

Recreation District #1/Pelican Park

# The Pelican Watch



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Hello Residents of Recreation District #1/Pelican Park! Well, this has been a very interesting first six months on the job, to say the least! Just like all of you, we are ready to get back to normal operations as soon as possible. Pelican Park staff are doing all programming that we are permitted and we have definitely taken advantage of low visitation and activities in the park to get some of our planned projects finished.

- The Brown Gym has a new ceiling, floor, wall padding and parking lot. New gutters and aluminum exterior are in the process which will ultimately create a "brand new" building.
- New LED lighting throughout the majority of the park and buildings.
- Air cleaning system in the Castine Center which continually sanitizes the air which flows through the air conditioning units.
- New playground surfacing under the equipment at the Green and Blue Triplexes as well as under the Adult Fitness Equipment.
- Purchased and planted ten 10-inch caliper live oak trees.

That's just to name a few! July was National Park and Recreation Month. We want to promote the benefits of Pelican Park and encourage everyone to get outside, explore and enjoy. Outside activities available at Pelican Park include The Groves, walking trails, exercise equipment, small games and pickleball as well as disc golf, bike riding, dog park and much more. Outside activities increase the success in school for children and contributes to maintaining a healthy weight. Spending time outdoors will also reduce stress and improve your mental health. In an effort to provide recreational opportunities during this unprecedented time, we have added some family events such as our Inaugural "Cruisin' the Castine" Car Show. 216 cars and approximately 1,500 people came out to enjoy the show and the fireworks display that followed. Also, mark your calendars now for our "Fall Fest" on October 25, 2020 – see our website at: [PelicanPark.com](http://PelicanPark.com) or follow us on Facebook for more information. I'm so excited about our future here at Pelican Park. My family and I are really enjoying the Louisiana hospitality you all have shown us!

Sincerely,

*Margie Lewis, M.S., CPRP*

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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 Rontochartrain on the south side, the Tchafuncte 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 member Administrative Board and staff.

# BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

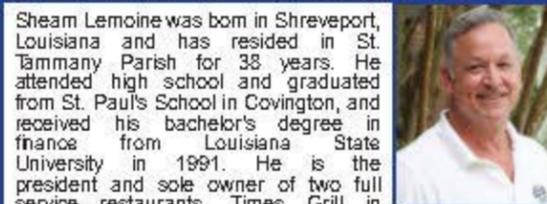
## WELCOME OUR 2 NEW BOARD MEMBERS



C. deShea Richardson is a partner in the law firm of Harrison & Richardson and has been with the firm since 2009. deShea attended Louisiana State University where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and Order of Omega Honor fraternity. She earned her bachelor of science degree from LSU in 1996, majoring in Economics. She then attended the Paul M. Hebert School of Law at Louisiana State University, receiving her juris doctorate in 1999.

She is also an assistant city attorney for the City of Mandeville and is very involved in her community. She serves as a member of the Leadership St. Tammany Board of Trustees, Beau Chene HOA Board of Directors, and Northshore Food Bank Board of Directors. She is also very active in her children's schools, and among other things, currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Lady Skippers Basketball Booster Club.

deShea lives in Mandeville with her husband, James Richardson, and their three children, Charlotte, Constance, and J.P. All three of their children participate in numerous activities at Pelican Park including basketball, baseball and soccer. As a family, they enjoy traveling, tailgating, and attending LSU football games.



Shearn Lemoine was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and has resided in St. Tammany Parish for 38 years. He attended high school and graduated from St. Paul's School in Covington, and received his bachelor's degree in finance from Louisiana State University in 1991. He is the president and sole owner of two full service restaurants, Times Grill in Mandeville (est. 1996) and Times Grill in Slidell (est. 2001), as well as SNL Services, LLC, a full service event and disaster recovery catering company.

He has been a member of Vistage for 14 years, a CEO group of domestic and international companies who share their insight and expertise to educate other business leaders in their communities. He participated in Leadership St. Tammany in 2016-2017, a ten-month program that offers participants an in-depth and behind the scenes look into the inner workings of government, business, civic and cultural organizations throughout St. Tammany Parish.

Shearn lives in Mandeville with his two children Aidan, 15 years old and Maddi, thirteen years old. He enjoys hunting and fishing and spending time with his family and friends.

## THANK YOU, TODD AND JEFF, FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE!



We want to send a sincere THANK YOU to Todd Richard and Jeff Blackman for their many years of service to Pelican Park! Both were appointed as a member of the board of commissioner and were selected on several of our committee teams as well. Todd was a board commissioner for 8.5 years and Jeff was a member for 7.5 years. Both members had a passion for coaching and the importance of youth sports in our community. Thank you for your time and efforts over the past years at Pelican Park. You both will be greatly missed.



## PARK RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT



Traci Plaisance has been the Recreation Supervisor for Pelican Park for the past 12 years. Excitedly, she was promoted to the Recreation Superintendent position last week and couldn't be happier to do her part to make Pelican Park the Premier Park in the State. She will now be responsible for the administration and supervision of the Recreation Division of the Park. When asked what she loves about her job, her response is, "I DO SPORTS FOR A LIVING!!!!" She has had several proud moments in her 12 years, but in the past few weeks of being promoted and working so hard to get the kids back on the fields during this pandemic, was on the top of her list. Traci's passion is youth sports which she found inspiration from her Dad's 27yrs as an advocate for making sports affordable for all children. She also enjoys being a Rosie for the Habitat for Humanity and loves everything about Mardi Gras! She's the President of an all women parade, called the Krewe of Selene in Slidell. When she's ready to relax and have fun, she has her forever partner of 8 years, Rob, her daughters Taylor 25, Ashlyn 23 and stepson's Trey 14 and Brennan 10 to come home to.

## MARKETING, MEDIA & PR SUPERVISOR



Niki Butler enjoys being a part of such an amazing team and organization, which she has excelled at over the last 2.5 years. As a Recreation Supervisor, Niki initially oversaw all girls' sports that were offered. Since the start of quarantine, Niki stepped into a new role as the Marketing, Media and PR Supervisor. She has been responsible for the website, newsletter, photography, Facebook and other media since she started, but will have more responsibilities and opportunities that will lead her into several other roles within the Park. Niki has lived in Mandeville for 38yrs, graduating from Mandeville High and Southeastern Louisiana University in Marketing and Advertising. She married her High School sweetheart, Brad, and they have 2 children, Carson 12 and Maddie 10, they pretty much keep her busy at Pelican Park on most evenings. Carson plays soccer and flag football while Maddie plays basketball, volleyball & softball. Niki has a passion for sports as she played softball, volleyball & basketball in school and rec growing up and still plays competitive co-ed volleyball here on Wednesday nights. Pelican Park has been her second home since the Park had only one field. While stepping away from the role as Rec Supervisor, Niki knows that sports will always be a part of her, and now she gets to share that through her marketing skills.

## 20 YEARS AT PELICAN PARK



Ron Johnson has been a part of our Pelican Park family for an amazing 20 years. He has been involved in watching and participating in the growth of Pelican Park for all of these years. His title is Park Supervisor and he oversees/ supervises the Park Crew, does repairs with lighting and electrical work. Ron enjoys that every day is something different which keeps the job interesting and challenging. His proudest moment was being a part of the Park's 30th Anniversary Celebration. When he's not working Ron enjoys fishing, hanging out with friends, cooking on the grill, learning new things and seeing his own children raise his grandchildren. He has 3 grown boys Nicolas (30), Sean (28) and Trevor (25) and between them they have blessed Ron with 3 grandsons and one granddaughter. After serving 20 years at Pelican Park, he's looking to enjoy the next 12 years until he can retire!

## 10 YEARS AT PELICAN PARK



Ricky Forster has been a part of this great Pelican Park team for over 10 years. He has been working with the Park Crew for 10 years as a mechanic where he keeps all of the park equipment maintained and repaired when necessary, including Park vehicles, mowers, tractors and running errands, etc. Ricky says that the best thing about his job is that it is always challenging and he enjoys the feeling of accomplishment when a job is complete. He has lived in St. Tammany for 14 years and when he is not working, his hobbies include watching the Saints, fishing and working around his house. He is inspired by God and doing things to the best of his ability. Ricky lives in Slidell, LA and his family lives in both Slidell and Metairie. His phrase for his future at Pelican Park is, "Make every day count for something!"

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PELICAN PARENTS



One of our hard working Park crew employees that has been working for Pelican Park since 2009, Jesse Williams and his wife Courtney, are proud to announce their very first baby, Chase Scott Williams. Chase was born on March 13th 2020 at 3:50pm weighing 7lbs 10oz and 20.5 inches long. Chase loves to smile and play and he just started laughing. He started talking in his own baby words and his favorite activities are going outside & bath time.

Another amazing Park crew employee also had a baby in the last few months. Sam Thelen and her husband Zach had a baby boy, too, on April 30th. His name is Alexander and he was 7lbs, 14oz and 21 inches long. Alexander enjoys nature walks and when family members make funny faces at him. He has two brothers, Collin who is 16 and Owen is 14 years old. As a family they all like to be outside so they come to Pelican Park and play disc golf, pickleball or bocce.



## SADLY OUR PELICAN FAMILY LOST A RECENT EMPLOYEE

### Frederick Adam Earhart, Jr.

March 20 1969 - June 20, 2020



Adam worked with us at Pelican Park for 3 years as a part time facility staff worker. Adam was known for always smiling and laughing, his larger than life personality, his humor and his love for his daughter Ava Lynn Earhart. Ava plays several sports here at Pelican Park and is always willing to give an extra hand at sport evaluations or events. Adam will always be Ava's biggest fan.

## SAFETY MEASURES FOR OUR COMMUNITY



It goes by the name CASPR – Continuous Air & Surface Pathogen Reduction – and it kills 99.96 percent of all pathogens that live on surfaces and in the air. Last month nearly 30,000 square feet of the Castine Center was upgraded to include this equipment in the existing ducts of the HVAC system. How does it work? CASPR converts oxygen and moisture into hydrogen peroxide, which is then released into the air to attack any pathogens present. The level of hydrogen peroxide is not harmful, but is enough to make the Castine Center safer and is helpful in the fight against COVID-19, mold, odors, bacteria and more. It's not a new science, but it has been proven in hospitals, food processing plants and airports. Six units were installed in key areas around the Center at a cost of \$15,450. The District is awaiting more CASPR units to have installed at both the White and Brown Pelican Gymnasiums.

## SPRING TIME MEANS NEW LIFE AT THE PARK



### SAVE THE TURTLES

This Momma river cooter turtle found a nice shady spot to lay her eggs before running off to cool down in the water once her job was done. Her eggs are approximately 1.5 inches (4 cm) long. The egg incubation time is determined by temperature, but averages 90-100 days. These hatchlings should emerge this August or September. Please be careful around the marked areas as to not disturb the eggs so they can hatch and find new homes.



### KILLDEER NESTS

The killdeer bird will usually line their nest with vegetation and white material, such as pebbles, rocks or seashell fragments. Two killdeer Momma birds decided our parking lots were a perfect place to lay their eggs. Thanks to our park crew for spotting these nests so we can mark them and keep them safe. Please make sure to always be careful around their nests...Momma bird is very protective and will charge you if you come close to her eggs. It is a very vocal bird and sometimes calls out, "kil-deee" (the basis of its common name).



### FROGS AND TOADS

Southern Leopard frogs are very common in our area. These frogs can be green or brown in color with a yellowish ridge along each side of the back. The female lays 1,500 plus eggs which when all together, can be about the size of a baseball, when close to hatching. Southern Leopard Frogs eat insects, crawfish and other invertebrates.

### PARK UPDATES

While areas of the Park were closed during the quarantine, such as the gyms and playground areas, we stayed busy by completing some of our planned funded construction projects. Take a look at the pictures below to see all of our progress. The Brown Pelican Gym ceiling, flooring, and parking lot were all replaced. The Blue and Green playground, as well as The Groves exercise equipment, have a new poured in place safety surface.

#### WE PLANTED TEN NEW OAK TREES



We planted 10 beautiful new Quercus Virginiana trees around the Park, also known as the Southern Live Oak Tree

#### UPDATED THE BROWN GYM CEILING & FLOOR



Beier Construction replaced the Brown Gym ceiling and added 8 inches of insulation and covered it with wire to protect it from sports balls.

Covington Flooring came in and grounded down the old top surface and repainted and apoxied the gym floor.

#### POURED 2 BRAND NEW PARKING LOTS



Barriere Construction added 2 brand new parking lots to our Park. One has 3 handicapped parking spaces by The Groves and the other one has 21 new parking spaces behind the Brown Pelican Gym. Spoozie Striping came in and painted all of the parking spaces.

#### REPLACED 2 PARKING LOT SURFACES



Barriere Construction also resurfaced 2 parking lots including the lot behind the Castine Center and the Brown Pelican Gym

#### POURED NEW SAFETY SURFACES



Quality Flooring resurfaced some of the old tile playground surfaces and installed a new poured in place safety surface under our playgrounds and The Groves adult exercise equipment.

### MORE PARK UPGRADES



#### AGILITY EQUIPMENT



Our Bark Park also received 5 new agility structures for the dogs to enjoy while playing at the park with their owners and furry Bark Park Buddies.



#### NEW POLE BANNERS



The Park's Pole Banners were all re-designed with new pictures and replaced throughout the Park.



#### SKATE PARK PAINT



The Skate Park was closed during the quarantine. During this time it got an upgrade and a new coat of paint for our skaters to enjoy when it was reopened.

### PELICAN PARK OFFERS SO MANY GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITIES



#### OUR 2 DOG PARKS

Did you know that we have 2 dog parks for our community to enjoy? Pretty Acres Dog Park is on Andrew Drive off of Hwy 190 in Covington and our Bark Park is at Pelican Park. The Bark Park is 4 acres and has 2 separated areas, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. We have agility equipment, pools, covered pavilions to sit in the shade and a wash-off station to use when needed. Our dog parks are a great place to make new friends and plan a few doggie playdates together.



#### DISC GOLF

Disc Golf is a great sport for all ages! It's very similar to golf, but you throw a disc instead of hitting a ball. Players complete a hole by throwing a disc from a tee area toward a target which is called the basket. The player with the lowest number of total throws at the end of the round wins. Come out and throw a round with your family and see why it's so relaxing and fun. It's a great way to get those extra steps in, too.



#### 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: 7am-9pm**

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

- Tues & Thur, 7-9 p.m.
- Sat- 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.



#### PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is still one of the fastest growing sports in America. It's great for families, friends and people of all ages! It's like table tennis meets traditional tennis. You have a net, a small court, paddles, and a lightweight ball (similar to a whiffle ball). Players can play singles or doubles. Come by and try it out with your friends and family.

**We have 8 outdoor pickleball courts at The Groves. Please make sure to sanitize your hands and equipment frequently and make sure to bring your own pickleball equipment. During this time, we are not loaning out shared equipment.**



#### ADULT EXERCISE

Take a beautiful walk around The Groves and stop by the adult exercise equipment on each lap and work on a core muscle group or get some extra cardio in. We have 9 outside exercise stations that are ready for you to come workout with your friends or enjoy a quiet outdoor setting. Each piece of equipment has been specifically designed to strengthen and promote health and well being through individual adjustment settings. Pelican Park invites you to test our full body workout stations. **Please make sure to sanitize your hands and equipment before and after use.**



#### SOCCER

Recreation District #1 has granted Mandeville Soccer Club an exempt status which allows us to work together 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 at no cost to Mandeville Soccer Club. MSC handles all aspects of the administration of the soccer programs which includes registration, team formation, coaches, schedules, training and much more.

**If your child is 4-18 years old and is interested in playing soccer, call MSC at: 985-624-8080.**

**Their website is: [mscsoccer.org](http://mscsoccer.org)**

# FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES AND INFORMATION IS TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID-19! INFORMATION CAN CHANGE PER THE GOVERNORS DIRECTIVE AT ANY TIME. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON ANY CHANGES. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FREQUENTLY.**

## REGISTRATION AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>

**Co-Ed Flag Football – ages 5-15**      **Older Boys Basketball – ages 13-18**  
**Tackle Football – ages 5-12**      **Girls Volleyball – ages 9-15**  
**Fall Baseball – ages 6-14**      **Softball – ages 7-15**

**Returning Players**      **OFFICE HOURS**      **New Players**  
 Can register online at:      **Monday-Thursday 8am - 6pm**      **Must register in the**  
**PelicanPark.com**      **Friday 8am - 5pm**      **office with a utility bill**  
**The office will be open on one Saturday August 15th from 10am-2pm**      **and birth certificate.**

### CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL



Pelican Park is excited to announce that for the 2020 Fall season the Park will be offering a Flag Football league for boys and girls that want to learn the game of Football without the contact.

- Boys and Girls Ages 5-15 - Pre-K through 8th Grade
- 8 Week Season
- First Week: 90 min Meet/Greet & Practice
- 8 Week Season - 2 Days Per Week (TBD after registration)
- 1 Hour Practice (Practices will begin the week of August 31st + 1 Hour Game - (Games will begin on Sept 12th)
- Team size: generally, 8 to 10 players



Registration Fees		
Age Group	District	Non-District
5-15 year old	\$69.00	\$119.00

### 5-6 YR INSTRUCTIONAL FOOTBALL



Pelican Park is proud to present an instructional league for our 5 & 6-year-old football players. We will partner with surrounding facilities to scrimmage other teams so our players will get to learn game situations in a NON-COMPETITIVE atmosphere. This league will be geared to teaching tackle football fundamentals at an early age in a NON-COMPETITIVE environment.

- Registration Fee includes cost of uniform jersey, helmet decals, socks, secondary medical insurance and participation awards
- Age as of 6/1/20 (must be 5, No exceptions)
- No Evaluations, officials, or scores/records kept
- Practices will begin the week of August 31st. (2 practices a week)
- Jamboree will be the weekend of September 12th – Location TBD
- Games/ scrimmages will begin on September 19th
- 6-7 games/ scrimmages season / No Tournament
- All regular season games will be held on a Saturdays.



Registration Fees		
Age Group	District	Non-District
5/6 year old	\$60.00	\$110.00

### 7-12 YR OLD TACKLE FOOTBALL



**YOUTH FOOTBALL REGISTRATION\*\*\* NEW AFFILIATION CONTROLLED BY REC DISTRICTS\*\*\***  
**We cannot start Football until we are in Phase 3 – Please note all dates below are tentative until the Governor declares Louisiana (St Tammany) in Phase 3.**  
**ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE**

- Age as of 6/1/20.
- Practices will begin the week of August 31st. (3 practices a week)
- Jamboree will be the weekend of September 12th or 19th – Location TBD
- Games will begin on September 19th or 26th.
- 6 game season with a single elimination tournament.
- All regular season games will be held on a Saturday.



Registration Fees		
Age Group	District	Non-District
7-12 year old	\$95.00	\$145.00

**Pelican Park...making a difference in the lives of children and adults**

# BOYS BASEBALL



Pelican Park's baseball program is designed to develop fundamentals of baseball and promote sportsmanship and fun. Players will be assigned to an age group based upon their age as of 4/30/20.



**PLAYERS WHO DO NOT ATTEND EVALUATIONS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PITCH OR BE CONSIDERED AS A POOL PLAYER**

- Age as of date: 4/30/20
- Practices begin Monday, August 31st
- Games will start Saturday, September 12th
- 2 games per week – 1 weeknight, 1 Saturday
- 12 game season followed by a single elimination tournament

Registration Fees		
Age Group	District	Non-District
6/7 yr old	\$70.00	\$120.00
8 & 9/10 yr old	\$71.00	\$121.00
11/12 yr old	\$75.00	\$125.00
13/14 yr old	\$79.00	\$129.00

### OLDER BOYS BASKETBALL 13-18 YEARS



Since the Summer league did not happen for the older boys due to Covid-19, we would like to offer a short Fall season to give the boys a chance to get out and play basketball.



- Age as of 9/1/2020
- Games begin Sat, September 12th and may be played on any weekday
- Practices begin week of August 31st.
- 8 game season followed by a single elimination tournament
- 2 games per week, one weekday & one weekend (Saturday or Sunday)

Registration Fees		
Age Group	District	Non-District
13/14 yr old	\$63.00	\$113.00
15/18 yr old	\$63.00	\$113.00

### VOLLEYBALL



Come out this Fall and learn the game of volleyball with friends!

The objective of the Pelican Park volleyball program is to provide players with the fundamentals of volleyball, teach teamwork, and build character.



- Age Groups – 9/10, 11/12, 13/15
- Age as of 9/1/2020 – Must be 9 by September 1, 2020
- Practices begin week of August 31st
- Games begin Saturday September 12th
- 2 games per week, 1 weekday game and 1 Saturday game
- NEW THIS FALL... 12 game season with a single elimination tournament

Registration Fees		
Age Group	District	Non-District
9/10 yr old	\$50.00	\$100.00
11/12 yr old	\$50.00	\$100.00
13/15 yr old	\$50.00	\$100.00

### SOFTBALL



The Fall Softball program is designed to teach the players sound soft-ball fundamentals and promote sportsmanship within the team concept. Players must be 7 by the age determination date in order to participate in this league.



- Age as of date 12/31/2020
- Practices begin the week of August 31st (1 per week)
- Games will begin the week of September 12th
- 2 games per week, 1 weekday and 1 Friday night game
- 12 game season followed by a single elimination tournament

Registration Fees		
Age Group	District	Non-District
7/8 yr old	\$72.00	\$122.00
9/10 yr old	\$72.00	\$122.00
11/12 yr old	\$72.00	\$122.00
13/15 yr old	\$72.00	\$122.00

**COMING SOON TO PELICAN PARK VIRTUAL GAMING!**



# ADULT SPORTS

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...**

- **Just For Fun Level** - these leagues have no officials with open rosters throughout the duration of the session
  - **Recreation Level** - these leagues have officials with open rosters for throughout the duration of the session
  - **Competitive Level** - these leagues have officials, locked rosters, tournament and awards
- Registration is done by teams only for adult sports; however, individuals may call the Park and have their name added to a list of interested players. If enough individuals call to make a team, the Park will assist them in forming a team.

**SESSION 3 - 2020 REGISTRATION DATES:**

Monday, August 3rd from 6:00PM - 6:30PM  
 Tuesday - Friday, August 4th - 7th from 8:00AM - 6:00PM (Fri, 8:00am-5:00pm)  
 Monday - Friday, Aug 10th - 14th from 8:00AM - 6:00PM (Fri, 8:00am-5:00pm)  
 In the Castine Center Office

**TEAM REGISTRATION IS LIMITED DUE TO SPACE AVAILABILITY!!!!**  
**FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED UNTIL FILLED - CANNOT REGISTER MORE THAN ONE TEAM IN A LEAGUE - MUST HAVE A DIFFERENT CAPTAIN FOR EVERY TEAM!! CAPTAINS CAN REGISTER MULTIPLE TEAMS ONLY IF IN DIFFERENT LEAGUES.**

**NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED BEFORE 6:00 PM ON MONDAY AUGUST 3RD**

- Men's Over 25 Competitive Basketball League - Sunday nights - \$480.00 per team
- Pickleball Co-Ed League - Tuesday nights - \$120.00 per team
- Competitive Co-Ed Volleyball League - Wednesday Nights - \$305.00 per team
- Just for Fun Co-Ed Spiking Volleyball - Alpha League - Thursday Nights - \$88.00 per team
- Just for Fun Co-Ed Spiking Volleyball - Bravo League - Thursday Nights - \$88.00 per team
- Just for Fun Co-Ed Volleyball League - Thursday Nights - \$88.00 per team
- Co-Ed Recreation Softball League - Thursday Nights - \$256.00 per team

## WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HAVE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL COACHES AND PLAYERS BACK ON THE FIELDS!



The Recreation Department is excited to announce that the boys and girls that registered for Baseball / Softball Season back in March are about to finish up their "Spring" season. It was very exciting to see the kids enjoy the fields and the Park again. The Recreation Department completed in one week what would normally take two weeks to complete to get the kids back on the field. We had our challenges with the weather, but we got it done for our players and families and they have had a blast.



We have a total of 855 players registered and playing softball / baseball (597 boys/ 257 girls). While our numbers are down for boys and girls, we are excited they were able to have their season. The majority of the refund requests we have been getting are due to vacations and other activities that will interfere. Very few have been from the fear of COVID-19.

This year due to COVID-19, we were not able to give the coaches a set of catcher's gear or batting helmets to share. Instead we had an average of 3-4 sets per team (73 teams) available for games and practices. With us playing in the hottest part of the year we anticipate a large rotation of catchers during the games due to heat. This came to approximately 219 - 292 sets that we would need. So, the Pelican Park Rec Department ordered \$20-\$25K worth of catcher gear that are now bagged and sanitized on a daily basis as they are used. To make sure we are giving our patrons and players a safe playing environment we have spent a lot of time and effort on sanitizing this equipment, setting up sanitizing stations as you come in each facility so everyone can use them as they enter and leave the fields and gyms. We also have disinfectant sprays in the dugouts for coaches and players to use when needed and we strongly encourage the use of masks and social distancing for all spectators, coaches and players during the games.



## Virtual Programs Became a Reality!

While many things have changed following the Covid-19 Pandemic, some have remained the same with new additional features. Pelican Park initially halted its leisure programs when news of the Corona virus broke, back in March 2020, for the safety of our patrons. When the Governor announced that Louisiana would be moving forward with re-opening phases starting in May, Pelican Park Staff jumped into action, coming up with a creative plan to once again offer leisure program classes in the safest way possible.

Accepting the challenge, staff determined that in-person classes would not be in the best interest of our higher-risk participants. Instead, staff opted to take the virtual approach, setting up classes via Zoom, Facebook Video, and more. Participants were instructed to register for June programs as normal and anticipate a pre-determined "supply-kit" pick-up date with an emailed virtual link. Patrons would be allowed to drive-thru on the designated day and time to pick-up their needed supplies for scheduled classes later in the week. On the scheduled class date, participants could then follow the link and participate in a live virtual class in the comfort of their own home.



Needless to say, virtual programs were a hit, with some participants calling to thank us for moving forward with offering these classes. Many participants enjoyed having the convenience of easy registration and drive-thru supply pick-up, all while maintaining enjoyable activities and socialization from a distance.

In this uncertain time, Pelican Park is happy to provide a small dose of normalcy through the outlet of virtual classes. While a great solution, we certainly looked forward to offering our in-person classes again as we moved into the next phase. We've enjoyed having our participants within our facilities, and seeing familiar faces back in our classrooms. Our staff has taken every precaution to clean and sanitize our facilities for the safety of our patrons. For upcoming classes, see next page or visit [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for a full list with detailed descriptions.

## Register Now for our Leisure Programs

~Register for classes by calling 985-626-7997  
 or go to [www.pelicanpark.com/leisure-programs](http://www.pelicanpark.com/leisure-programs) for more info ~

### PAINTING CLASSES FOR SENIORS 55+

<p>Paint Georgia O'Keefe's Hickory leaves with daisy August 3rd 10am-12pm</p>	<p>White Daisy Painting on August 10th 10am - 12pm</p>	<p>Mike the Tiger Painting on August 10th 1pm - 3pm</p>	<p>Horse Painting on August 24th 10am - 12pm</p>	<p>Anchor Painting August 24th 1pm - 3pm</p>
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### PAINTING CLASSES 15yrs AND OLDER

<p>Gnome Painting on August 20th 10am - 12pm</p>	<p>Cow Painting on August 20th 1pm - 3pm</p>
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### ONE OF A KIND CARDS

Wednesdays in Aug 5, 12, 19 & 26th from 1PM-3PM

### STAMPING CARDS

Mondays in Aug 3, 17 & 31st from 1PM-3PM

# MORE PELICAN PARK LEISURE PROGRAMS

## YOGA CLASSES AT MANDEVILLE TRAILHEAD

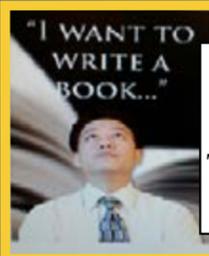


Tues: 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20  
Thur: 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22

## PILATES CLASSES AT PELICAN PARK



Mon: 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2  
Wed: 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21



**"I WANT TO WRITE A BOOK..."**  
Do you want to learn how to write a book? Register for this class on **Monday, Aug. 10th 6pm-8pm**. This class will give you tips on creative writing, info to find agents, editors, publishers, copywriting info etc.

Would you like to see a class offered at Pelican Park or even teach a class? We are looking for new and fun ideas to share with our community. Please contact **Erika Lehrmann at 985-626-7997 or email her at: erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE FUTURE EVENTS!

Pelican Park is happy to announce our **First Annual Fall Fest**, coming this season on **Sunday, October 25th!** We'll have fun activities and competitions like mummy wraps, pie baking competitions and other fun games for the whole family! Join us for a fun afternoon to start the spooky season. This event will be held outdoors at The Groves on Sunday, October 25th from 2pm-5pm. Families or teams may register for the scarecrow building contest pie baking or the costume contest beginning Monday, September 28th. Visit our website [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for more info! **This is sure to be a fun, new event you won't want to miss!**



**Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Breakfast with Santa event on December 12th!**



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# Pelican Park's Cruisin' the Castine Car Show

**Pelican Park's Inaugural Cruisin' the Castine Car Show July 11, 2020**

- Food Court & Vendors
- Awards
- FIREWORKS at 9:00pm
- Outdoor Show Paved Parking
- A/C Arena & Indoor Restrooms
- Online Registration Starts June 3rd

Cruisin' the Castine was the hottest new event offered by Pelican Park, and not just because of the high temperatures on Saturday, July 11th. This new tradition hosted 216 registered vehicles with plenty of spectators and vendors to add to the fun! With roughly 1,500 attendees, Pelican Park was able to host a variety of antiques, classics, customs, hotrods, all-terrain, motorcycles and more, perfectly spaced out across three of the Park's largest parking lots, keeping social distancing a high priority. The Park deemed the event a social distancing success, spacing cars apart and offering sanitizing spray bottles at vendor stations. In addition to the outdoor festivities, the Castine Center was available and open for patrons to beat the heat and enjoy our indoor award ceremony. Extra staff were made available to keep up with the necessary sanitizing throughout the event for the safety of all who attended. The night was topped off with a fabulous fireworks display to end the evening at 9pm. With having so much fun, the Park has decided to offer two Cruisin' Events in the Spring and Fall next year! Be on the lookout for the 2021 dates in our upcoming newsletters!

### SPONSORS



### VENDORS



**Thank you to all of our wonderful Sponsors and Vendors that came out and participated in our Car Show!**

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New Orleans, LA  
Permit #1273**

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**FALL REGISTRATION  
BEGINS **AUGUST 3RD!****

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Coca-Cola is the official drink supplier of Pelican Park

**Pelican Play-up Policy**

The Park no longer allows play-ups for leagues with combined age groups. This change is to keep with the philosophy that was set years ago by the Board of Commissioners that restricts three age groups, with the exception of high school age players, from playing together in the same league. The philosophy was established for player safety and development. This means that parents will not have the option to play their child up if the age group they are moving into already has two ages combined. (Example, a 10-year-old player could not move into the 11-12 age groups.) Play-ups to single age groups will remain a parent's choice.

**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 amount for 72 hours or longer for each registration you attempt. The Park has no control over how long your bank places a hold on the funds.

**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**

The Park believes that all District children should be able to play sports regardless of their ability to pay. 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**

As part of your registration fee, Pelican Park purchases secondary insurance for your child for injuries sustained while playing in our programs. 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