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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Portland Farmers Market
Joe Burke Pavilion
(2003 Billy G. Webb Dr.)

Sat., June 1, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
For details, call 361.777.4670.

Summer Kid Kamp
G-PISD School Site
Registration Now Available

Kamp starts Mon., June 3
Mon.-Fri., 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
For details, call 361.777.4670.

John O'Bryant Magic Show
Bell/Whittington Public Library

Fri., June 7, 10:00 a.m.
For details, visit their Facebook page.

Park It!

Bayside Park (108 Sabine Dr.)

Thu., June 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
For details, call 361.777.4670.

Epic Entertainment
Bell/Whittington Public Library

Fri., June 14, 10:00 a.m.
For details, visit their Facebook page.

Mad Science

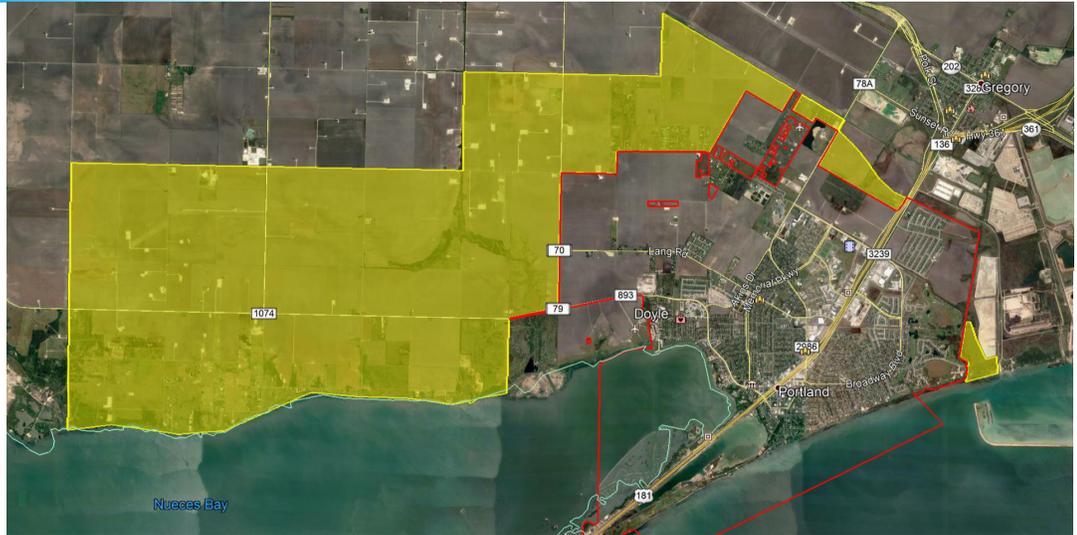
Bell/Whittington Public Library

Fri., June 21, 10:00 a.m.
For details, visit their Facebook page.

Matt Tardy:

Motivational Stunt Juggler
Bell/Whittington Public Library

Fri., June 28, 10:00 a.m.
For details, visit their Facebook page.



SECURED ETJ ENSURES MORE CONTROL OVER GROWTH

The cities of Portland and Corpus Christi have finalized a cession agreement that grants additional extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) to Portland. The agreement includes 235 acres north and east of the city, and approximately 614 acres to the northwest. An additional 8,900 acres (14 square miles) forms a rolling ETJ that Portland can annex over the next 15 years.

The City of Portland has already begun steps to annex some of the land covered by the agreement. Once annexed, the City can exercise planning, zoning, and building controls to help guide development and protect property owners from adverse encroachments. In recent years, industrial growth has taken off, with plants

sprouting up close to residential areas. In addition, wind turbines have been installed on land north and west of Portland that could essentially stop residential growth in that area.

“Portland has long sought the ability to annex these undeveloped areas to ensure the opportunity for continued growth and economic viability, as well as to exercise greater control over how the land is developed,” said Portland Mayor Cathy Skurow. “This is an agreement that has been years in the making, and one that will be very good for the residents of Portland.”

Corpus Christi, by virtue of its population, has an ETJ extending five

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FOURTH OF JULY CLOSURES & TRASH/RECYCLE SCHEDULE

City offices, including the library and senior center, will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The Portland Community Center and the Aquatic Center will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m. There will be no Kidz Kamp. The skate park will be open regular hours. Trash and recycle collection will be conducted on the normal schedule.

LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Bell/Whittington Public Library presents the 2019 Summer Reading Program—*A Universe of Stories*. It runs from May 23 through July 20 and is designed to keep Portland learning and reading all summer long. To participate, pick up a reading sheet at the library and keep track of your reading or your child's reading. Once a sheet is full, turn it in at the library. Kids receive one ticket for each submitted sheet. Tickets can be used for a chance to win prizes. Read more to complete more reading sheets and earn more chances to win.

The program includes Summer Afternoon Programs on Mondays, Summer Toddler Time on Tuesdays, and the Summer Teen Library Lounge on Thursdays. Family activities are scheduled every Friday in June at 10:00 a.m. The 2019 Summer Bucket List is a reading program for adults 18 years of age and older.

Program activities kick off on Friday, June 7, with a magic show featuring John O'Bryant.

POOL CHEMICALS—HANDLE WITH CARE

Pool chemical accidents result in more than 5,000 emergency room visits each year. Typically, these injuries are caused by the improper handling of chlorine. Because chlorine is so common, it's sometimes overlooked as a dangerous chemical. When water or other chemicals are added improperly to chlorine it creates a chlorine gas that can cause illness, or even death.

Many times, people aren't aware of the dangers of handling swimming pool chemicals. Here are some tips:

- Educate yourself on the chemicals being used in the pool. If a chemical isn't made for pool use, don't use it in the pool. Read all instructions before adding any chemical to a pool.
- The most common injuries from chlorine are burns to the lungs, hands, eyes, and face. Wearing goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and masks may help protect you from chemical burns and/or inhaling these gases.
- Measure the appropriate amount of the chemical before adding to the pool. Adding more chemicals to the pool than needed increases the risk of chemical injury.
- Remember to add the chlorine to the water, not water to the chlorine. When you add water to the chlorine it will begin to "heat up" and can create dangerous chlorine gas.
- Dilute granular chlorine before adding it to the pool.

Following these safety tips can help you to safely treat your pool water.

Source: Association of Pool & Spa Professionals

SECURED ETJ continued...

miles from its current city limits line. Portland has a one-mile ETJ that lies entirely within Corpus Christi's ETJ. State law allows one city to cede territory to another city when their ETJs overlap, thus a cession agreement.

Negotiations for additional ETJ, which will allow Portland to better control land development in those areas, began more than five years ago.

SUMMER FUN

The popular dive-in movies will return to the Portland Aquatic Center this summer. This summer's movie lineup offers something for everyone—including teens, adults, and families. It wouldn't be movie night without popcorn, so each movie comes with free popcorn and sno-cones. (Food and drink are allowed to be brought in for dive-in movies, but glass containers are not allowed. No backpacks, please.)

The cost is \$3 per person for each movie. Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Dive-In Movies

Bring the whole family for a night at the pool and enjoy a movie together. Dates are: Thursday, June 6; Thursday, July 11; Thursday, Aug. 1. Movies start at 9:00 p.m.

Flick N Float, Grown-up Movie Night

This is a movie night for adults 18 years and older. This is your chance to float and enjoy a movie on the big screen. Dates are Friday, June 14, and Friday, July 12. Movies start at 9:00 p.m.

The Portland Aquatic Center conducts a variety of programs throughout the summer. Activities include special theme days, swim lessons for all ages, family game nights in the pool, and even a chance to set a world record for the world's largest swim lesson. Check out all the summer fun at the pool in the 2019 Parks & Recreation Program Guide on the front page of PortlandTX.com. (Information about summer camps and activities, as well as activities at the Portland Senior Center and the Bell/Whittington Public Library, can also be found in the 2019 Program Guide.)

The Portland Aquatic Center is located at 2002 Billy G. Webb Drive. For more information, call 361.777.4670.