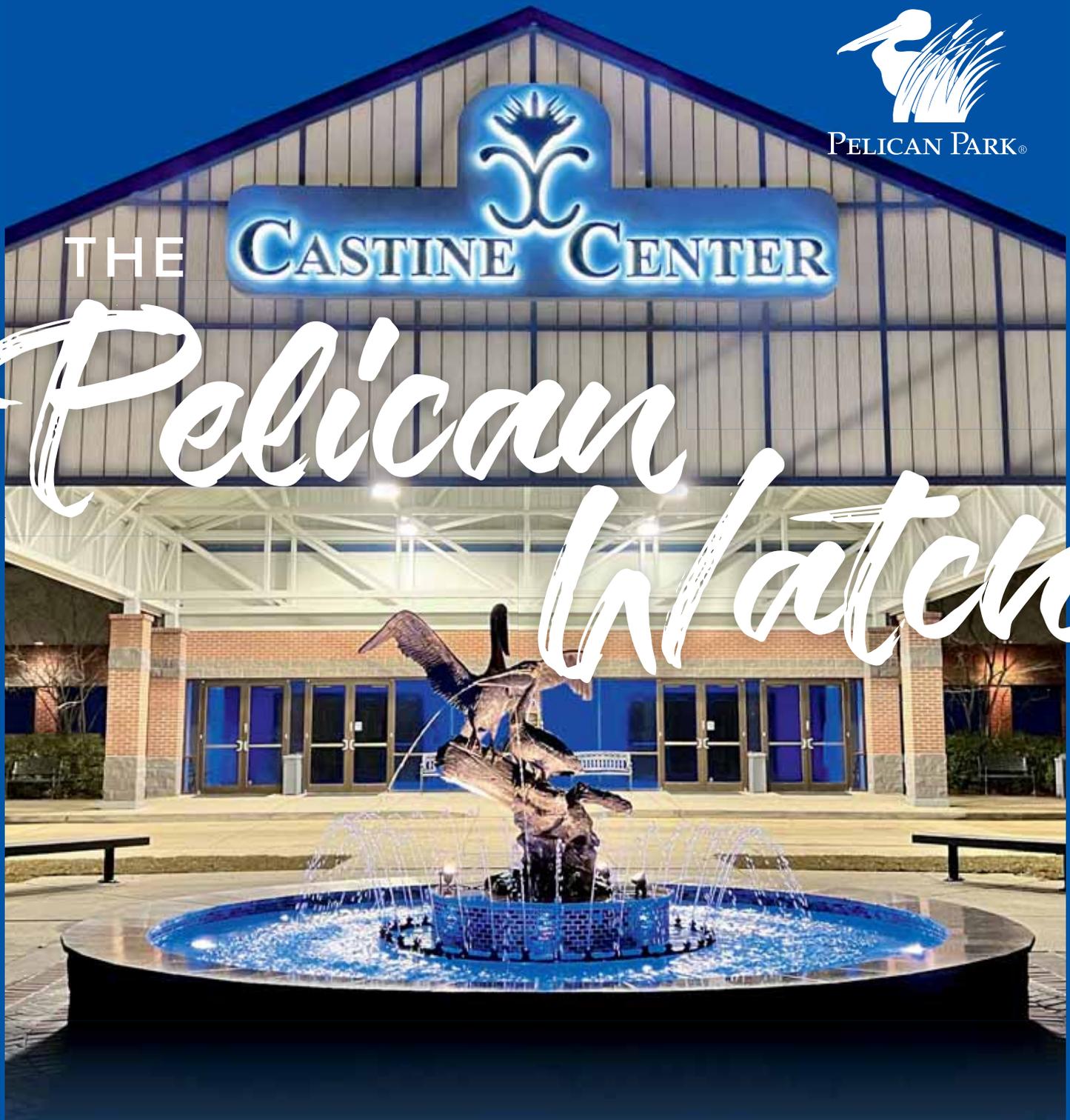




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| Steven Knecht, <i>Recreation Superintendent</i>               | <b>101</b> |
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| Tonya Rosevally, <i>Administrative Assistant</i> | <b>109</b> |

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| Stephen Barnes, <i>Facility Staff</i>          |            |
| Matt Bettencourt, <i>Facility Staff</i>        |            |

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| Kevin Lewis, <i>Specialist</i>       |            |
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**Recreation District #1** is a free-standing governmental agency. The District is supported by a property tax paid by the residents and businesses within the Recreation District. The general boundaries of the Recreation District are Lake Pontchartrain on the south side, the Tchefuncte River on the west side, Big Branch on the east side and Three Rivers Road on the north side. The District, which operates Pelican Park, is under the Direction of a 7-member Administrative Board and staff.

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## *Save the Dates for Upcoming Events in 2023*

- Flavor Fest – February 4, 2023**
- Castine Campout – February 24-25, 2023**
- Paddles on Paddy's Day – March 17, 2023**
- Hoppy Paw Pics – March 24, 2023**
- Twilight Eggstravaganza – March 25, 2023**
- Native Plant Festival – April 22, 2023**
- Cruisin' the Castine – April 29, 2023**

# Director's Message

## State of the District 2022

Thanks to continued growth in the area, good planning, great fiscal management, and our dedicated staff and board, the Recreation District remains in excellent financial shape.

It is my pleasure to bring to you the highlights of 2022 and a look forward to 2023:

**People:** we are who we are largely due to the hard work of those employed by the district.

- ▶ The District currently employs 43 full-time people with two open full-time positions; and 12 permanent part-time people with two open part-time positions.
- ▶ We are requesting one new full-time position in 2023 – with the acquisition of the Nature Center, we are proposing a Natural Resource Supervisor funded for the second half of 2023. We are also proposing one new part-time accountant, which will divide financial responsibilities in a more productive way.
- ▶ We are in the process of transitioning to a new Business Manager who will take over when Cindy Jackson retires early next year. Marie Dupre will be the new Business Manager and has already gone through her first budget process. Marie will, no doubt, continue the fiscally responsible manner in which the District has always operated!

**Budget:** 2023 Budget reflects an approximate 20% increase in revenue and expenses over 2022.

- ▶ We expect revenue to be \$4,964,000 for 2023, this is an increase of \$564,423 from 2022. This increase is from additional tax revenue, increased Castine Center rentals, St. Tammany Fund monies, recreation revenue and a little more projected in sponsorships.
- ▶ To achieve a balanced budget, expenditures and capital outlay total \$4,964,000.
- ▶ Major differences include: additional staff, increases in property insurance and electricity.
- ▶ Other prices are increasing for supplies such as fuel, turf care, and printing.
- ▶ Personnel Benefits: The District's retirement contribution remains 11.5% and health insurance decreased by 2%.
- ▶ Renewal of .7 mil: On December 10, 2022, the District's taxpayers will vote on whether to renew a .7 mil bond obligation for 20 years. The proceeds from the bond sale will be spent on capital items only. The Board will determine the money's use based on the Master Plan.

**Masterplan:** In 2022, we contracted Dana Brown & Associates, Inc. to create a Master Plan

- ▶ This Plan will guide our development 20 years into the future incorporating all of our properties into one cohesive recreational park.
- ▶ The study included a public input open house, surveys, and discussion with the Board and staff. The study, is 97% complete and will be presented at the December 2022 Meeting.
- ▶ The study prioritized the different phases of work into categories: immediate, 1 – 5 years, and 5 years and up.

### Park Improvements:

- ▶ Park wide clean up and repairs from Hurricane Ida in 2021, to include repairing pavilion roofs, rebuilding batting cages, cut and removal of downed trees, outdoor ceiling fans, wooden fence enclosures, etc.
- ▶ Installed 80 linear foot of wrought iron fencing around Brown gym, painted exterior under overhang, installed plants around brown gym.
- ▶ Relocated and installed new lift station, control panel, and wiring at Green triplex; Installed wooden enclosure around it.
- ▶ Installed 44' x 60' shade structure over exercise equipment
- ▶ Installed 6-foot chain-link fencing around Silver Baseball fields, to include building covered dugouts with concrete floors and electric outlets for fans.
- ▶ Formed and poured 18 Disc golf T-boxes, painted all disc baskets to blend in with the surrounding environment.
- ▶ Installed New large water heater at Brown gym for Restrooms and concessions
- ▶ Installed New sand volleyball standards, and fencing at Silver volleyball courts
- ▶ Planted the islands of the Castine Center with native plants



**Technology:** continuing our efforts to bring the District's technology into the 21st century.

- ▶ Continued in 2022 with our outsourced IT services
- ▶ We now accept debit or credit cards at our concession stands!

**Construction:** Castine Center Renovation and Office Expansion

- ▶ The lowest bidder was contractor, Smith Construction Co., Inc. at an original amount of \$2,978,816 signed in July of 2021
- ▶ Renovation of the Castine Center, construction of a courtyard and expansion of the District's offices. This project is currently 95% complete
- ▶ The new Courtyard is available for rent
- ▶ Re-dedication to be held on Monday, December 5, 2022

**Outside influences:**

- ▶ Very happy to put Covid in the rear-view mirror and get back to normal
- ▶ For the first time in my three years here, we did not have a hurricane!
- ▶ Inflation is definitely a financial factor causing many price increases on products.

The District continues to serve their taxpayers to the highest level possible with more than one million visitors annually.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the Board and the citizens of Recreation District #1 these past three years. Though I will miss you all very much, I am excited to be taking a job near my family in Pennsylvania.

Margie Lewis, MS, CPRP  
Executive Director



# Employment Opportunities

We have both full and part-time positions available. For full details about the following positions or to fill out an employment application, please visit our website at: [pelicanpark.com](http://pelicanpark.com) under [About/Employment/HR](#). Please apply at the Pelican Park office, inside of the Castine Center at: 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA. Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm.

## Full-Time Positions

Full time positions include Excellent Benefits!

### Labor & Maintenance

This position offers 40 hours per week and great benefits such as paid health /dental insurance, retirement, vacation and sick leave. The starting salary is \$15.00 per hour.

  
Scan Me  
to Apply!



## Part-Time Positions

### Recreation Facility Staff

This staff works in the evenings and on weekends preparing for practices and games by turning on lights, prepping gyms and fields, answering questions for the public in person and on the phone and problem-solving. Flexible hours.

### Castine Center Event Staff

The staff works in the Castine Center to maintain all areas of the facility in "show condition" at all times including before, during and after events. This is a part-time position with the majority of scheduled hours on evenings and/or weekends.

### Concessions

Concession Staff workers are responsible for welcoming guests at the concession stand, taking orders for food or beverage, presenting prices, and options, processing cash payments and operating food preparation equipment.

# Staff News

## Employee Spotlights



### Steven Knecht

Please welcome our newest Recreation Superintendent, Steven Knecht. Steven originally from Jefferson Parish arrived at Pelican Park in August 2022 after working 5 years in collegiate recreation at Mississippi State University and the University of Houston.

His previous role involved coordinating Intramural Sports programs as well as training and developing student officials in basketball, flag football, and volleyball. In his new role, he will oversee all recreation programs including Youth Sports, Camps, Clinics, Leisure Programs, and Special Events. While Steven may be new at Pelican Park, he still shares the same passion to provide safe and fun programming for all in this

district. His inspiration starts with the awareness that his actions and decisions have a direct impact on the community and knows that his work will make a difference.

Even though Steven values his time here at the Park, he also enjoys spending time with his two nieces, watching his favorite team the Houston Astros, reading non-fiction books, and playing with his dog Freya. When asked about his future with Pelican Park, he said, "I hope to see and participate in the ever-growing improvements this Park has to offer." Some of Steven's goals at Pelican Park are to offer CPR/First Aid Classes to the District and to offer more inclusive and impactful Recreation programs.



### Niki Butler

Niki Butler began working for Recreation District #1/Pelican Park as a Recreation Supervisor over girls' sports in 2018, and then quickly took on the roll as Marketing and PR Supervisor responsible for public relations, website, marketing, newsletters, signage, photography and social media, which is what her degree was based on at Southeastern Louisiana University. She has recently been promoted to Marketing Administrator, where she has all of the same marketing responsibilities, but also handles outreach programs, special projects for the Executive Director and serves as the secretary for the Board of Commissioners. Niki has lived in St Tammany Parish since she was born, except for a few years when she was young, her family traveled with her Dad while

he was in the Navy. She grew up playing sports in Mandeville for the 4th Ward Recreation in the 80's that eventually became, what we know as today as, Recreation District #1/Pelican Park.

Niki played sports for Pelican Park as well as Mandeville Jr. High and Mandeville High School by playing basketball, softball and volleyball. After college she married her high school sweetheart, Brad Butler and they have two teenagers that also play multiple sports for Pelican Park and Monteleone Jr. High. You will still see Niki playing in the competitive volleyball league at Pelican Park or on the courts and fields coaching, taking photos or cheering on her children. When she is not spending time at the park, she loves to photograph everything, work on art projects or paint, watch movies or mystery series and spend time with her friends and family. Niki is proud to call Pelican Park her 2nd home and to be a part of a great team that is working together to grow and plan for many great community assets for our Districts' future.



### Marie Dupre

Marie Dupre is our most recent hire, but she has been a part of Pelican Park for years. She has worked for us in the past as a Castine Center Event Supervisor from 2003-2006 and a contracted Disaster Recovery Liaison from 2006-2022. Her proudest moments over the years, have been serving multiple roles for the agency and being able to assist in different areas. Marie has joined our team once again to be our Business/Financial Manager to proceed Cindy Jackson, our current Business Manager, when she retires early this year. She will be responsible for overseeing and reporting all aspects of the agency including the Board of Commissioners' reports, purchasing, accounts payable and receivables, contract and leasing, budgeting and financial statements, to name a few.

When we asked what her favorite part about her job was, she responded, "Working with an incredible staff of professionals with a mutual goal of providing top-notch public services and programs." She has lived in St Tammany Parish since 2000 and lived in New Orleans and Metairie, LA before then. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends as well as passionate about animal advocacy, gardening and scrapbooking. She has been married to her husband Arvid for 32 years, has two sons and 5 grandkids. Marie is inspired by helping others without expectations or reward. Her favorite quote about her future here with Pelican Park is, "I want to look back on my career and be proud of the work and be proud that I tried everything" -Jon Stewart



## Brennan Kuss

Brennan Kuss has been a member of the Pelican Park Staff since March of 2018. He began working at the Batting Cages, then moved to Facility Staff, worked hard to become the Facility Staff Foreman, then was promoted to Recreation Supervisor with Youth Sports. He is responsible for making schedules, ordering uniforms, trophies, communicating with coaches and patrons.

When asked what his best thing is about his job is, his response was, "Seeing the impact on these kids' lives while playing sports at Pelican Park and being a part of that impact." His response to his proudest moment so far, "Helping a woman that injured her leg very badly in the Northlake Nature Center. After hearing she was hurt within the area, we searched the nature center and I found her and transported her to medical help." Brennan has lived in St. Tammany since he was born and lives in Covington, LA at the moment with his beautiful fiancé Bri and her 2 year old son Watson, that is also Brennan's best friend. His quote for his future at Pelican Park is. "Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in it and it will come naturally."



## Tonya Rosevally

Tonya Rosevally is one of our Administrative Assistants that began working with us in the front office about 4 months ago. She is one of the 3 employees that will answer when you call and assists you in helping find answers to your questions or concerns. Her favorite part about her job is that everyone here is family oriented and this job fits perfectly with her family life. Tonya's proudest moment so far are, "When little things I do or suggest actually get noticed." She was born and raised in Alvin, Texas until she was 24, then moved to Long Beach, Mississippi and then to Mandeville, La in 2011 with her husband Charles Rosevally that also works at Pelican Park. Her hobbies include crafts and PC games and whatever her kids are into at the moment.

Something you may not know about Tonya; she has an obsession with paranormal videos and shows. Her quote about her future with Pelican Park, "There's a great big beautiful tomorrow shinning at the end of every day!!"



## AJ Bosco

5 months ago, Anthony Bosco (AJ) was hired as part of the Park Crew Team. He does a great job helping where needed by fixing and cleaning up anything that makes the Park safe and presentable for the patrons. His favorite part of his job is when he paints and chalks the field for games. "It's a great feeling to see the job when it's all complete and I can be proud of my work." When asked what he enjoys the most, "Working with all of the different types of equipment, working outside is peaceful, chalking the fields for games, the hours are really nice and it's pretty easy."

AJ went to school at (NOCCA) New Orleans Center for Creative Arts. He enjoys making different types of art using many types of media such as charcoal, painting with acrylic or spray paint, and also enjoys the simplicity and clean lines of pen and ink. AJ lives in Lacombe with his grandparents and when he was younger, he played baseball at Pelican Park and joined the swim team at Pelican Athletic Club. Sometimes, you will see him at his father's local restaurant, Bosco's; where he works and makes pizzas. When he's not working he enjoys artwork, kayaking, and nice cars. He is inspired by nice cars and wants to work hard to be able to buy his dream car in the future.



## Nick Even

Nicholas Even has been working for Pelican Park for a little over 3 months as part of the Park Crew. His responsibilities are to keep the Park clean and safe for families to come and enjoy the Park. His favorite part so far is learning the process of overseeding. Nick appreciates learning about the science of how to grow the fields and working with the staff to make sure we have the most beautiful natural fields around. His proudest moments in the last few months have been finishing big projects and finding a patron's lost phone. Nick played for Mandeville Soccer Club(MSC) here at Pelican Park and also played soccer for Monteleone Jr. High and Lakeshore High School.

Nick lives with his family in Mandeville and has lived here for his entire life. When not at work he likes to work on car engines, tuning the computers, interior and exterior modifications and work on the car's overall performance. He also likes to drive around the town in his Ford Mustang, work out and play video games. His quote for his future here is, "Keep on working till it's done..."

# Castine Center Grand Re-opening



On December 5th, Recreation District #1/Pelican Park held a Grand Re-Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Castine Center. Patrons, staff, Board members and contractors walked around the facility together and exhibited all of the wonderful upgrades; new staff offices, illuminated Castine Center signage and porte-cochère, and the beautiful new pelican centerpiece fountain and courtyard that is extended from the front of the Castine Center.

Special thanks to Richard Lambert, Paul Dimitrios, Vince Alvaro and Holly Morales with RCL Architects, LLC and Kevin Smith, Mike Berkowitz, Brandon Kennon of Smith Construction Co. for their hard work and dedication to the project and for the staff that was involved.



# Pelican Park Facilities



## Our 2 Dog Parks

Exercising your dog at one of our 2 dog parks is a great way to stimulate your four-legged family member, provide interactions with other dogs, as well as behavior correction and communication. Our Pelican Park Bark Park has 2 fenced in exercise areas, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. Both areas have gazebos, benches, pools, water fountains for dogs and patrons and plenty of green space for your dogs to play. There is a dog washing station outside of the fences for everyone's use and the larger dog area has agility equipment for the dogs to play in and on as well. Parking for the Bark Park is located across the street next to the Pelican's Nest Skate Park. Recreation District #1 also has an additional dog park located in Covington. It's called Pretty Acres Dog Park, located on Andrew Drive, off of Hwy 190 in Covington. Pretty Acres is a one-acre green space for you and your dogs to enjoy.

Please make sure **TO READ ALL** of the posted rules before entering the dog parks. Owners are responsible for their dogs behavior.

## Skate Park

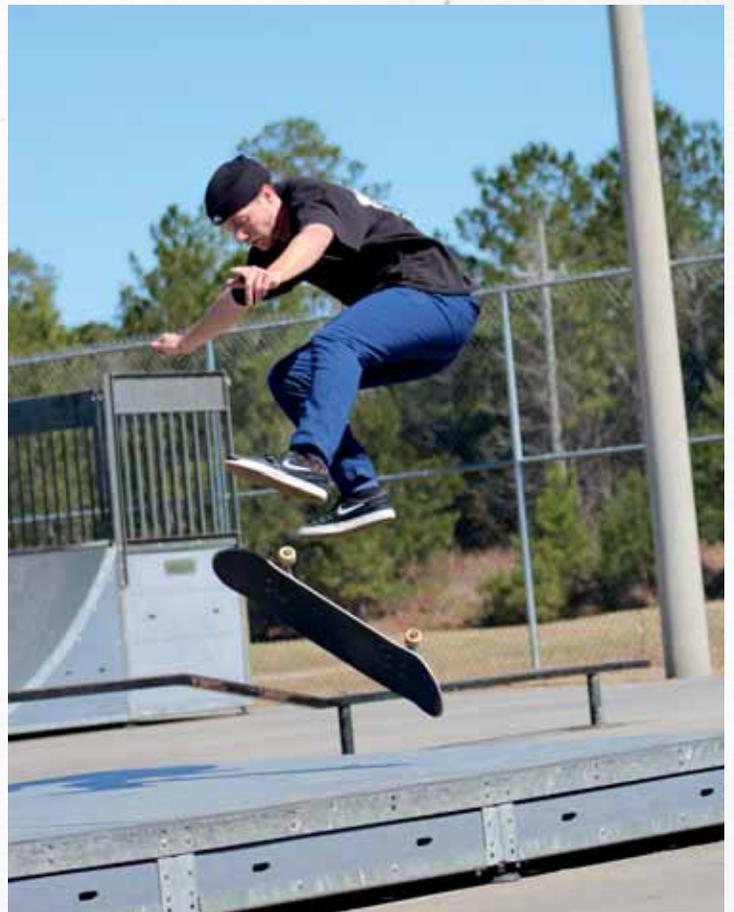
The Pelican's Nest Skate Park is located at the north end of Pelican Park and is recommended for all ages and abilities. Lights are provided for night riding as well.

**DAILY HOURS: 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.**

Bikes are permitted at the skate park during the following times:

- ▶ Tuesday & Thursday from 5 – 7 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday from 7 – 9 a.m.

During these times, the skate park is for bikes only (no skateboards or scooters). Helmets, knee pads and elbow pads are strongly encouraged.





## Disc Golf

There are so many benefits to playing Disc Golf! It's a family friendly game, a perfect way to enjoy nature, it is a very relaxing and quiet sport, you can get your steps in and it's a whole body workout! Disc Golf is a perfect way for family or friends of all ages to enjoy some outdoor fun and friendly competition together. The sport is played using discs (frisbees®) and is similar to golf, however one throws a disc instead of hitting a ball. Players complete a hole by throwing a disc from the tee area toward a target which is called the basket. The player with the lowest number of total throws at the last hole wins. Go to our website for more information at: [pelicanpark.com](http://pelicanpark.com)



## Pickleball

Have you and your family members played pickleball yet? Pickleball is still the fastest growing sport in America with over 4.8 million players nationwide, which is a 40% increase since 2020. Pickleball has so many healthy benefits for you and your whole family! It's a fun way to exercise, improves mental health, improves flexibility, muscle strength and overall health. Pelican Park has 8 pickleball courts with lights for night time games. The courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis, seven days a week, excluding the times scheduled for park programming, facility rentals, and tournaments. It's a perfect game for all ages young and old, so gather your family, friends and coworkers and come join our pickleball community at the Pelican Park Pickleball Facility located in The Groves at Pelican Park.

# The Groves Small Games Area

Next to the Pickleball Courts and the Pelicans Landing open-air pavilion, we have a small games area that has Bocce Ball, Shuffleboard, Horseshoes and Cornhole. The Park also has Giant Garden Games around the Pelicans Landing pavilion that can be used at any time while available, such as Giant Connect-4, Checkers, Chess and Jenga. Pass the time while waiting for your child's practice to be over by playing some of these great family games. Pelicans Landing is also a great place to rent for your next family gathering where you will have all of these activities to keep your family and guests busy, while playing fun and competitive games together.



## Adult Exercise Equipment

The Groves has added a shade structure over our 9 outdoor fitness machines. The equipment consists of machines that develop stamina, arms and upper body, legs and lower body as well as overall conditioning. The machines use your body weight for resistance. The Groves is a great place to get a workout in while the kids are at practice. Combine the equipment circuit training with our walking trail for a great overall workout! The outdoor exercise area now has a new shade structure where you can work out during the heat of the day with a nice breeze and enjoy the views of the pond and green space. Please make sure to sanitize your hands and equipment before and after use – sanitizing stations are provided at every complex in the Park.

**When the weather is questionable...  
check the Park hotline at 985-626-1444  
before coming out to the Park.**



## Soccer

Recreation District #1 has partnered with Mandeville Soccer Club (MSC) to provide this community with one of the best soccer programs in the South. The District provides the fields, painting of the game lines, goals and turf care and MSC handles all aspects of the administration of the soccer programs which includes registration, team formation, coaches and schedules.

If your child is interested in playing soccer, call MSC at: 985-624-8080 or visit their website at [mscsoccer.org](http://mscsoccer.org)



## Sand Volleyball Courts

Sand Volleyball has many health benefits including enhancing your endurance by moving through the sand, improves hand-eye coordination, burns calories and enhances muscle tone and strength. Pelican Park recently upgraded our two sand volleyball courts in the Silver Complex with new standards, nets, sand and ball stop walls. Please stop by and play a few games with your family and friends. The sand courts are open on a first-come, first-served basis and has a washing station for your hands and feet when you are done. Grab a volleyball and head out for some fun or spend some time practicing your serves and skills.

## Recreation District #1 Board of Commissioners

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# Youth Sports News

## Upcoming Youth Registration Dates at a Glance

**Spring Baseball & Softball**  
February 20th – March 7th

## Upcoming Clinics

Like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more information:

- Youth Boys Volleyball**
- Youth Girls Volleyball**
- Youth Fast-Pitch Softball**
- Youth Archery**
- Youth Fencing**
- Youth Drama**



### Debit/Credit Card Information

Please note that when using a debit or credit card for youth sports registration, your card will be pre-authorized and your bank may place a hold on your account for the registration amounts for 72 hours or longer for each registration you attempt.

### Refund Policy

Until team formation, refunds are given upon request less a \$5 handling fee. Between the draft and the second game, a refund request is not guaranteed. However, a refund will be issued during this time if a child from the waiting list accepts the open spot. When the waiting list child has registered, we will issue a refund to the child dropping from the league less the \$5 handling fee when the uniform, if already issued, is returned. After the second game of the season is played, we do not issue refunds for ANY reason.

### Scholarships Available

Should you need financial assistance with youth sports registration, please come in to our office and complete an application. Scholarships are available to District residents only and you must come in to our office to apply.

### Secondary Medical Insurance

In the event of an accident or injury, you must contact the Park's office and complete an incident report. For more information, call the Pelican Park office at: 985-626-7997. If the offices are closed during the injury, call the facility staff at: 985-966-6645.

# Pelican Park Sports Clinics

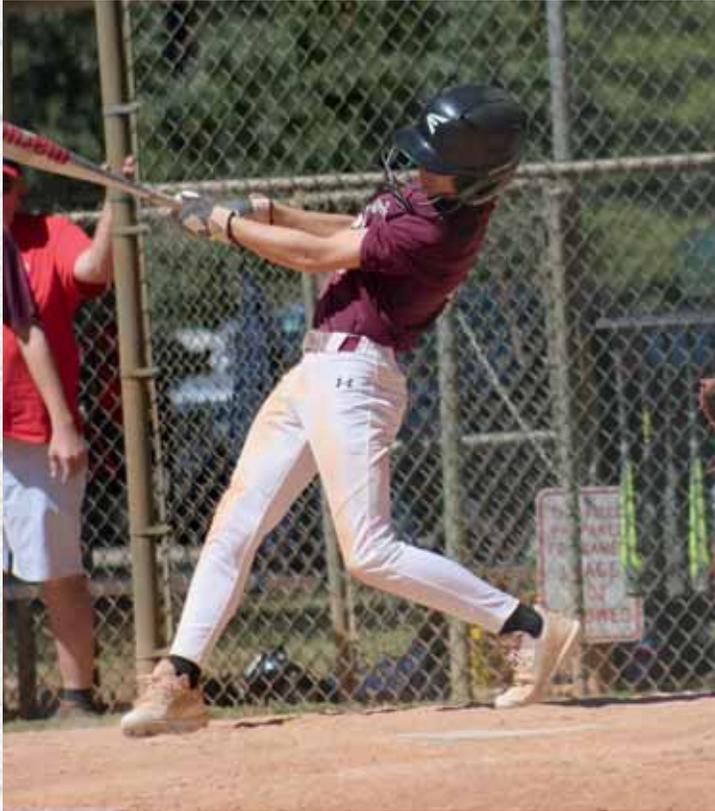


# General Registration and New Player Information

## Office Registration Hours – Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm

First time players can create an account online, or bring a copy of their birth certificate to the office.

If you are interested in playing your child up, please contact the office immediately and request the proper paperwork.



## Spring Baseball & Softball

**Registration** – February 20th – March 7th

**Evaluations** – March 11th, 13th, & 14th

**Team Formations** – March 20th – 23rd

**Practices Start** – April 1st

**Games Start** – April 15th

**Tournaments Start** – May 30th – June 5th

### Boys Spring Baseball

**Age as of date April 30th, 2023**

Ages 5 & 6 | Registration Fees: \$47

Ages 7, 8, 9, & 10 | Registration Fees: \$79

Ages 11/12 | Registration Fees: \$88

Ages 13/15 | Registration Fees: \$140

### Girls Spring Softball

**Age as of date December 31st, 2022**

Ages 5 & 6 | Registration Fees: \$47

Ages 7/8 | Registration Fees: \$69

Ages 9/10 & 11/12 | Registration Fees: \$75

Ages 13/15 | Registration Fees: \$82

## Thank You

Thank you to all our instructors and volunteers for making a difference in our community's lives. The time, patience, and efforts that are demonstrated by each of you do not go unnoticed. Without the passion, inspiration, and motivation that is shared by you with our youth community, we would not be as effective as we are today. We are grateful to share the same mission, vision and values with people like you. Please continue to be a positive part of our culture. Thank you, again.





## Behind the Scenes – What it takes to get a League up and running

Pelican Park has 5 seasons of sports that are offered in a calendar year. In 2022, we had 3,850 kids register to play sports at Pelican Park and 389 teams were formed. That's a lot of kids! But what does it take to get a league up and running?

Multiple things are needed before we can open registration for a league. First each age group needs a budget for registration. We are adjusting for price increases for equipment and different kinds of labor while also trying to make the league affordable for all families. Then we focus on scheduling games and practices to ensure safe and available spaces. With the large number of players that we have registered, finding enough space can be difficult when Pelican Park is only so big. Once we have our budget and season planned out, we can open our registration for our leagues. Any person can register at [pelicanpark.com](http://pelicanpark.com) or in person at the front office.

During and after registration, we start planning for our player evaluations and team formations. Evaluations are essential because we need to see the talent of each player in order to provide the most fair and balanced teams. The process requires finding help from volunteers to evaluate the players and provide honest feedback. Player evaluations are planned out anywhere between 3 – 5 days for all leagues. Once player evaluations are finished, prep for team formations get started. Team formations are when coaches are provided with their rosters and practice schedules. We usually require one week to run all of our drafts, explain the league rules, and provide coaches with all of the necessary information for them to lead their teams to success.

After all the teams are formed, practices and games begin! Throughout the year we order jerseys, trophies, equipment, and any other equipment necessary to enhance your player's experience. We also try our best to accommodate any game or practice changes. Pelican Park also works closely with our Officials association, Tri-Parish and St. Tammany Sports Services, to ensure that they can correctly account for and schedule officials for all games throughout the regular season and playoffs. Tournaments for all leagues usually require one week to find a champion.

If someone needs help from our staff, anyone can find our Facility Staff around all complexes to answer any questions or to help with any incidents that occur. This facility staff, who commonly wear Pelican Park blue uniforms, also open and close every sports program we have scheduled. Do not forget about our hard-working Park crew. This team fixes any damages that happened the night before, cleans all gyms, and makes our fields look beautiful! We could not have any youth sports without our amazing staff! We also could not have any youth sports without all of our patrons, and our awesome volunteer coaches! Pelican Park loves to support our community and we hope to see you for our next sports session!

## Silver Quarterly Rentals

Qualified In-District teams and Non-District teams have the opportunity to rent a Silver Field for a 1.5 hour practice time slot, once a week, on a Monday, for a quarter of the year. Quarters are defined as the months of February-April, May-July, and August-October.

We will be accepting rosters for the February-April Quarter at the end of December.

Two pie-shaped fields and two rectangular fields with two time slots (5:00pm-6:30pm & 7:00pm-8:30pm) nightly, may be available Monday – Friday. The third pie-shaped field and the third rectangular field will be left open for a first come, first serve basis for public use.

**RATES:** In-District \$250 per slot/per field/ per quarter  
– may NOT be prorated  
Non-District \$400 per slot/per field/ per quarter  
– may NOT be prorated



# Adult Sports News



## Adult Sports Registration

Pelican Park offers a variety of adult sports to serve our community. The purpose of the leagues is to provide an outlet for adults to continue to play their favorite sport, have fun, stay fit, and to socialize. The Park offers three (3) levels of play for the adult leagues.

- ▶ **Competitive Volleyball** – This division is for the more aggressive player who wants to play the sport at a highly competitive level with no restrictions. No Officials
- ▶ **Recreational Volleyball** – This division is for the less aggressive player who wants to play the sport at a slightly lower competitive level with no restrictions. No Officials
- ▶ **Just For Fun** – This division is for fun, socialization, and exercise. No Spiking and underhand serves only. No Officials
- ▶ **Recreation Softball Co-Ed & Men's** – This division is for fun, socialization, and exercise. There are umpires for softball.

## New Individual Registration

Participants will register individually online or in-person. Make sure to add your team captain and team name into the “notes” section during registration.

### Session 1

- Captain's Only Registration** – February 6th – February 10th
- Players Registration** – February 13th – February 17th
- Games Start** – February 26th

### Session 2

- Captain's Only Registration** – May 1st – May 5th
- Players Registration** – May 8th – May 12th
- Games Start** – May 21st



We are always looking to expand our Adult Leagues. Please email Brennan at [brennankuss@pelicanpark.com](mailto:brennankuss@pelicanpark.com) with any suggestions or comments to help improve or expand our leagues



# Leisure Programs

Recreation District #1 offers a variety of leisure programs. Pre-registration is required for most programs. To register, call **(985) 626-7997** or visit [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for more information, including detailed descriptions.

Pelican Park Leisure Programs offer fun for everyone! With a variety of programs, Pelican Park hosts an average of five hundred classes per year including arts & crafts, personal development, health & well-being, outdoor adventure, and social activities. Pelican Park Leisure Programs welcomes children and adults to participate in a creative, educational, and entertaining atmosphere promoting a healthy body, mind, and spirit.

## SAVE THE DATE Programs at a Glance

### Youth Programs

#### Babysitting Certification

Saturdays, 1/14, 2/11, & 3/11  
8-12yrs @ 10:00am  
13-18yrs @ 1:00pm

#### STEM Skills

Saturdays, 1/21, 2/25, 3/25, & 4/22  
10:00am-12noon

### Arts & Crafts

#### One of a Kind Cards

Wednesdays, 1/4-4/26  
1:00pm-3:00pm

#### Painting With Michelle

1/9, 1/17\*, 1/23, 2/6, 2/13, 2/16\*, 3/6\*,  
3/14\*, 3/20, 3/27\*, 4/11\*, 4/17, 4/24  
10:00am  
1:00pm and/or 6:00pm dates with \*

#### Painting with Rika

Every Other Wednesday, 1/11- 4/26  
10:00am-12noon



### Stamping Cards

Mondays, 1/9-2/13, 2/27, 3/13-4/24  
Thursday, 3/9  
1:00pm-3:00pm

#### Techniques With Robin

First Wednesday of the Month 1/4-4/5  
10:00am-12noon

### Personal Development

#### Starting & Marketing a Business

Mondays, 1/16 & 3/13  
6:00pm-8:00pm

#### Parenting & Child Care Courses

Saturdays, 1/21 & 3/4  
Parents 10:00am  
Grandparents 1:00pm

### Dance

#### Hip Hop Fitness

Tuesdays, 2/28-4/4  
7:00pm-8:00pm



### Health & Wellness

#### Pilates

Mondays, 1/9-5/8 (Skip: 2/20 & 4/10) &  
Wednesdays, 9/28-12/7 (Skip: 1/18, 2/15,  
3/15, 4/19, 5/17)  
6:00pm-7:00pm

#### Yoga

Tuesday, 1/3-5/9 (Skip: 2/14, 2/21, 4/25) &  
Thursdays, 1/5-4/20  
6:00pm-7:00pm

### Socials

#### Canasta

Every Wednesday  
9:00am-12noon

#### Special Populations BINGO

Every Wednesday  
3:30pm-4:30pm





# KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

## Babysitting Certification

### Beginners Ages 8-12 years

Join us for Babysitting Certification for Beginners, ages 8-12. This course is designed with pre-teens in mind, helping them to become familiar with the basic needs of child care. In addition to basic needs, attendees will be guided through response training, including recognizing and handling specific behaviors, emergency assertiveness, and formulating age-appropriate activities. Upon the completion of this course, students will have gained the confidence and successful skills to begin the first steps of babysitting with an earned certificate.

### Advanced Ages 13-18

Building on the foundation of our Beginner Certification program, Advanced Babysitting Certification offers deeper training for teens ages 13-18. While the course will offer refreshers on the basic needs of child care, attendees can anticipate leadership development, behavioral discipline techniques, and assertive response training. Additional topics include addressing the safety and professionalism of both babysitter and child. Upon the completion of this course, students will have gained the confidence and successful skills to begin the first steps of babysitting with an earned certificate.

### Available Date Options:

|                         |             |      |
|-------------------------|-------------|------|
| Beginner - Ages (8-12)  | January 14  | 10am |
| Advanced - Ages (13-18) | January 14  | 1pm  |
| Beginner - Ages (8-12)  | February 11 | 10am |
| Advanced - Ages (13-18) | February 11 | 1pm  |
| Beginner - Ages (8-12)  | March 11    | 10am |
| Advanced - Ages (13-18) | March 11    | 1pm  |

**Ages:** 8-12 & 13-18 years old

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Fee:** \$10 District, \$15 Non-District

**Time:** Varies by Date- see above

**Location:** Castine Center



## STEM Skills

We invite you to join us for STEM Skills, a class devoted to encouraging children ages 8-10 to think critically and creatively while completely immersed in learning. Our young analytical thinkers will enjoy solving complex riddles through the use of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math lessons. This program helps children to work as teams, building collaborative communication skills to explore and innovate solutions to overcome challenging obstacles. With the help of our instructor, Emily Ernest, a local St. Tammany School teacher, participants can anticipate stronger development skills that can be transferred to future engagement and real-life experiences.

| Date(s)       | Time | Location              |
|---------------|------|-----------------------|
| Saturday 1/21 | 10am | White Pelican Gym #3  |
| Saturday 2/25 | 10am | Castine Center Hall A |
| Saturday 3/25 | 10am | Castine Center Hall D |
| Saturday 4/22 | 10am | Castine Center Hall A |

**Ages:** 8-10 years old

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Supplies Required:** Please Note, some supplies are required. See our website for more information.

**Fee:** \$5 District, \$10 Non-District

**Time:** 10:00am-12noon

**Location:** Castine Center





# ARTS & CRAFTS

## One of a Kind Cards

Come learn how to make your own “one of a kind” cards for any occasion. You will never have to purchase another card and the recipients will cherish your hand made cards even more. Card making not only saves you money but is a lot of fun and teaches you to express your creative side.

**Date(s):** Wednesdays, 1/4-4/26

**Ages:** 15+

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Supplies Required:** \*NOTE: Some supplies required. See our website for more information.

**Class Fee (for each date listed):** \$0 District Senior, \$5 Non-District Senior, \$5 District Resident, \$10 Non-District Resident

**Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm

**Location:** Castine Center

## Painting with Michelle

Learn the techniques of acrylic painting with a fun and creative art experience. Enjoy a pop of color with each of these paintings. Some projects may feature upcoming holidays or seasons.

**Dates**      **Time**

1/17      1pm or 6pm

1/23      10am

2/6      10am

2/13      10am

2/16      1pm or 6pm

3/6      10am or 1pm

3/14      1pm or 6pm

3/20      10am

3/27      1pm

4/11      1pm or 6pm

4/17      10am

4/24      10am

**Ages:** 15+

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Supplies Required:** \*NOTE: Some supplies required. See our website for more information.

**Class Fee (for each date listed):** \$0 District Senior, \$5 Non-District Senior, \$5 District Resident, \$10 Non-District Resident

**Time:** Varies by Date- see above

**Location:** Castine Center

## Painting with Rika

Learn the techniques of acrylic painting with a fun and creative art experience. Enjoy a pop of color with each of these paintings.

**Date(s):** Wednesdays, 1/11, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/12, & 4/26

**Ages:** 15+

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Supplies Required:** \*NOTE: Some supplies required. See our website for more information.

**Class Fee (for each date listed):** \$0 District Senior, \$5 Non-District Senior, \$5 District Resident, \$10 Non-District Resident

**Time:** 10:00am-12noon

**Location:** Castine Center

## Stamping Cards

Make a card using various stamps and basic scrapping knowledge. Each class will expose you to different scrapbook tools and ideas that can be incorporated into scrapbooks, cards, or multiple other uses.

**Ages:** 15+

**Date(s):** Mondays, 1/9-2/13, 2/27, 3/13-4/24; Thursday, 3/9

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Supplies Required:** \*NOTE: Some supplies required. See our website for more information.

**Class Fee (for each date listed):** \$0 District Senior, \$5 Non-District Senior, \$5 District Resident, \$10 Non-District Resident

**Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm

**Location:** Castine Center

## Techniques With Robin

Using scrapbook paper, you will design and fold coordinating paper to a given pattern and create an attractive card or embellishment. This class also introduces you to various paper weights and techniques for an assortment of desired appearances.

**Date(s):** First Wednesday of the Month 1/4-4/5

**Ages:** 15+

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Supplies Required:** \*NOTE: Some supplies required. See our website for more information.

**Class Fee (for each date listed):** \$0 District Senior, \$5 Non-District Senior, \$5 District Resident, \$10 Non-District Resident

**Time:** 10:00am-12noon

**Location:** Castine Center



# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Starting & Marketing a Business

Please join us as we partner with KBD Specialty Chemicals CEO, Ken Digby, to bring our community an educational class on how to start and market a business. As a self-made CEO, Ken will walk us through the basic necessities and how to's for creating a great business foundation from scratch. Starting and Marketing a Business will answer questions regarding LLCs, prioritizing your to-do's, and how to stay relevant in your market.

**Date(s):** Mondays, January 16, 2023 & March 13, 2023

**Ages:** 15+ years old

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Fee:** \$5 District, \$10 Non-District

**Time:** 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Location:** Castine Center



## Parenting & Child Care Courses

### Parenting Class on Child Care

Join us for parenting tips and tricks designed for beginners! This course is designed with new and expecting parents in mind, helping them to become familiar with the basic needs of child care and what to anticipate. In addition to basic needs, attendees will be guided through response training, including recognizing and handling specific behaviors, emergency assertiveness, the importance of determining effective child stimulation, and regular scheduling.

### Grandparent Refresher Class On Child Care

Building on the foundation of our Parenting Program, the Grandparent Child Care refresher course is designed to share new and innovative tips for those who may be entering into a new chapter of life. While the course will offer refreshers on the basic needs of child care, attendees can anticipate modern behavioral tendencies & discipline techniques, along with assertive response training.

#### Available Date Options:

|              |            |      |
|--------------|------------|------|
| Parents      | January 21 | 10am |
| Grandparents | January 21 | 1pm  |
| Parents      | March 4    | 10am |
| Grandparents | March 4    | 1pm  |

**Ages:** 18+ years old

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Fee:** \$10 District, \$15 Non-District

**Time:** Varies by Date- see above

**Location:** Castine Center

## COMING SOON!

Be on the lookout for great new additions to Pelican Park Leisure Programs this season! Visit [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for updates and class registrations. New classes are added to our website on the 15th of every month!



# DANCE

## Hip Hop Fitness

Dance your way through a healthy exercise circuit with Pelican Park's new Hip Hop Fitness classes. Pop, Lock, and Drop a few pounds as we utilize dance to stimulate cardio, whole body workouts, and muscle sculpting. Funk Up your fitness routine with this high energy hip-hop dance class. Fitness is now fun as our instructor will guide you through each step, with no prior dance experience necessary.

**\*Please Note:** Flashing, strobe, and various colored lights are part of this program, and may not be suitable for those with medical conditions affected by light or light sensitivity.

**Date(s):** Tuesdays, 2/28-4/4

**Ages:** 13+ years old

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Fee:** \$50 District, \$60 Non-District

**Time:** 7:00pm-8:00pm

**Location:** Castine Center



# SOCIALS

## Canasta

Join us for Canasta, typically held every Wednesday morning from 9am-12noon at the Castine Center. Canasta, a card game deriving from the game of rummy, uses two full decks of cards, including jokers, and is normally played in pairs or partners. Never played? No problem! Our Canasta social is relatively easy and open to beginners. Drop in and enjoy free play with us!

**Date(s):** Every Wednesday

**Ages:** 18+ years old

**Time:** 9:00am-12noon

**Location:** Castine Center

## Special Populations BINGO

Join us for Special Populations Bingo, typically held every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30pm-4:30pm at the Castine Center. This program is designed for patrons with special needs to enjoy social interaction with friendly new faces. Win like never B-4 with fun games, social interaction, and prizes. Drop in and enjoy free play with us!

**Date(s):** Every Wednesday

**Time:** 3:30pm-4:30pm

**Location:** Castine Center

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Pilates

The focus of pilates is to build a strong core, specifically in those areas supporting the spine and abdomen. Posture, core strength and flexibility can be expected to improve with each class. The results should leave you feeling physically and mentally strengthened, balanced and renewed. Bring a yoga mat and/or beach towel and dress comfortably.

### MONDAYS

**Exercise #004 Date(s):** 1/9-3/6

**Skip:** 2/20 (Lundi Gras)

**Exercise #006 Date(s):** 3/13-5/8

**Skip:** 4/10 (Instructor Requested)

### WEDNESDAYS

**Exercise #002 Date(s):** 1/4-3/8

**Skip:** 1/18, 2/15, & 3/15 (Board Meetings)

**Exercise #008 Date(s):** 3/22-5/24

**Skip:** 4/19, 5/17 (Board Meetings)

**Ages:** 15+ years old

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Fee:** \$50 District, \$60 Non-District

**Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm

**Location:** Castine Center



## Yoga

These one-hour yoga classes are suitable for those new to yoga as well as those with some experience. The class includes instruction in Vinyasa foundational yoga poses and breathing techniques. The postures are modified to accommodate the needs of individual students. The class concludes with time for relaxation and integration. Please bring a water bottle, yoga mat and blanket or cushion with you to class. Wear loose comfortable clothing and refrain from eating a meal one hour before class time.

### TUESDAYS

**Exercise #001 Date(s):** 1/3-3/7

**Skip:** 2/14 (Valentine's Day) & 2/21 (Mardi Gras)

**Exercise #007 Date(s):** 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/9

**Skip:** 4/25 (Instructor Requested)

### THURSDAYS

**Exercise #003 Date(s):** 1/5-2/23

**Exercise #005 Date(s):** 3/2-4/20

**Ages:** 15+ years old

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Fee:** \$50 District, \$60 Non-District

**Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm

**Location:** Castine Center

## Have you considered teaching at Pelican Park?

We are currently looking for fun, new ideas to share with our community. If you are experienced or well versed in a subject topic, consider being a Pelican Park instructor. Instructors give back to our local community through leisure classes via their shared knowledge and expertise. If interested, please visit our website, [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) and find the Leisure Programs Instructor Application listed under our About Tab – “Forms” section. Feel free to fill out the application with a W-9 at your earliest convenience and return to Erika Lehrmann at: [erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com](mailto:erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com)



# Upcoming Events

*Disclaimer:* All event dates, times, and locations are subject to change due to availability, weather, or other unforeseen circumstances. Please be sure to monitor our events at [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for the most up-to-date information regarding each of our events.

## SAVE THE DATE Events at a Glance

### Flavor Fest Jambalaya Cookoff

Saturday, February 4, 2023  
10:00am-2:00pm

### Castine Family Campout

February 24th – 25th  
5:00pm-9:00am

### Pelican Park's Paddles On Paddy's Day Pickleball Tournament

Saturday, March 11th, 2023  
8:00am-6:00pm

### Hoppy Paw Pics

Friday, March 24th, 2023  
5:00pm-6:30pm

### Twilight Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 25th, 2023  
Time varies by Age Group, visit [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for specifics

### Cruisin' The Castine

Saturday, April 15, 2023  
10:00am-3:00pm



### Flavor Fest Jambalaya Cook-Off

Do you have what it takes to be the Ultimate Paddle Battle Champion? Register now for Pelican Park's newest event which features a jambalaya cookoff and awards casted by public tasting votes. The Paddle Battle Jambalaya Cookoff will feature awards by public vote for the top three contenders of Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya.

No outside food or drinks will be allowed. Pelican Park will have Coke products, water, and alcoholic beverages available to purchase during the event. Only teams will be permitted to bring in ice chest for competition entry purposes.

#### TEAM INFORMATION

Cook-Off Teams may consist of four team members, including one team captain at least 21 years of age. Team Registration includes four member bracelets, a 10x10 area with one table, team serving bowls, tasting utensils, and a trash receptacle. All cook-off competition entries must be cooked on-site. Teams will be given early access to set up their competition area prior to cook time starting at 10am. Teams will be required to collect event issued tickets from patrons wishing to sample their competition entry. Teams must have samples ready to be served by 12 noon, and no earlier than 11am. Teams must serve 4 ounce portions in the provided event containers, with a maximum of 50 servings. Servings and public votes must be cast no later than 1:00pm to be considered for awards. Awards will be determined by the number of public votes, with the top teams receiving the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd highest vote tallies.

Teams are responsible for providing all the necessary means of participation, including their own cooking equipment, contest food (meats and rice), seasonings, paper products, tents, etc. Pelican Park will not be providing electricity or water for this

event. We ask teams to plan accordingly, with the intention of being self-contained. For a full list of rules and regulations, please visit our website [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com).

### **PUBLIC TICKET INFORMATION**

Entry to the public will open at 11am, one hour after cook time begins and at which time, teams can begin serving.

Public Event Tickets include five tasting samples and one casting vote per ticket. Patrons interested in tasting and casting award votes, must provide teams with the event issued tasting tickets to sample competition entries. Registered teams must serve and public votes must be cast no later than 1:00pm to be considered for awards.

For more information, visit [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) or contact our office at (985) 626-7997.

### **REGISTRATION REQUIRED – REGISTRATION BY TEAM**

**Registration Opens:** Sunday, January 1, 2023

**Registration Ends:** Monday, January 30, 2023 – 4pm

*\*Disclaimer:* Due to event preparation, pre-registration is required. Registration will not be available on site.

**Event Date:** Saturday, February 4, 2023

**Rain Date:** Sunday, February 5, 2023

**Team Captain Ages:** 21+

**Team Fee:** \$75 (includes 4 team member admittance, a 10x10 area with one table, team serving bowls, and tasting utensils)

**Public Ticket:** \$10 (includes 5 tasting samples and 1 award vote)

**Time:** 10:00am-2:00pm

**Location:** TBD

**Event Address:** 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448

**Contact:** Main Office Phone (985) 626-7997 or

**Event Contact:** [erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com](mailto:erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com)

**Vendor Contact:** [carlyarthur@castinecenter.com](mailto:carlyarthur@castinecenter.com)



## **Castine Family Campout**

Adventure awaits as Pelican Park hosts the Castine Family Campout, February 24th – 25th. Rough it with us as we pitch our tents and roll out our sleeping bags for a night of camping demonstrations, scavenger hunts, games, wildlife meet & greets, and smores.

The Castine Family Campout is open to families and residents of all ages. Children must be accompanied by an attending adult. Registration will be processed by an adult (Camp Captain) with the name of the participating family member(s) listed under each registration information.

Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate special dietary needs or restrictions for this event. If necessary, please plan accordingly. Participants are responsible for providing their own bedding, sleeping arrangements, and personal items needed for the event. Participants must arrive no later than 6pm on Friday, February 24th and depart before 9am on Saturday, February 25th. Tent set up will be from 5-6pm on Friday, February 24th with activities to follow.

*\*Disclaimer:* Due to event preparation, pre-registration is required. Registrations will not be available on site. No refunds within 7 days of the event. Please, no pets or RVs allowed.

### **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Registration Opens:** Sunday, January 1, 2023

**Registration Ends:** Friday, February 17th, 2023

**Event Date:** Friday-Saturday, February 24th-25th, 2023

**Rain or Shine:** In the event of inclement weather, all activities and arrangements will be moved indoors.

**Fee:**

- Family of 2= \$65
- Family of 3= \$100
- Family of 4= \$135
- Family of 5 = \$170

*\*Please call the Main Office for Pricing & Registration for groups larger than those listed.*

*\*Additional add-on fees at the time of registration for the following items:*

- ▶ Campout Kits (crafts, compass, & commemorative items) = \$15 per kit
- ▶ Event T-shirt = \$10 per shirt

**Time:** 5:00pm-9:00am

**Location:** The Groves at Pelican Park

**Event Address:** 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448

**Contact:** Main Office Phone (985) 626-7997 or

**Event Contact:** [erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com](mailto:erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com)

**Hotline:** (985) 626-1444



## Paddles For Paddy's Day Pickleball Tournament

Test your luck with Pelican Park's Paddles on Paddy's Day pickleball tournament, on Saturday, March 11th, 2023! This one-day tournament will be conducted in a round-robin format. Registration will be determined by skill level with space limited in each division.

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Registration Opens:** Sunday, January 1, 2023

**Registration Closes:** Friday, February 17, 2023

*\*Disclaimer: Due to event preparation, pre-registration is required. Registrations will not be available on site.*

**Event Date:** Saturday, March 11th, 2023

*This event will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather.*

**Men's, Women's, & Mixed Doubles**

**Skill Level Divisions:**

- Novice (2.0-2.5)
- Beginner (3.0)
- Intermediate (3.5)
- Experienced (4.0)
- Advanced (4.5+)

*\*Should we receive enough age variation, the following age brackets will be implemented. Please note, age brackets may be combined for tournament play should the skill levels above not retain enough age variations to host alternative brackets.*

**Age Brackets:** 13-18yr (Teen), 19-49yr (Adult), 50+yrs (Elder)

**Fee:** Men's & Women's Doubles \$30.00 per player  
(Includes Lunch)  
Mixed Doubles \$20.00

*\*T-shirts can be purchased for an additional fee at the time of checkout*

**Check-In Time:** 7:00am **Play:** 8:00am-6:00pm

**Location:** The Groves – 8 outdoor pickleball courts

**Event Address:** 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448

**Contact:** Main Office Phone (985) 626-7997 or

**Event Contact:** erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com

**Hotline:** (985) 626-1444

## Hoppy Paw Pics

Peter Cotton Tail will be coming to Pelicans Landing on Friday, March 24th to take pictures with your furry family members from 5:00pm-6:30pm. This FREE event will be a Hoppy, Tail Wagging Good Time, you don't want to miss.

**Event Date:** Friday, March 24th, 2023

**Time:** 5:00pm-6:30pm

**Location:** Pelicans Landing Pavilion – The Groves

**Event Address:** 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448

**Contact:** Main Office Phone (985) 626-7997 or

**Event Contact:** erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com

**Hotline:** (985) 626-1444





## Twilight Eggstravaganza

Get your baskets & flashlights ready! Pelican Park will be hosting its fifth annual Twilight Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 25th, 2023. The event is open to ages 1-12 years. In addition to four fabulous age-specific egg hunts, you and your child will enjoy a variety of activities and games. Be sure to register early to secure your spot! Space is limited.

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**District Registration Opens:** Monday, February 20, 2023

**Non-District Registration Opens:** Monday, March 13, 2023

**Event Date:** Saturday, March 25th, 2023

*This event will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather.*

**Ages:** 1-12 years old

**Event Time:** Varies by Age Group, visit [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for specifics

**Event Address:** 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448

**Location:** Orange Complex

**Contact:** Main Office Phone (985) 626-7997 or

**Event Contact:** [erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com](mailto:erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com)

**Hotline:** (985) 626-1444



## Cruisin' The Castine

Experience automotive history as this event is open to all vehicles, makes, and models throughout the decades. This open car show invites attendees, participants, and vendors to share an afternoon of automotive enthusiasm, concluded by an award ceremony and fantastic display of fireworks. With over 200+ vehicles attending our previous shows, you won't want to miss one of the largest displays of car culture on the Northshore.

*\*Disclaimer: Due to event preparation, registration is required. No refunds within 3 days leading up to the event. Full refunds will only be granted should the event be canceled.*

**Event Date:** Saturday, April 15, 2023

**Rain Date:** Sunday, April 16, 2023

**Ages:** 18+ years old

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Fee:** \$25 Early Bird Registration (January 1 – February 28th) (includes shirt & goody bag),  
\$30 Pre-registration (March 1st – April 14th) (includes dash plaque),  
\$35 Day of Registration (April 15th/ 16th pending rain date) Based on Availability

**Time:** 10:00am-3:00pm,  
show vehicles must be parked by 12 noon

**Location:** Castine Center

**Event Address:** 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448

**Contact:** Main Office Phone (985) 626-7997 or

**Hotline:** (985) 626-1444

**Event Contact:** [erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com](mailto:erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com)

**Vendor Contact:** [carlyarthur@castinecenter.com](mailto:carlyarthur@castinecenter.com)

# Save the Dates for Upcoming Events

**Mother's Day Teddy Bear Tea – May 13, 2022**

**Splatter Beat \*Featuring a New Age – May 19, 2022**

# Thanks for Coming....

Pelican Park sends a **BIG THANK YOU** out to all those who have joined us at one of our recent events. To those who attended and volunteered for our Fall Fest, Pickled Pink Tournament, Jeep Jamboree, and Breakfast with Santa events, thank you for joining in on our fun! We hope you thoroughly enjoyed your time with us and we look forward to seeing you at some of our future events. To see all the fun, visit and follow our Facebook Page featuring a photo album for each event.

**Fall Fest** was all fun and games on Sunday, September 25th. Pelican Park hosted close to 300 attendees in celebration of the start of the Fall Season. Attendees enjoyed an afternoon of crafts, games, and vendors while also reveling in fun contests, such as pie baking and the costume contest stroll. Be sure to follow our Pelican Park Facebook Page to see all the fun and festivities.

**Pelican Park's Pickled Pink Pickleball Tournament** was held for the first time on Saturday, October 8th through Sunday, October 9th on the outdoor courts. The tournament hosted 88 players from southern Louisiana & Mississippi. The Breast Cancer Awareness tournament was the first of its kind for our local community and featured onsite wellness-check from the St. Tammany Be Well Bus. Be sure to look for our next available Pickleball Tournament event coming in March of 2023!



**Pelican Park's Jeep Jamboree** welcomed 75 jeeps for the inaugural show on Saturday, November 12th. This new event featured various vendors, sound and flex competitions, a kids battery powered obstacle course, indoor and outdoor parking, as well as an award ceremony. We'd also like to thank our event competition presenters, Amplified Designs and Twisted Up 4x4, for providing quality contests for our attendees.

**Breakfast with Santa** was a ho ho whole lot of fun on Saturday, December 10th, from 8-11:30am. Roughly 180 children enjoyed a magical morning including breakfast provided by Liz's Where Y'At Diner, a visit with Santa, topped off with a bag full of goodies and trinkets. Be sure to follow our Pelican Park Facebook Page to see all the fun and festivities.

# Vendor Opportunities



Are you interested in being a vendor for one of our upcoming events? Great! Please see the opportunities listed below to assess which might be the best fit for you. Vendors are determined by a first come, first served basis and will only be considered for an event once all necessary paperwork, payment, and applications have been received.

Pelican Park does our best to limit competing vendors and/or conflicts with our own concession sales. Due to this effort, all vendors will be required to list all sale items on their event application forms. No other items will be permitted, and all items are subject to Pelican Park approval. Vendor fees will vary by event, requested space, and sale type.

*Disclaimer:* All dates, times, and locations are subject to change due to availability, weather, or other unforeseen circumstances. Please be sure to monitor our notifications at [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for the most up-to-date information regarding each of our events.

If you are interested, send us your name, contact number, and a working email address to [carlyarthur@castinecenter.com](mailto:carlyarthur@castinecenter.com) or call Pelican Park at **(985) 626-7997**.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you for our event!

# Volunteer Opportunities



Want to make a difference? Are you interested in volunteering at Pelican Park? Volunteers certainly make a difference in our community and are great additions to our events and programs. We have a variety of upcoming opportunities in need of volunteers of all ages. These opportunities are quickly approaching and we are looking for volunteers like you to be a fundamental part during these events and programs. We do provide service hour forms for any of those who may need them for academics, school or community groups, such as boy or girl scouts. See the list of opportunities below or visit our website [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for more information.

## Coaching

Ages 21+ -Coaching is a great opportunity to give back and make a difference in our communities' youth.

## Castine Family Campout

Ages 14+ - Volunteers would assist the employees during set-up, break-down, demonstrations, crafts, games and more.

## Twilight Eggstravaganza

Ages 14+ -Volunteer duties would be to assist the craft and carnival game stations, disperse candy, clean-up and make sure all of the families are having fun.

## Cruisin' the Castine Car Show

Ages 14+ - Volunteers needed to assist us in the set-up, break-down, parking of visitors and to give out supplies and information at the registration table.

If you are interested, visit our [website to register](#) or call Pelican Park Main Office at **(985) 626-7997** for assistance.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you for our event!

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Can players request to be placed on a team with a friend or neighbor for carpooling?

No special requests such as these are honored for age groups 7 and above: however, we do honor these requests for ages 5 and 6 since they do not evaluate. Team distribution is made according to the ability of players to ensure that the teams are evenly distributed.

- ▶ Brothers/Sisters or step-brothers/sisters who are in the same age group can be placed on the same team.
- ▶ This request **must** be completed on the registration form and is the **only one honored**.

## What night will the games be played?

Game and practice days and times are determined after registration is over and will depend on the number of teams per age group. 5's & 6's will be playing only on Saturday until the school session ends, at which time they will also begin playing on weekdays. Age groups 7 & up will play one weekday game and one weekend game throughout the season.

## Can my child play up/down an age group?

Play ups are **ONLY** allowed for age groups that are not combined. **To request that a child play up, the parent or guardian of that child MUST come into the office and fill out a play up form.** Play downs are rarely granted and are for medical reasons only. Staff approval is required for any play down request. No play ups are allowed into the 5-year-old age group.

## What is a Scholarship?

Scholarships are offered to In-District Residents, they can be a Partial Scholarship or a Full Scholarship, whichever fits your need. Scholarships are to allow children whose family needs financial assistance to be able to participate in our recreational sports. To qualify for a Scholarship, you will need to come to the Front Office and fill out the Scholarship Form. You will also need your Driver's License and your approval letter from the state (ex. Food Stamps, Medicaid).

## Why does Pelican Park close its fields in the winter?

Every winter, Pelican Park overseeds thirty of its thirty-two sports fields in order to protect the turf through the winter months, as well as provide safe and aesthetically pleasing fields for the patrons of our park when the spring season begins. Pelican Park fields are made up of a specialized Bermuda grass called Tiffway 419. This grass is used because of its resilience to heavy foot traffic by players. However, during the winter months when temperatures fall below 68 degrees on a daily basis Tiffway 419 goes into dormancy and the blades of the leaves turn brown so that all of its energy produced can protect the root system which is comprised of rhizomes and stolon's. Sports ryegrass is overseeded onto the fields and then they are coated with a blanket of mason sand which helps keep the seed close to the soil for germination. It takes approximately 10 days for the rye seed to germinate and another 4 – 6 weeks to mature. As the ryegrass grows in, it not only protects the roots from the cold weather, but also provides an aesthetically pleasing field. As spring approaches and fields begin to open in late January, they are still vulnerable to foot traffic as the blades of grass are dormant. Ryegrass helps hold the dormant blades of grass in place so that when players take the fields, they now have a cushion between the players cleats and the delicate root system below. As temperatures begin staying above 70 degrees the Bermuda begins to awaken and turn green again and the ryegrass begins to die off to make way for the Bermuda to flourish.

Article by Doug McLemore, Park Assistant Director

## Concessions at the Park are now accepting Credit Cards!!

You can get all your favorite refreshments with just a simple Tap, Swipe, or Insert. We accept all Major Credit Cards ( Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover). Please be sure to visit one of our 12 Concessions and check out our New system Toast and use your Credit Card for easy pay.

## Sheriff Detail:

Sheriff Detail may be found on premise during all Pelican Park Youth games and for most events on site. Sheriff Detail may be contacted through the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office non-emergency number, the Facility Staff at (985) 966-6645 or 911 (emergency use only). While there is a detail on premise during these events, we ask that valuables not be left in your vehicles to prevent crimes from happening.

## Lost & Found:

All Lost & Found items with the exception of items of high value (phones, jewelry, purses, wallets, etc.) may be found at the Brown Gym office. All high value items will be turned into the front office. Park staff collects items daily and brings them to the lost and found. Facility Staff will attempt to call the owners if a number is on the item for pickup. After an item is left in the lost & found for 30 days, they will be dropped off at a local donation site. For any questions on lost & found you may call the Pelican Park Front Office at **(985) 626-7997**.

# Environmental Education

## The Louisiana Native Plant Butterfly Garden

A project by the Master Gardeners of 2021



Pelican Park is thrilled to have a pollinator garden located between the Brown gym and the Groves. If you love plants, butterflies and other pollinators, come check it out! Both young and old can learn about our native pollinators, watch them grow, see what pollinators they attract and get ideas of what plants and pollinators you might want in your own garden!

Through a cooperative Endeavor Agreement between LSU Ag Center and Pelican Park, we are partnering to develop demonstration gardens, such as this first pollinator garden. According to Will Afton, LSU AgCenter County Agent, St. Tammany Parish, the garden is named The Louisiana Native Plant Butterfly Garden and is a class project undertaken by the St Tammany Louisiana Master Gardener Class of 2021.

**The Louisiana Master Gardener Program (LMG)** is an educational volunteer program offered by the LSU AgCenter. After every LMG training program in St Tammany the recently graduated class performs a group volunteer project to start volunteering time to educate parish residents with research-based horticultural information.

**The Louisiana Native Plant Butterfly Garden** is a tool to demonstrate the complexities of how native insects use local plants for survival. Immature lepidopterans feed on the foliage of specific plants while adult butterflies, moths, and other pollinators feed on nectar produced in flowers. This plant-insect relationship evolved over time. Understanding the bigger picture, gardeners can now conserve these native plant insect relationships by recreating the native environment in their home landscapes.

With this garden, the focus is on native plant material. Some plants included in the design are well known in the gardening

community while others may be somewhat unheard of. The overall goal is to demonstrate the relationship between these plants and the local insects they support so that visitors can recreate what they see in their own private gardens.

Plants in the garden are identified by marker and will soon have QR codes where they can be scanned and viewers can learn more about that particular species.





## Wild Ones Pontchartrain Basin

Pelican Park, through its Environmental Education Program hosted the debut of a new organization for this area, **Wild Ones Pontchartrain Basin (Seedling)**. This new chapter is based in Pelican Park and serves communities in St. Tammany and Washington parishes and adjacent areas.

Wild Ones is the only national organization with a mission to promote the use of native plants in yards and in the restoration of public lands. Pontchartrain Basin is a “seedling” which is the designation for chapters not yet chartered. As a chapter of the national organization, WO Pontchartrain Basin will focus on educating and advocating for native plant species found in St. Tammany and Washington Parishes. This means that residents of these parishes can look forward to seminars, workshops, even plants sales!

If you are interested in Wild Ones Pontchartrain Basin, please consider joining us for our next membership on **Sunday, January 29, 2023, in the Brown Pelican Gym from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.** For more information on Wild Ones or if you would like to join the Pontchartrain Basin seedling chapter, go to **Wild Ones Pontchartrain Basin (Seedling)** <https://pontchartrainbasin.wildones.org/> or for more information, email at [wildonespontchartrainbasin@gmail.com](mailto:wildonespontchartrainbasin@gmail.com)

## The Louisiana Iris Conservation Initiative

The Louisiana Iris Conservation Initiative (LICI) held a Louisiana iris planting event on November 19, 2022, in a detention pond near the Gold Complex parking lot in Pelican Park Recreation District #1. Even though it was a cold, damp morning with rain threatening, over 30 volunteers came out to plant the estimated 700 irises.

LICI is a Louisiana non-profit formed by individuals interested in preserving and restoring the Louisiana iris in habitats where it once grew in abundance. The group relocates wild, native irises threatened with destruction to area refuges and nature preserves, typically in locations where they can be viewed by the public when they bloom. The group also locates places in area parks where the irises can grow and increase without any maintenance being needed so that they can be thinned out to use in future projects. This is how the detention area in Pelican Park is being used. This fits with our goal of increasing the number and diversity of native plants growing within the park.

More information about the group can be found on their Facebook page or website: <https://www.licisaveirises.com/news>





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# The Courtyard at the Castine Center

*Make A Big Impression With Your Next Event*



The Castine Center renovations included a new 3,000 square foot outdoor courtyard with a stage, pergolas with wandering wisteria, iron fencing and beautiful ambient lighting.

The Courtyard at the Castine Center can be rented for your special event. Packages that include indoor areas to compliment the courtyard are now available. Please call one of our Event Supervisors at 985-626-7997 to ask for a tour and reserve your date!



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