

## City of Port Aransas Parks and Recreation Department Newsletter ~ February 2012

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### ~ COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ~

**Groundhog Day Shadow Stroll – Thursday, Feb 2, 10 am** at Roberts Point Park Main Pavilion. Take a walk around Roberts Point Park and search for the elusive 'Port A Phillip'. Everyone is invited. Meet at the Main Pavilion. Punch and cookies provided along with prizes. FREE.

**We're Having Fun activities: Tuesdays at 2 pm** in the Girl Scout hut, 739 W. Ave. A. **Feb. 7:** Shell Critters. **Feb. 14:** Sun Catchers. **Feb. 21:** Fish Prints. **Feb. 28:** Popcorn Delights. Activities are FREE with supplies provided unless otherwise stated. Open to everyone!

**Brown Bag Lecture Series – Wednesdays at 12 Noon** at the Community Center, 408 N. Alister St. (*Feb. 22 & 29 will be held in the Civic Center, 710 W. Ave. A.*) Bring a lunch and learn about different topics from people in the know. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with Marion Fersing entertaining on the piano. **Feb. 1:** Danniece Bobeche, 'Let's Talk Hormones'. **Feb. 8:** Lowell Schake, 'La Charette, Last Settlement of Lewis & Clark Expedition'. **Feb. 15:** Richard Moers, 'State & National Parks in Southern Utah'. **Feb. 22:** Lowell Schake, 'On the Wings of Cranes', start off Whooping Cranes and Other Birds festival, with a presentation on the book. **Feb. 29:** Darlene & Mike Secich, open to everyone!

**Beach Party:** Fri, **Feb. 10, 2 pm** in the Girl Scout hut, 739 W. Ave. A. **Feb. 7:** Wind Chimes & Beach Plaques ~ We had so much fun creating these, we're doing it again!!!

**P.A. Movie Time – Oklahoma Annie, (1951) – Sat, Feb. 11, 6:55 pm –** *Raucous musical western comedy with backwoods shopkeeper falls in love with the sheriff, earns a deputy badge, & eventually rallies womenfolk to save sheriff from corrupt politicians.* Community Center, 408 N. Alister Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with Marion Fersing entertaining on the piano. FREE admittance, FREE popcorn.

### H.E.L.P. (Health/Ecology/Lifestyle/Preparation) Activities

**Thur, Feb 2 & 16, 2 pm - Tour Texas A&M AgriLife Mariculture Lab:** Two separate tours of this working lab that develops and commercializes shrimp and sea urchin farming industries for Texas and the US; develops sea urchin feed and production technology for biomedical and ecotoxicological research; develops starfish feed and production for regeneration and stem cell production; and evaluates fishery processing, biofuel/biodiesel, and grain crops as nutritional replacements in shrimp feeds. FREE [For tours, space is limited, and pre-registration is required. Contact Pam at [pamg@cityofportaransas.org](mailto:pamg@cityofportaransas.org) or 749-4158 to reserve space. Meet at 1:50 pm at Civic Center parking lot, 710 W. Ave A to carpool.]

**Tue, Feb 7, 2 pm – Outward Bound War Veteran Program:** Bob O'Rourke will talk about reinvigorating veterans' spirits with outdoor adventures.

**Pastime Matinee - Friday, Feb. 3, at 3 pm.** New this year there will be matinees on some Friday afternoons in the City Council Chambers, 710 W. Ave. A, in the Civic Center/City Hall Complex. Go to the door closest to Cut Off Road. This matinee will be another (different) **Red Skelton Marathon**. Join us as we laugh at the funniest man who never used a curse word! Free admittance and free popcorn!

**Citywide Garage Sale – Sat, Feb. 18** - in partnership with KPAB (Keep Port Aransas Beautiful). Schedule a garage sale at your house and list your address on the free map by contacting Community Program Coordinator Pam Greene at 749-4158 or [pamg@cityofportaransas.org](mailto:pamg@cityofportaransas.org). Tables are available for rent at Community Center, 408 N. Alister Street, if you don't have a space to hold one. Contact Darlene Secich at 749-7144 or [fbcdarlene@aol.com](mailto:fbcdarlene@aol.com). "Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Re-purpose" and keep it out of the landfill.

**Winter Sounds - Mon, Feb. 20, 7 pm – Dicky Neely & Guy LaRoux.** Blues and harmonica music will flood the theater. Port Aransas Community Theatre, 2327 Hwy. 361. Limited Seating. FREE

**Watch the South Jetty newspaper and check our website for more events and updates!**

### ~ NATURE ~

**Birding on the Boardwalk** – Guided birding tour for anyone, novice to expert, with local guide Nan Dietert. **Every Wednesday at 9 am** at Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center at end of Ross Ave. FREE!

**Beach Walk** – Join guide Shirley Fischer on Port A's beaches to hunt for shells and other treasures! Meet on **Fri, Feb. 24, at 9 am** under purple pennant near Horace Caldwell Pier at end of Beach St. FREE!

**Yoga on The Beach** – Nancy Myers will conduct a session **Sat, Feb. 11, starting at 8 am**, next to Horace Caldwell Pier at end of Beach St. This event is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. If weather is bad, leader will take class to an inside location. FREE!

**Winter Walking Tour – Sat, Feb. 11, 9:32 am** – In the Nature Preserve at Charlie's Pasture, led by Docent Judy Perkins of the Mission-Aransas Reserve, this 2-mile tour is great way to see local flora & fauna. Take Port St from CutOff Rd to the Nature Preserve pavilion. FREE

### ~ POOL ~

**February Schedule - Pool hours in effect through Feb. 28, 2012 \* Pool is heated in winter \***

**Pool is closed Sundays & Mondays**

**Water Exercise:** Tue thru Fri ... 8:30 am, 9:30 am & 12 noon,

**Open Swim:** Tue thru Fri...1 - 2 pm; Sat...1 - 5 pm

**Lap Swim Solo:** Sat...noon to 1 pm

**Lap Swim Shared:** Tues thru Fri...8:30 am to 2 pm; Sat...1 – 5 pm

Adult and Child swim lessons available - call Harriet at pool, 361-749-2416; 700 Clark Parkway