



# the Breeze

Official news from the City of  **portland**  
of possibilities.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### Mystery Book Club

Bell/Whittington Public Library

Thu., Aug. 1, 6:30 p.m.

For details, visit their Facebook page.

### Kid Katch

Indian Point Pier

100 Highway 181

Saturday, Aug. 3, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

For details, call 361.777.4670.

### Adult Coloring

Bell/Whittington Public Library

Wed., Aug. 7, 6:00 p.m.

For details, visit their Facebook page

### Membership Appreciation Day Portland Aquatic Center

Saturday, Aug. 10, 10:00 a.m.-Noon

\$3 per person/No passes, please

For details, call 361.777.4670.

### Teen Book Club

Bell/Whittington Public Library

Thu., Aug. 15, 5:00 p.m.

For details, visit their Facebook page.

### End-of-Summer Party Portland Senior Center

Fri., Aug. 23, Noon

For details, call 361.643.9431.

Portland Parks & Recreation offers  
programs for all ages throughout  
the year.

[Visit PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com) for  
a complete listing.

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## OBEYING RULES KEEPS SCHOOL ZONES SAFE FOR KIDS

Students head back to school in mid-August. That means that many residents, even those without students to pick up or drop off, will be driving in active school zones. These zones are vital to keeping kids safe as they come and go to school.

Know the laws pertaining to school zones. For those with a new driver in the house, take care to be sure they're familiar with school zone laws, too. Fines in school zones are generally higher and the Portland Police Department is serious about enforcement.

Most importantly, following the rules when driving through a school zone helps to keep the children who use them safe. Some rules to remember:

- **Drivers MUST STOP at all crosswalks** when a crossing guard and student(s) are in the crosswalk
- **Crossing guards DO have authority** at all school zone crosswalks
- **Drivers SHOULD NOT proceed until the crossing guard signals** the okay

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## LABOR DAY HOLIDAY CLOSURES & TRASH SCHEDULE

City offices, including the Bell/Whittington Public Library and the Senior Center, will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, for Labor Day. Kidz Club will also be closed. The Portland Community Center will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Labor Day and during regular hours the rest of the holiday weekend. The Portland Aquatic Center will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m. throughout the holiday weekend.

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

## GOODBYE TO SUMMER

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

Let's say goodbye to the summer of 2019 with a celebration at the Portland Aquatic Center. This event is fun for the whole family with a deejay on deck, inflatables, and lots of pool-centric games and activities.

The Back-to-School Bash happens Friday, Aug. 9, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. It's open to all ages. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$3 per person (no passes, please).

### END-OF-SEASON SUMMER CAMPS

Summer is coming to an end, but there's still a chance to get in some fun before school starts. Summer camps wrap up with cheerleading and dance programs at the Portland Community Center. The final camps of the season are:

#### Cheerleading Camp (Ages 6-16)

Mon.-Thu., Aug. 5-8, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

#### Dance Team Camp (Ages 6-16)

Mon.-Thu., Aug. 5-8, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The cost of each camp is \$50 per participant. Register online from the Parks & Recreation page on the City's website at [PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com).

### AQUATIC CENTER STARTING NEW HOURS

With Portland kids heading back to school this month, the Portland Aquatic Center begins its end-of-season operating hours. Starting Monday, Aug. 12, pool hours will be:

#### Monday-Friday 6:30-10:00 a.m.

Competition pool only

#### Monday-Thursday 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Competition pool only

#### Saturday Noon-4:00 p.m.

Competition and recreation pool

During the Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, the Aquatic Center will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m. so that residents can enjoy the pool during the last long weekend of summer. Operating hours for the fall and winter will begin in October.

The Aquatic Center is located at 2002 Billy G. Webb Dr., adjacent to the Portland Community Center. For information about programs, call 361.777.4637.

## SAFE SCHOOL ZONES...continued

- Drivers **SHOULD NOT** park in or block fire zones or park in front of fire hydrants
- Drivers **SHOULD NOT** stop in a lane of traffic to drop off a child—it's dangerous
- Drivers **SHOULD NOT** block crosswalks, sidewalks, or driveway entrances/exits to schools or parking lots
- Cell phone use is not allowed in school zones—use only hands-free devices

One final point to remember—texting while driving is not allowed in Texas—not anywhere, including school zones. Furthermore, no one under 18 may operate a vehicle while using a wireless communication device (except in a real emergency).

## KIDZ CLUB AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

For parents looking for after-school care, Kidz Klub is the answer. The City of Portland and the Gregory-Portland ISD co-sponsor Kidz Klub, an afterschool program for kids from kindergarten through 5th grade. Hours are from the end of school until 6:00 p.m.

Online registration is available or sign up at the Portland Community Center (2000 Billy G. Webb Drive). Get the details at [PortlandTX.com](http://PortlandTX.com) or call the Parks & Recreation department at 361.777.4670.

## POOCHES READY TO PAW-TY!

Pooch-a-Palooza H2O is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7. It promises to be the most 'pawsome' event of the year. 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.

Everyone is invited, but only dogs are allowed in the pool. A swimsuit competition and special canine concessions 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.

