



City of Port Aransas Parks & Rec Department Newsletter

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~ COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ~

Chill Out: Beach Ball Party - Tuesday, **June 6**, 2-4pm, at the Girl Scout hut inside Parks and Recreation building, 739 W Ave. A. Play for kids, families welcome. Under 5 must be accompanied by adult. \$2

National Drive-In Movie Night - Tuesday, **June 6**, 8:30pm. "The Sandlot" - The Sandlot is a coming-of-age story about a group of young boys growing up in California in 1962. A new, shy boy moves into the neighborhood, where he is initially rejected by the local boys because he doesn't know how to play baseball. Soon, he learns the sport and joins the group of boys who play ball in a local sandlot, and with his new friends, he has a variety of adventures. Like old Drive-in movies, they are shown outside at Patsy Jones Amphitheater in Roberts Point Park, 301 J.C. Barr Blvd. Bring a chair or blanket. Golf carts may drive up on grass. Admission is free. Bring the family and friends, or just come by yourself. Free popcorn and drink.

Board Games - Wednesday, **June 7**, 2-4pm, at the Girl Scout hut inside Parks and Recreation building, 739 W Ave. A. Play for kids, families welcome. Under 5 must be accompanied by adult. \$2

Sunset Sounds - Friday, **June 9**, 7-9pm. Free concert featuring Aloha Dave and the Tourists. Get ready to rock with that "Beach Boys feeling" when surf tunes come to Patsy Jones Amphitheater in Roberts Point Park. The band plays surf rock, reggae and shag (a brand of easygoing soul music with a laid-back groove. The concert is fun for all ages. Watch the sun set over the Corpus Christi Ship Channel as music fills the air at the Patsy Jones Amphitheater in Roberts Point Park. Bring a chair or blanket and any refreshments you want. The Hot Dog Lady will sell at the park for those not bringing food to eat.

2017 Sunset Sounds Concerts

July 14: Jesse Stratton

Aug 11: Cody Wayne Band

Sept 8: Ponder the Albatross

Oct 13: Raeanne & Ride

Movie Under the Stars - Wednesday, **June 14**, 8:30pm. "Jumanji". Two kids find and play a magical board game. They release a man trapped for decades in it and a host of dangers that can only be stopped by finishing the game. Like old Drive-in movies, they are shown outside at Patsy Jones Amphitheater in Roberts Point Park, 301 J.C. Barr Blvd. Bring a chair or blanket. Golf carts may drive up on grass. Admission is free. Bring the family and friends, or just come by yourself. Free popcorn and drink.

Crazy Cart Crawl - Saturday, **June 17**, 10am, Scavenger hunt in Old Town open to all Port A licensed golf carts, prizes awarded, \$15/cart. Register with Pam at 361-749-4158, pamg@cityofportaransas.org. Register & start at Community Park, 700 Clark Pkwy, off Ross Avenue.

Chill Out: Elephants and more - Tuesday, **June 20**, 2-4pm, at the Girl Scout hut inside Parks and Recreation building, 739 W Ave. A. Kids, families welcome. Under 5 must be accompanied by adult. \$2

Bingo - Wednesday, **June 21**, 2-4pm, at the Girl Scout hut inside Parks and Recreation building, 739 W Ave. A. Kids, families welcome. Under 5 must be accompanied by adult. \$2. Prizes!

Chill Out: Robots - Tuesday, **June 27**, 2-4pm, at the Girl Scout hut inside Parks and Recreation building, 739 W Ave. A. Kids, families welcome. Under 5 must be accompanied by adult. \$2

Break Out! – Tuesday & Wednesday, **June 27-28**, 5-8:30pm. Suspense, intrigue! Can you solve the puzzles & find clues to break out of this escape room? Contact Pam 361-749-4158 or pamg@cityofportaransas.org to schedule your adventure.

Board Games - Wednesday, **June 28**, 2-4pm, at the Girl Scout hut inside Parks and Recreation building, 739 W Ave. A. Kids, families welcome. Under 5 must be accompanied by adult. \$2. Prizes!

Sand Slam Poetry - Thursday, **June 29**, 6-8:pm. Poetry Slam Competition held at Patsy Jones Amphitheater in Roberts Point Park. Poetry lovers, poets and spectators are invited. For info contact Pam at 749-4158 or pamg@cityofportaransas.org. Original work only allowed for competition. Need judges too.

P&R Summer Camps – Last chance to register for a spot for your child. New this year, two camps are being held this summer: one for Pre-K, K and 1st grade, the other for grades 2-5. Contact Camp Director Ken Yarbrough at 361-749-4158 or kyarbrough@cityofportaransas.org. Registration forms available at Parks and Recreation office, 739 W. Ave. A. Students enrolled in camps based on 2016-2017 grade level. Registrations processed in order received & accepted until camp is full. Discounts for multiple weeks and/or multiple family members. A \$60 deposit is required to secure registration for each camp. Balance must be paid prior to start of camp.

***Camp Marlin** will engage students through play and explore through limitlessness of imaginations. Students learn ensemble skills and creative problem solving while activating imagination, body & voice. End of camp field trips are included with camp tuition. For grades 2-5 and runs a full day, 8:30am – 5:30pm for \$125 per week. **Disney's Aladdin "Kids": June 5-9**, "Performance" based camp - all campers must participate. Family and friends are invited to attend the June 9 performance at 7pm. **League of Heroes: June 12-16**, Campers explore & develop own heroic character as they work together to save Port Aransas from impending environmental & ecological catastrophe. Field trip to Texas State Aquarium June 15. **Star Wars: June 26-30**, Initiates in weeklong Jedi academy learn about 3 pillars of Jedi strength; The Force, Knowledge & Self

Discipline. Field trip to Corpus Christi Museum of Science and Natural History June 29. **Hogwarts: July 10-14**, Step on platform 9¾ & be transported to a week of magical enchantment. Field trip to Corpus Christi Museum of Science and Natural History July 13. **The Amazing Race: July 17-21**, Adventure camp based on hit TV show & campers compete daily in new challenges, dodging road blocks, avoiding detours & ultimately working together to cross finish line. Field trip to Hurricane Alley July 20. **Treasure Hunt: July 31-Aug. 4**, Adventure! Danger! Giggles & Laughs highlight week of treasure hunting as students use clues to find hidden maps, use creativity to solve puzzles, & ultimately be part of team that discovers many treasures hidden throughout Camp Marlin. Field trip to Texas State Aquarium Aug. 10. **Yo Ho Ho, It's a Pirate's Life For Me Aug. 7-11**, Set sail on swashbuckling adventure of a lifetime. Field trip aboard Pirate adventure boat Aug. 17.

NEW - ***Camp Sailfish** for Pre-K, Kinder & 1st Graders. Perfect camp for youngsters getting ready for first camp adventure. \$100 per week with same registration/discounts as Camp Marlin. In one-week sessions, children play in well-supervised groups & take part in variety of games & structured activities, such as story time, arts & crafts, parades and special activities. Themes for Camp Sailfish are the same as those for Camp Marlin with age appropriate activities that might include, fly a kite day, buddle day, cupcake day, best friend day and many more. Each daily schedule at Camp Sailfish will include plenty of time for games and free play, as well as trips to the Community Pool Tuesday-Friday for swim and water safety lessons. Held in the HG Olsen Cafeteria, Monday-Friday 8:30am - 5:30pm.

Interval Training - At Port Aransas High School, 100 S. Station St, upstairs in 2nd floor foyer. **High Intensity Interval Training** offered at 6:30am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. **Beginner-Moderate Level** class at 5:15pm on Monday & Wednesday. Intensity Training in short spurts, all ages/levels. Work at own pace. Cash/ check to COPA. \$3 a class or \$30 for 15 classes by certified instructor Karen Decker (361-800-1759). Cash or check to COPA. Open to men & women. Bring mat & water.

Tone & Shape with Weights - **Tuesday & Thursday** nights at 5:30pm at the Port Aransas High School weight room, 100 S. Station St. \$3 per class or \$30 for 15 classes paid to the City of Port Aransas. Call Karen Decker (361-800-1759) for more information. Open to all.

Port A RPG Game Night - For 16 and older, high school and college gamers may play Pathfinder, Star Wars RPG and Mutants and Masterminds in a controlled environment. **Every Friday and Saturday** 4:30pm, in the Girl Scout hut inside Parks and Recreation building, 739 W. Ave. A. FREE!

Watch the South Jetty newspaper and Island Moon & check our website for more events and updates!

~ NATURE PRESERVES ~

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

Spring Forest Qigong - **Wednesdays** at 6pm. Relax, just do it! Suzanne McCann leads a moving meditation in the outdoor pavilion at the Nature Preserve at Charlie's Pasture. \$3/person.

Ground Nesting Walk & Talk - Saturday, June 17, 9am. Meet Kristina Macaulay, a field ornithologist from the American Bird Conservancy and Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program and learn about the ground nesting birds of the Nature Preserve at Charlie's Pasture. Meet in the Pavilion on Port St. FREE

New building coming soon. City council has approved the use of the lot on Cutoff Rd and Port Street to be used for a modular building that will act as a Nature Preserve Visitor Center, classroom and office. Keep your eye out for a late Summer Open House - We're hoping for August 2017. Stay tuned for more information.

~ OUTDOORS ~

Yoga on The Beach - Nancy Myers will conduct a session Saturday, **June 10**, starting at **8am**, next to Horace Caldwell Pier at end of Beach St. This event is held the 2nd Saturday of each month. Be early as leader will take class to an inside location if weather is bad. FREE!

Sunset Yoga in the Park - Mondays, **June 5, 12 & 26**, 7:30pm, at Patsy Jones Amphitheater in Roberts Point Park. Easy Hatha Yoga with certified yoga instructor Lianne Thomas. Perfect for those who never tried as well as experienced. Cost is \$2 a class. Cash or check made out to COPA [City of Port Aransas]. Open to men and women. Bring mat & water. Some mats available for those who need them.

Parks & Rec Co-ed Summer Softball League – Register at Parks & Rec Office, 739 W. Ave A, 361-749-4158. Entry Fee: \$250 per team – 10 Game min. - 6 team max. Managers Meeting TBA, at Parks & Rec Office. Mandatory for one person per team to be present. Class D League (Teams have few to no players that have ever played beyond a recreational/social league. Teams with no experience are welcome here. Low intensity level). Individual players may call Parks & Rec office, and an effort will be made to assign them to a team.

Snack & Play - Monday, **June 19**, 11:30am - 12:30pm. Kids & families invited to have a snack, and then play games with other kids. Meet at the Patsy Jones Amphitheater in Roberts Point Park. Wear sunscreen. FREE!

Come Sail Basic – Tuesday-Thursday, **June 20-22**, 10-11am. Pre-registration required. Basic rigging, nautical lore and sailing in pool for age 10 & up or adults. Contact Pam at 361-749-4158 or at pamg@cityofportaransas.org to reserve a spot. \$15 per person for 3 days of lessons.

Beach Walk - Friday, **June 23**, 9am, meet under the green flag near Horace Caldwell Pier at the end of Beach Street. Lisa Ansley will take those attending for a stroll, checking out treasures sometimes found on beach. Held the 4th Friday of each month. Everyone welcome! FREE!

Disc Golf - Course stretches around Community Park's edge, from the skate area to locations just beyond the outfields of the baseball fields and over near the swimming pool. It is played like golf, but with players throwing Frisbee-like discs, aiming at metal baskets on poles. No appointment needed. Folks can show up with their discs throughout the daylight hours and play for free.

Pickleball - This paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis & table tennis can be played at the Community Park Inline Skate Rink at 700 Clark Pkwy, off Ross Avenue. The rink is marked off for the correct size, allowing three teams to play at a time. If you have equipment and know how to play, the rink may be used any time it is not in use. Know how to play but without equipment, check out equipment at Community Pool (when open) by showing a Driver's License. For information, contact Pam at 361-749-4158 or pamg@cityofportaransas.org. FREE!

~ POOL ~

Summer Schedule 700 Clark Pkwy 361-749-2416 **Pool closed Mondays**

Open Swim: Tuesday through Thursday & on Sunday 1-6pm, Friday & Saturday 1-8pm. **Lap Swim & Exercise:** Tuesday through Thursday 7am-6pm, Friday 7am-8pm & Saturday noon-8pm, Sunday noon-6pm.

Total Body Aquacize: Tuesday-Friday at 7:30am & Saturday noon with AAI Water Aerobics instructor Sally Jo Bartlett. **Water Aerobics:** Tuesday-Friday at noon & **Deep Water Aerobics:** Tuesday-Friday 11am.

Resident Swim Lesson Session 2 Sign-up begins **June 27:** Classes for kids 3-10 years old held Tuesday-Friday for 2 weeks. **Session 2: July 11-21.** Lessons are at 9:40-10:15am or 10:30-11:05am. Port A resident: \$8/child per session. Register at pool when open. **Non-resident** sign-up begins **July 5.** Cost \$25/child.

Survival Swimming: A unique 1-on-1 program for 6 months-6 years at Community Pool. Survival Swim Foundation program is average 6-7 weeks, 4 days/week, 15 minute lessons/day. Swim 2 Survive Aquatics Academy is partnering with Parks & Rec in this life saving program to Port Aransas & surrounding communities. Lessons offered Tuesday-Friday, 9am-1pm, through summer 2017. Accidents happen & drowning is preventable. Swim Float SurviveSM lessons are the best way to teach a baby, toddler, and or a young child to rescue himself/herself in an aquatic emergency. For info, pricing, & availability contact Michele Seymour, Swim 2 Survive Aquatics Academy, LLC at 571-228-4552 or Swim2SurviveAA@yahoo.com. Check us out on Facebook @ Swim 2 Survive Aquatics Academy, LLC

SPECIAL EVENTS:

6/10: Pool Movie Night: Open Swim until 8:30pm when movie will start. Regular fee

6/17: Watermelon Relays: Races & fun, 6:30-8pm. Regular fee

6/18: Dads Swim Free for Father's Day 1-6 pm

6/24: Pool Movie Night: Open Swim until 8:30pm when movie will start. Regular fee

6/27: Noodle Exercise. 10-11am. Noodle workout in pool for adults/kids 10 & up. \$2

Parks and Rec taking applications for qualified beach lifeguards cashiers & slide attendants