

City of Port Aransas Parks & Recreation Department Newsletter



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~ COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ~

"Old Town" Town Hall Meeting – Monday, June 4, 6-8pm. Sponsored by the Port Aransas Preservation and Historical Association and Keep Port Aransas Beautiful, it will be held in Community Center, 408 N. Alister St. Open to public, it will consist of a welcome & introductions, comments by Bill Behrens, public comments/ideas about Old Town, discussion about Main Street by Jeff Hentz, any other comments, then adjourn.

Hurricane Preparedness Town Hall Meeting – Thursday, June 7, 6-8pm. Sponsored by the City of Port Aransas, it will be held in Community Center, 408 N. Alister St. Open to public, it will information as we start new season.

Sunset Sounds – Friday, June 8, 7-9pm. FREE concert featuring **The Patrons**. This trio from Austin plays blues and rock. The concert is fun for all ages, kid-friendly and dog-friendly (leashed). 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.

Remaining 2018 Sunset Sounds Concerts

July 13: Jesse Stratton: Texas Country, Americana, Classic Rock

Aug 10: Ken Morrow: Originals, Country, Gospel, Southern Rock Type

Sept 14: Executive Steel Band, 5-piece band playing reggae, calypso, blues, funk, rock & originals

Oct 12: Cody Joe Hodges, "real country" influenced by country greats from late 70s & 80s

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'Anything But A Boat' Tournaments~Tunes~Tastes Festival – Register now for this 1st Annual event scheduled for **Saturday, July 21, 10am-9pm.** Volleyball Tournaments, Live music & DJ playing music, Food Vendors, Product Vendors, and an Anything That Floats But A Boat Contest. Availability limited to space and type of food and products sold. Volleyball limited to 6 teams of 4 (men, women or co-ed). Rules and Applications are on our website & our Facebook page (listed above), may be emailed upon request (pamg@cityofportaransas.org) or picked up at Nature Preserves office, 106 Cut Off Rd.

Bingo & Board Games – Wednesdays, **June 13 & 27, 2-4pm.** Open to all ages at the Nature Preserves office, 106 Cut Off Road. FREE!

Movie Under the Stars – Wednesday, **June 13, 8:30pm.** See another movie courtesy of Parks & Rec each second Wednesday night of the month. Like old Drive-in movies, they shown outside. Movies will be shown at the 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, and the movie will be family friendly. Bring the family and friends, or just come by yourself. Free movie, popcorn & drink provided.

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Honoring Harvey Heroes – **Saturday, Aug. 25,** Port Aransas Parks & Recreation is having a night to praise, honor, recognize and give thanks to and for individuals who have made your Harvey journey more bearable. Make your list now, figure how to decorate and get on the list (pamg@cityofportaransas.org) to pick up bags. We will celebrate these angels on the anniversary of the night Hurricane Harvey decimated Port A, Saturday, Aug. 25. Luminarias (votive candles set into a small, decorative paper bag weighted with sand) will be available for everyone at no cost to decorate any way they want to give credit to everyone they appreciate. People will put out their decorated and lit bags 7:30-8 pm in Roberts Point Park for everyone to see and take pictures. Music will play as neighbors, friends, and strangers commend each other for making it through the past year. As the night darkens (around 8:20pm), the luminarias will be a beacon shining to

show the world we are still here, and we are strong. Anyone wanting to donate toward the luminaries/ refreshments or to bring a snack please contact pamg@cityofportaransas.org or 361-749-4158.

Wet & Wild Fun – Thursday, **June 21**, 2-4pm, at 739 W. Ave. A (old Parks & Rec/Girl Scout hut lot). Wear clothes you can get wet in for sliding, water shooting & more. FREE!

Picturing Port A – Thursday, **June 28**, 7pm, at Port Aransas Community Center, 408 N. Alister St. Lee Harrison will present photo slideshow of pictures in and of our area. FREE!

P&R Summer Camps – Camp Marlin (grades 1-5, \$125/week) & Camp Sailfish (Pre-K, Kinder \$100/week) ... Contact Ken Yarbrough at 361-749-4158 or kyarbrough@cityofportaransas.org. Registration forms available at Nature Preserves office, 106 Cut Off Road. Students enrolled in camps based on 2017-2018 grade level. Registrations processed in order received & accepted until camp is full. Discounts for multiple weeks & multiple family members. \$60 deposit required to secure registration for each camp. Balance must be paid prior to start of camp. End of camp field trips are included with camp tuition. **Camp Sailfish** is perfect camp for young children getting ready for their first camp adventure. Includes well-supervised playing - variety of games and structured activities - story time, arts/crafts, parades, and special activities. Held in HG Olsen Cafeteria, 100 S. Station. Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5:30pm. Students must provide their own lunch; morning and afternoon snacks provided. ***Disney's "The Aristocat's" "Kids"**: June 4-8, "PERFORMANCE" based camp with family and friends invited to attend performance on June 8, 6pm. ***League of Heroes**: June 11-15, Discover that heroes come in all shapes and sizes and are more important in everyday life than we might expect. ***Treasure Hunt**: June 25-29, Giggles and Laughs highlight week of treasure hunting. ***Hogwarts**: July 9-13, Most popular camp will fill up quickly. ***The Amazing Race**: July 16-20, Based on the hit television game show. ***Star Wars**: July 30-August 3, Jedi academy initiates will learn 3 pillars of Jedi strength; The Force, Knowledge and Self Discipline. ***Yo Ho Ho, It's a Pirate's Life For Me**: Aug. 6-10, Swashbuckling adventure of a lifetime! Field trip on Pirate adventure boat Aug. 9.

Camp Sailfish Daily Schedule:

7:30am – 8:30am: Arrival/Breakfast served
8:45am – 9:00am: Drop Off/Clean Up
9:00am – 9:30am: Warm Up/Games
9:35am – 10:30am: Arts and Crafts
10:35am – 11:45am: Center Play/Swimming
11:50am – 3:30pm: Lunch/Movie/Quiet
3:35pm – 4:30pm: Games
4:35pm – 5:00pm: Center Play

Camp Marlin Daily Schedule:

7:30am – 8:30am: Arrival/Breakfast
8:45am – 9:00am: Drop Off/Clean Up
9:00am – 9:30am: Warm Up/Games
9:35am – 10:30am: Character Development
10:35am – 11:45am: Story Development
11:50am – 3:30pm: Lunch/Swim/Park
3:35pm – 4:30pm: Games / Rehearsal
4:35pm – 5:00pm: Clean Up

Camp Marlin students learn ensemble skills and creative problem solving while activating the imagination, body and voice. ***Disney's "The Aristocat's" "Kids"**: June 4-8, "PERFORMANCE" based camp all campers MUST participate. Family & friends invited to attend performance on June 8, 6pm. ***League of Heroes**: June 11-15, Discover that heroes come in all shapes and sizes and are more important in everyday life than we might expect. Field trip to Lexington June 14. ***Treasure Hunt**: June 25-29, students use clues to find hidden maps, use their creativity to solve puzzles, and ultimately be a part of the team that discovers the many treasures hidden throughout Camp Marlin. Trip to Texas State Aquarium June 28. ***Hogwarts**: July 9-13, Step on platform 9 ¾ & be transported into week of magical enchantment. Field trip to San Antonio Zoo July 12. ***The Amazing Race**: July 16-20, Based on hit television game show. Field trip to Hurricane Alley on July 19. ***Star Wars**: July 30-Aug. 3, Jedi academy initiates will learn 3 pillars of Jedi strength; The Force, Knowledge and Self Discipline. Field trip to Hurricane Alley on Aug. 2. ***Yo Ho Ho, It's a Pirate's Life For Me**: Aug. 6-10, Gather pirate crew & set sail in search of buried treasures Field trip aboard the Pirate adventure boat Aug. 9.

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

~ NATURE PRESERVES ~

Birding Tours – Saturdays, **June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**. Walk the trails at Port Aransas Nature Preserve at Charlie's Pasture with experienced birder Leslie Hoekstra. Meet at 8am on Saturdays in Port Aransas Community Park parking lot, 700 Clark Pkwy off Ross Ave. Tour begins in parking lot & ends at Nature Preserve pavilion. Walk is a little less than 2 miles, round-trip, taking 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Dress for the

weather, wear walking shoes and bring water and binoculars and/or cameras. Hoekstra has been actively bird watching for 15 years and was active in the Audubon Society in Houston, participating in monthly bird walks around Houston and the Gulf Coast. For more information, contact Colleen Simpson, nature preserve manager, at 361-749-0081 or csimpson@cityofportaransas.org.

Port Street Open – While the entry to the Port Aransas Nature Preserve at Charlie's Pasture still is closed, Port Street is open for fishing along the bulkhead ****at your own risk****. The pier is closed, but the Nature Preserve can be accessed on foot through the Community Park, and there still are areas to fish among the still-damaged areas on this road.

~ OUTDOORS ~

Yoga on The Beach – **Saturday, June 9**, Nancy Myers will conduct a session Saturday starting at **8:30am**, next to Horace Caldwell Pier at end of Beach St. This event is held the 2nd Saturday each month. Be early as leader will take class to an inside location if weather is bad. **FREE!**

Beach Walk - Friday, **June 22**, 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 skate area to just beyond outfields of baseball fields & near swimming pool. Played like golf, but with players throwing Frisbee-like discs, aiming at metal baskets on poles. No appointment needed. Show up with discs in daylight hours & play **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. Equipment may be checked out at Community Pool (when open) by showing a Driver's License. For info, contact Pam at 361-749-4158 or pamg@cityofportaransas.org. **FREE!**

~ COMMUNITY POOL ~

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

Open Swim: Tuesday through Friday 1-5pm, Saturday- Sunday 1-6pm. **Lap Swim/Exercise:** Tuesday through Friday 7:30am-5pm, Saturday & Sunday noon-6pm. **Water Aerobics:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30am (NEW), and Tuesday-Saturday at noon in the 4'. **Deep Water Aerobics:** Tuesday-Friday 11am in deep end with belts to keep you afloat. **Noodle Exercise:** **Thursday, June 7**, 10-11am. A different exercise using noodles. \$1.

Splash Camp: **Wednesday, June 6**, 9:30-11am. Drop kids age 6-10 at pool & enjoy time off. Send snack with child, \$1. **Pizza Night/Open Swim:** **Saturday, June 9**, 6-8pm. 1 free slice of pizza and open swim after hours for regular admission price. Additional slices \$1 each. **Dads Swim Free:** **Sunday, June 17**, noon-6pm. Dads swim at no charge courtesy of Parks & Recreation. Bring kids and friends and celebrate Father's Day in the pool. **Tube Races/Open Swim:** **Saturday, June 23**, 6-8pm. Bring tube or use pool's at open swim after hours for regular admission price. **Resident Swim Lesson Session 1 Sign-up** has begun: Basic learn to swim classes for kids age 3 & up held Tuesday-Friday for 2 weeks in Community Pool. 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 Swim Lesson Session 1 Sign-up** begins **June 5. Session 1 is June 12-20. Session 2 is July 10-20** with registration **June 26 & July 3**.

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