

CITY OF PORT ARANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, NOV. 20
 • **9:54 a.m.**
 A person was arrested in the 700 block of West Avenue A for violation of a court order.
 • **4:12 p.m.**
 A man was charged with PI in the 200 block of North Alister Street after a call about an assault there.
 • **4:36 p.m.**
 Emergency Medical Service (EMS) crews took a sick person from the 300 block of B&M Avenue to a Corpus Christi hospital.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21
 • **12:40 a.m.**
 Answering a call about a suspicious person in the 600 block of West Cotter Avenue, an officer charged a man with public intoxication (PI) and criminal mischief.
 • **8:49 a.m.**
 At Pole 19 on the beach, an officer arrested a person on an outstanding warrant.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22
 • **2:16 a.m.**
 EMS workers took a sick person from the 200 block of West Avenue F to an Aransas Pass hospital.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24
 • **9:58 p.m.**
 Responding to a 911 call in the 700 block of Beach Access Road 1A, an officer charged a man with assault-family violence. EMS workers treated a patient at the scene but did not transport.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25
 • **6:12 p.m.**
 EMS crews took a sick person

from the 800 block of Sandcastle Drive to a Corpus Christi hospital.
 • **6:34 p.m.**
 During a traffic stop in the 600 block of West Cotter Avenue, an officer charged a woman with driving while intoxicated and a man with PI.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26
 • **12:09 a.m.**
 EMS crews took a person from the scene of an accident at Pole 1 on the beach to a Corpus Christi hospital. Officers charged a man at the scene with intoxication assault.
 • **10:30 p.m.**
 Called to the 700 block of South Alister Street about a drunk driver, an officer charged a man with PI.
 • **11:46 p.m.**
 A sick person was taken from the 200 block of North Station Street to a Corpus Christi hospital by EMS workers.

MONDAY, NOV. 27
 • **12:48 a.m.**
 An officer charged a man in the 100 block of East Cotter Avenue with PI.
 • **8:51 a.m.**
 EMS crews took a sick person from the 400 block of Ruthie Lane to a Corpus Christi hospital.
 • **1:46 p.m.**
 In the 700 block of West Avenue A, an officer arrested a man on outstanding city warrants.
 • **8:12 p.m.**
 Firefighters responded to a report of a fire in Charlie's Pasture. They extinguished the fire.



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A 'fin' above the rest

Fins Grill and Icehouse at 420 W. Cotter Ave. was chosen as the commercial yard of the month for November by the Port Aransas Garden Club. Owners Beth and Kelly Owens, have landscaped the area that includes landscape timbers and a bench. From left are cook Gary Omary, kitchen manager Graham Williams and assistant manager Dixie Hormuth.

City, JELM join for 'hands-on' free workshops at Pollock Center

Techniques for batik, papermaking and making Christmas ornaments will be taught at three Hands-On workshops scheduled in the next two weeks.

The art of batik will be taught Monday, Dec. 4. The class on papermaking will be on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Both will start at 2 p.m. in the Pollock Center, behind the Community Presbyterian Church at 113 S. Alister St.

The City of Port Aransas Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with the Joint Effort Leisure Ministry (JELM) to offer the programs. The classes are open to the public at no cost, although donations for the Pollock Center will gladly be accepted, said the Parks and Recreation Department assistant director Rachael King.

At the batik workshop, participants will explore the different materials that can be used to batik and some easy and inexpensive ways to make artwork.

The term "batik" is an Indonesian-Malay word that has come to be used as a generic term referring to the process of dyeing fabric by making use of a resist technique. Areas of cloth are covered with a dye-resistant substance to prevent them from absorbing colors.

The papermaking program will teach how to make paper from various recyclable materials.

A class for making Christmas ornaments will be held Monday, Dec. 11.

The ornaments will be made from various materials with all supplies provided.

Call the Parks and Recreation Department at 749-4158 for more information.

'Old Town' calendars portray city's history

Looking for holiday gifts that portray Port Aransas? The Port Aransas Preservation and Historical Association (PAPHA) has the answer for you.

Photos of old Port Aransas have been incorporated in a 2007 calendar created by PAPHA.

The calendars are available for purchase for a \$20 donation, with all proceeds going to PAPHA.

Photos of the Tarpon Inn, the construction of the jetties and the Community Center, the gun mounts, the old Sears house, a Port Aransas fire truck with volunteers, the Lydia Ann lighthouse, Fisherman's Wharf and more are included in the sepia-toned calendar.

The calendars may be bought at the *South Jetty* newspaper, 141 W. Cotter Ave.; Gratitude, 316 N. Station St.; the Port Aransas Business Center, 600 Cut Off Rd. Ste. 1; or through the PAPHA Web site, www.portausa.com.

Raffle tickets for a chance to win an original painting of the Little Chapel on the Hill are available for a donation of \$5. The painting by Alicia Dreesen is framed and ready to hang.

All proceeds will go to the PAPHA museum fund drive. The picture is on display at the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce-Tourist Bureau until the drawing on Monday, Dec. 18. Tickets may be purchased at the chamber and its satellite office at the Port Aransas Community Theatre and at the Family Center IGA.

Posters from the first Old Town Festival are for sale at the Port A Gallery, 345 N. Alister St. and Gratitude. The poster was created from a Donnie Moore original painting of the old Sears house.

The posters can be purchased for a donation of \$25, with all proceeds going to the PAPHA museum fund drive. Signed posters will be sold for \$35.

T-shirts with a PAPHA design on it are available for a \$10 donation by calling Pam Greene at (361) 443-4683.

"All these items will make great Christmas presents, and the money will help us as we work toward establishing a museum," said president John Fucik.

PAPHA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Woman is injured when van hits her

A 21-year-old woman is hospitalized in Corpus Christi and a 21-year-old man is charged with intoxication assault after a vehicle-pedestrian accident near Horace Caldwell Pier on Nov. 26.

Police Lt. James Stokes said the woman was walking north on the beach near the pier just after midnight on Sunday, Nov. 26, when she was hit from behind by the van, a white 1993 Chevrolet Astro.

The woman was taken to a Corpus Christi hospital for treatment and is now recovering from her injuries, Stokes said. Police are withholding the names of the victim and the driver pending investigation of the incident.

Today is deadline for writing contest

Today, Thursday, Nov. 30, is the last day for amateur writers to turn in entries to the third annual Texas Laughing Gull Writing Contest.

The contest, sponsored by the Art Center for the Islands, will be judged by *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* journalists.

Libby Averyt, editor and vice president of the *Caller-Times*, will be judge of the non-fiction category. Sarah Booher, copy editor and designer, will judge fiction. Assistant City Editor Beth Francesco will judge poetry.

In each category, first prize will be \$100; second prize will be \$50; and third will be \$25.

Submissions must follow contest guidelines. Guidelines are available by sending e-mails to txlaughinggull@hotmail.com or by calling the art center at 749-7334 or by going to the art center's Web site, www.portaransasartcenter.org

Winners will be announced at a reception at the Port Aransas Community Center Sunday, Jan. 14.

Winning entries will be included in an anthology that will be sold at the reception and later at the Art Center for the Islands. Proceeds from the anthology will defray contest expenses.

Boaters invited to enter parade

Boats of every shape and size are invited to enter the annual Lighted Boat Parade. The parade will be Saturday, Dec. 9, and entries will be accepted through noon that day. Entering is free and only requires a phone call to the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce-Tourist Bureau, (361) 749-5919 or 1-800-45COAST (26278).

Winning, however, comes with cash prizes of \$200 for first place and \$100 for second place.

Carolers Afloat -- two boatloads of people singing Christmas carols -- will lead the parade sponsored by the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce-Tourist Bureau and the Port Aransas Boatmen, Inc.

The evening will get under way as those who want to board the Wharf Cat and Island Queen II to sing Christmas carols meet at Roberts Point Park at 6 p.m. Space is limited on the boats, so carolers will be given numbers to board on a first come, first serve basis. Once out of numbers, no additional carolers will be allowed on board.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The carolers will lead the lighted boats around the city marina starting at 6:30 p.m. After circling the marina, they'll return to the park where Santa Claus and his elves will be ready to listen to the Christmas wishes of island children.

Prizes will be awarded for non-profit sponsored boats of any size, private boats 30-feet and under, private boats 31-feet and over, commercial boats of any length, and the most original overall.

Boats may enter only one category (excluding the most original in which all boats are automatically entered).

An added bonus for boaters is a \$50 prize being offered in the Port Aransas Garden Club's Christmas Lights Contest (see story).

Student groups, nonprofit groups, individuals and businesses are invited to decorate a boat and celebrate Christmas, island style.



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CONSTABLE'S BEAT

SUNDAY, NOV. 19
 • **10:20 a.m.**
 A deputy cited a driver on the beach for no liability insurance and expired inspection sticker, and then arrested the driver on an outstanding warrant.
 • **4:35 p.m.**
 A driver was cited on State Hwy. 361 for speeding.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21
 • **11:20 p.m.**
 A man was arrested on the beach for outstanding warrants.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23
 • **2 a.m.**
 A deputy charged two women on Trout Street with minor

in possession of alcohol and public intoxication.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24
 • **9:52 a.m.**
 A motorist was cited on State Hwy. 361 for speeding.
 • **2:50 p.m.**
 A deputy cited a motorist on the beach for no driver's license and no liability insurance.
 • **5:15 p.m.**
 A person was cited on the beach for having a glass container.
 • **9:45 p.m.**
 A deputy issued citations on the beach for minor in possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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