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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

National Night Out Municipal Park

Tue., Oct. 1, 6:00 p.m.
For details, call 361.777.4444.

Adult Coloring Bell/Whittington Library

Wed., Oct. 2, 6:00 p.m.
For details, visit their Facebook page.

Portland Farmers Market Joe Burke Pavilion

Sat., Oct. 5, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
For details, call 361.777.4670

After-School Program Bell/Whittington Library

Every Monday, 4:00 p.m.
Open to grades K-6
For details, visit their Facebook page.

Toddler Time

Bell/Whittington Library

Every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Open to ages Pre-K and younger
For details, visit their Facebook page.

Teen Library Lounge Bell/Whittington Library

Every Thursday, 4:30 p.m.
Open to grades 7-12
For details, visit their Facebook page.

For information on programs offered through the Senior Center, Bell/Whittington Public Library, and Parks & Recreation check out the 2019 Program Guide at PortlandTX.com.

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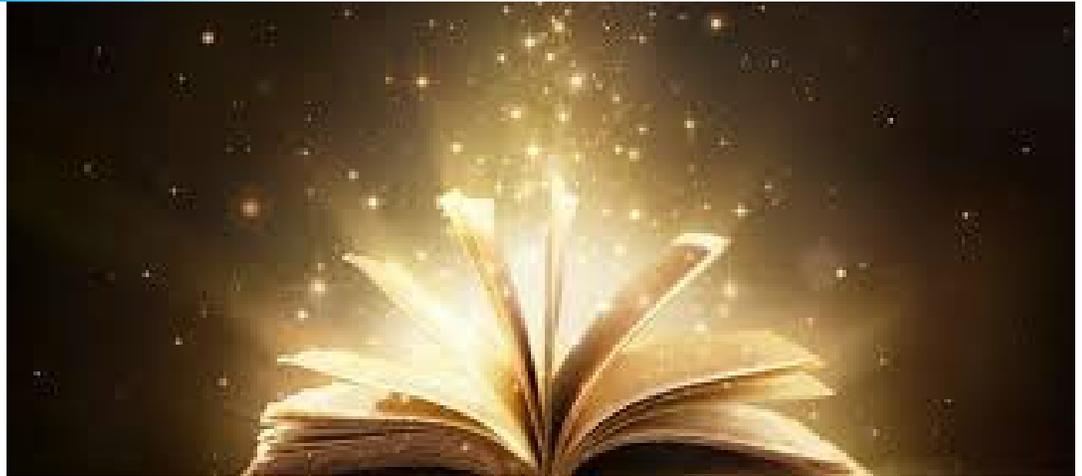
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BOOK-A-PALOOZA TO SHOWCASE MAGIC OF READING

Book-A-Palooza is a partnership between the Gregory-Portland ISD and the Bell/Whittington Public Library to promote literacy in a fun, family-friendly environment. It attracts almost 2,000 people each year and gives away thousands of books, making it one of the most successful literacy promotion events in the Coastal Bend region.

The annual event returns to Portland on Saturday, Oct. 19. The traditional book giveaway, which is open to children in second grade and younger, will be part of the festivities. Other activities will include inflatable games, door prizes,

and visits with costumed book characters.

Book-a-Palooza concludes with a special finale featuring the magic of John O'Bryant. The San Antonio-based magician is a fan favorite with his unique brand of award-winning magic, illusion, special effects, and audience interaction.

The event will take place at T.M. Clark Elementary School, located at 2250 Memorial Parkway. The book giveaway and other festivities happen from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The magic show begins at 2:00 p.m.

RACE IS ON FOR BOO BASH TRIATHLON—OCT. 12

The popular Boo Bash Triathlon is set to get everyone moving—running, biking, and swimming. It's geared to athletes of every level—from weekend warriors to elite competitors. Online registration is available at AthleteGuild.com.

The event offers three competition tiers:

- **Newbie**—200-yard swim, 6-mile bike ride, and a one-mile run
- **Sprint Tri**—400-yard swim, 14-mile bike ride, and a 5K run
- **Sprint Relay**—400-yard swim, 14-mile bike ride, and a 5K run

The Boo Bash Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12. It begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Portland Aquatic Center, located at 2002 Billy G. Webb Drive. Food, drink, and music start at the conclusion of the race.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Bell/Whittington Public Library Book Sale takes place at the library from Thursday, Oct. 10 through Monday, Oct. 14. The annual sale is open to the public and features books of every kind—all at incredibly low prices. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Bell/Whittington Public Library.

Private shopping hours for Friends members only are from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9. A Friends membership may be purchased at the circulation desk for \$15.

Regular shopping days and times are:

- Thursday, Oct. 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The library is located at 2400 Memorial Parkway. For more information, call 361.777.4560.

MUM (AND GARTER) TIME IN TEXAS

In Texas, fall means football. And football means homecoming, which makes this is the season for mums and garters. The Bell/Whittington Public Library is offering two Mum & Garter Makerspace classes for the occasion.

The first class takes place Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The second is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Both classes are geared for youths in grades 7 through 12, as well as for adults. Pre-registration is required.

Sessions are free and take place at the library, which is located at 2400 Memorial Parkway. For registration, please call 361.777.4560 or drop by the library during regular hours.

BOO BASH IS BACK

Ghosts, goblins, princesses, a ninja or two, and all their spooky pals will be heading to Municipal Park this month. One of Portland's most popular events, the annual Boo Bash festival settles in to "haunt" Municipal Park on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Making its debut at this year's Boo Bash festivities is the Trick or Treat Trail. The event also features costume contests for children and pets, a pumpkin-decorating contest, carnival games, and inflatable slides. Contests are limited to the first 30 pre-registered contestants in each age group. Registration will end at 6:45 pm.

The Boo Bash event is free and open to everyone. Hours are 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Municipal Park is located at 1815 Memorial Parkway.

CITY RESUMES MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Throughout the spring and summer, the City of Portland used larvicides as a preventative measure to help control the mosquito population. But with recent rains, the City resumed mosquito spraying in September to help keep the mosquito population under control.

Truck-mounted spraying will be conducted on an ongoing basis, depending on the insect population and weather conditions. Spraying cannot be conducted in rain or mist and can only be accomplished when winds are less than 10 miles per hour. City staff typically schedules spraying from 4:00 to 6:30 a.m. and between 8:30 p.m. and midnight, when fewer people and pets are outdoors.

It should be noted that spraying cannot eliminate mosquitoes completely. Residents can help by eliminating standing water on their property, when possible, to decrease favorable mosquito breeding conditions. These include planters, buckets, tires, children's swimming pools, gutters, etc.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR PORTLAND'S VETERANS DAY EVENT



Portland will commemorate Veterans Day on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 5:00 p.m. with a brief ceremony at Municipal Park. Ram Chavez and the Veterans Band of Corpus Christi will perform. The park is located 1815 Memorial Parkway.

Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices. We hope you'll join on is honoring the service of America's veterans.