station, parking lots, and driving surfaces

### Inflow and Infiltration Study

Identify unwanted flows of storm water and ground water into the sanitary sewer system

### Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Design and build an in-house sludge disposal system

## Recreation

### Indian Point Pavilion

Construction of a shade structure to allow for gatherings, activities, and educational opportunities

### Shell Dock Boat Launch

Construction of a boat launching area to allow access to the Corpus Christi Bay

### Akins Hike and Bike Trail

Construction of a sidewalk and biking trail on Akins Drive, between Wildcat Drive and Lang Road

Capital improvement projects are those involving buildings or facilities with a total estimated cost of \$100,000 or more. Capital improvement expenditures may also include the purchase of major equipment and vehicles, such as public safety/emergency vehicles, valued at more than \$100,000 with a life expectancy of 15 years or more.

The CIP includes projects and purchases through 2021. Some of those projects beyond 2018 are: replacing storm drains on Colonial Drive (including reconstruction of the road), a new public library, improvements to the Portland Community Center and the Aquatic Center, radio upgrades for public safety personnel, and continued improvements to city streets. The CIP also includes construction of a drainage outfall on the west side of town, and plans for a new fire station, as well as the purchase of an aerial platform fire truck.

Complete information on the 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program can be found on the homepage of [PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com).

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## LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

City offices, including the Bell/Whittington Public Library and the Senior Center, will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for Labor Day. Kidz Klub will also be closed. The Portland Community Center and the Aquatic Center will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Police, fire, and emergency services will remain on duty.

Trash and recycling services will operate on the normal schedule and will not be affected by the holiday.

## POOCH-A-PALOOZA RETURNS SEPT. 9

Pooch-a-Palooza H2O, slated for Saturday, Sept. 9, promises to be a 'pawsome' event. Dogs will rule the pool from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Portland Aquatic Center, located at 2002 Billy G. Webb Drive. This is the second year for this family-friendly event and, while everyone is invited, only dogs are allowed in the pool. A swimsuit competition and special doggie concession are part of the fun. Registration is required, along with a current vaccination record.

The cost is \$5 per dog; no more than two dogs per adult, please. The swimsuit contest begins at 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 361.777.4670.

## BOO BASH TRIATHLON REGISTRATION

Registration has begun for this fall's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Boo Bash Triathlon. Scheduled Saturday, Oct. 14, the event is suited to athletes of every kind—from weekend warriors to elite competitors. It starts at 8:00 a.m. from the Joe Burke Pavilion, at 2003 Billy G. Webb Drive. Online registration is available from the homepage of [PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com) or call 361.777.4670 for more details. Special thanks to Al Willeford Chevrolet for sponsoring the event.

Mark your calendars for the following weekend, when the popular Boo Bash returns. It's scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Joe Burke Pavilion. There will be more details on Boo Bash in the October issue of the Breeze.

## LIBRARY GEARS UP FOR FALL

The Bell/Whittington Public Library is revving up for fall activities. *Read Across Texas: The Veteran Experience* is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. The book, *What It is Like to Go to War*, will serve as the focal point for a group discussion on war, and troops transitioning from the battlefield to home. Libraries in Texas are participating in this effort to encourage a dialogue between the public and service men and women.

Book-A-Palooza returns Saturday, Oct. 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at T.M. Clark Elementary, 2250 Memorial Parkway. The event aims to improve early childhood literacy. It features games, activities, and FREE books for children up to 8 years old.

For information on these and all the programs offered at the library, call 361.777.4560.