# Recreation District #1/Pelican Park The Pelican Watch





Look inside for all of our upcoming Pelican Park events and programs!

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

### Staff:

- The District currently employs 38 full-time personnel and 30+/- part-time personnel who are tremendously
  dedicated and fiscally responsible. Of the 38 full-time employees, five have been with the District more than five years; 11 more than ten years; three more than fifteen; and four with more than 20 years!
  • In the 2021 budget, we propose to fill four full-time positions and two part-time positions: Assistant Park
- Superintendent, Recreation Supervisor, two Park Laborers; a part-time Accounting person and one part-time
- Cindy's attention to detail and knowledge of our financials has helped to save the District \$25,000/year over the next eight years in re-financing our Bond!
- Kia and Niki have worked diligently to help bring our IT and phone services into the 21st century! We will continue to work to bring the entire park operations, including concessions, online in 2021.

  Traci and her team implemented necessary safety measures to allow the District's sports and program activities to continue when many other agencies cancelled theirs.
- Doug and his crew continue to preserve the Districts exemplary image of park and facility maintenance. Special thanks to Tina and Tracy who have pitched in to help other departments when they are slow.





# **Operations:**

- The District engaged with a new IT service in order to maintain our high standards of security and protection of our assets as well as our consumer's assets.
- The District completed a Maintenance Management Plan which will help guide the maintenance budgeting process for the next five years and beyond.

  The District, has engaged the architectural services of RCL to upgrade the Castine Center in 2021.

  The District's 2021 budget includes an increase in our printing budget to allow for the mailing of the newsletter
- to a majority of our residents.

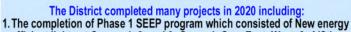
# **Castine Center:**

- The District hosted many wonderful events through March and have held some smaller events since; Government restrictions, due to COVID have created challenges for rentals well into 2021, thus effecting rental and revenue receipts;
- District Leisure classes held in the Castine Center have also been limited;
- The District added CASPR air filtration systems to the Castine Center;

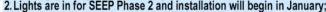


Recreation District #1 is a free standing governmental agency. The District is supported by a property tax paid by the residents and businesses within the Recreation District. The general boundaries of the Recreation District are Lake Pontchartrain on the south side, the Tchefuncte River on the west 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.

### Facilities:



efficient lights at Orange 1, 2, and 3; Green 4; Grey East, West 2; A/C in the Brown and White Gyms and five units in the Castine Center; all building, parking lot and roadway lighting;
2. Lights are in for SEEP Phase 2 and installation will begin in January;
3. We applied for SEEP Phase 3 monies;



4. Rebuilt all six dugouts at Blue;

- Replaced the ceiling and wall pads in Brown; also, resurfaced the floor, replaced the gutters and exterior skin and complete renovation of the
- Repayed the parking lots at Brown and the Castine Center and added a parking lot behind the brown gym to service patrons who use the Groves; 7. Castine Center gutters replaced; Replaced one of the two main A/C Chillers
- 8. Renovating the old maintenance facility into an open-air pavilion within The Groves; adding picnic tables, bathroom, ceiling fans, and 40ft counter;

9. Added agility equipment to the Bark Park;

10. Ordered a Shade Structure to be installed over the adult exercise

11. Added Poured-in-Place playground surfacing under the playgrounds at Green and Blue and the adult exercise equipment;







### Programs:

The District implemented two new special events and have many planned for 2021. The Inaugural Car Show and Fall Fest became immediate sensations with our residents and visitors alike! These joint efforts between all departments showcase the Park and staff's awesome programming abilities;

The Park is looking forward to our 2021 special events which will include:

- 1. Fishing Rodeo
- 2. Mutts and Milkshakes
- 3. Movies in the Park, to name a few;





The District is preparing new educational and enrichment opportunities for youth and adults in 2021. Including, but not limited to:

1.A new take on Open Gym;

2.Country Line Dancing;
3.Home School programs pertaining to Physical Ed. & STEM
4.Adult and youth cooking and language classes, etc.;

Self-defense and exercise classes;

6.Mah Jonng and other game sessions;

7. Environmental education programming;

# Out of the Ordinary!

- . Though no one wants to talk about this, we would be remiss if we didn't mention COVID 19. Due to the pandemic, the District offices were closed for two months. Although the Park was able to remain open for family recreation, all organized activities were cancelled during this shut-down period. The District had just begun its Spring season of activities when the shut-down occurred, so we resumed those activities once we were permitted to re-open. We cancelled the entire Summer session and the remainder of the year has been operated under strict government mandated guidelines.
  Five hurricanes headed the District's way with minimal damages to park property.
- Lastly, after 30 years, the District's original Director, Kathy Foley, retired and I was hired January 2, 2020 as the **Executive Director.**

The District continues to serve their taxpayers to the highest level possible with more than one million annual visitors. It has been my honor to uphold the ethical and fiscally responsible manner in which the District has been operated for the past 30 years and it is my hope to serve for many years to come.

In appreciation,

Margie Lewis Executive Director

# COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

We have both full and part-time positions available at this time.

For full details about the following positions or to fill out an employment application, please visit our website at: pelicanpark.com under About / Employment/HR

Full-Time Recreation Supervisor – Full-time position that includes benefits, insurance and sick leave. Monday-Friday hours with some weekends when needed. We are in need of a multi-tasker with great leadership qualities, as well as organizational, computer and social skills.

Part-Time Facility Staff for Recreation – Part-time position starting at \$9.50 per hour. Support staff needed to work for the Recreation Dept. to make sure all fields and gyms are ready for practices and games. Flexible hours.

Facility Staff for Castine Center – Starting pay at \$9.50 per hour Support staff needed to work events in The Castine Center in Pelican Park. Flexible hours.

Concession Workers – Starting pay at \$7.50 per hour Evening and weekend shifts working in the Park's concessions stands. Must be 15 years old.



# STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



ERIKA LEHRMANN
RECREATION SUPERVISOR
LEISURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Erika Lehrmann is the Recreation Supervisor who currently oversees all Leisure Programs and Special Events for Recreation District #1. Like her job duties, Erika enjoys the fun things in life. "My happiness stems from creating happiness for others and I think my role at Pelican Park does just that. Whether it's learning a new pastime or participating in one of the Park's many events, it all comes back to creating an enjoyable atmosphere and experience for our patrons." Erika has been with Pelican Park for roughly six years, becoming fulltime in 2017. She and her family moved to the Northshore following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Originally a Chalmation, Erika now lives in the Mandeville area with her Mom- Veronica, Dad- Ric, and Sister- Rachel. You've likely seen them volunteering at one of our Special Events. In her down time, Erika enjoys putting her Master of Fine Arts degree to use with painting and drawing or fixing up her '68 Camaro. When asked about what the future holds, Erika was quick to respond with "More special events and new types of programming. Pelican Park prides itself on providing vast amenities while serving our community. I want to be a part of that and make sure it continues to grow."

Catherine Barbier is part of the Front Office team. She started working at the park on a temporary basis and was hired after 6 months. Catherine celebrated 5 years working at Pelican Park in August 2020. She enjoys working with the public registering children for sports and adults and kids registering for leisure programs. She says the best part of her job is the relationships she has made with the ladies that come to classes and seeing the excitement of the kids when they come in to register for a new sport. Catherine has lived in St Tammany since 2005 and enjoys all the Parish has to offer. She recently started canoeing with her husband on local rivers and was surprised at how relaxing it is. Catherine will be celebrating her 23rd wedding anniversary in February. She has one daughter and 2 grandchildren, Hadley, 8 and Oliver, 5 who are the light of her life. She is excited to see the new projects going on in the Park and is looking forward to seeing the park grow and become something the community will enjoy for generations to come.



CATHERINE BARBIER SECRETARY CASTINE CENTER OFFICE



RICKY FORSTER
MECHANICAL SPECIALIST
PARK STAFF

Ricky Forster has been a great addition to the Pelican Park team for almost 11 years. He started as part of the Park Crew and is now over the maintenance and mechanics of all of the Park's equipment. His responsibilities include 4 Park vehicles, 8 different types of tractors, 16 mowers and he also runs errands outside of the Park when needed. Ricky also looks after our second dog park called, Pretty Acres, that is in Covington. His favorite part about his job is that, "It can be very challenging, but rewarding and the personnel is the best to associate with." Ricky originally lived in New Orleans and moved to Slidell in 2006. When he is not working, he is an avid Saints fan and enjoys working around his house and watching movies. His proudest moment working for Pelican Park was, "Seeing the Park grow in size and amenities over the past 11 years. Ricky is inspired by doing the best he can at his job and make every day worthwhile. His quote for the future is, "To keep contributing to the continued growth of the Park."

# THE CASTINE CENTER



### HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED AN EVENT AT THE CASTINE CENTER?

If you grew up around here, more than likely you hold many eventful memories of the Castine Center. Perhaps you attended your first Kids Day Expo and met Humphrey the camel, or, you may have had your first dance with your future husband or wife at High School Prom.

While 2020 affected us in ways we never thought we'd experience, there is light at the end of the tunnel with a promising vaccine. This means we will be able to get back to normal and host the events we've all come to know at the Castine Center. However; until the day mandates and phases are a thing of the past, if you would like to host an event, but are not sure of current restrictions; you can call one of the Castine Center's Event Supervisors. They can help you with maximum capacity questions, different layouts to accommodate social distancing and much more.

Call Tracy Roskens or Tina Massel at 985-626-7997 or

email, tracyroskens@castinecenter.com or tinamassel@castinecenter.com.









Recreation District #1 is always thinking about the safety of our patrons and guests. This year with all of the changes and uncertainty, the District believed that safeguarding our patrons was a top priority. Natural Disinfection Solutions, LLC installed an amazing new air santitizing system in our Castine Center, Brown Pelican Gym and White Pelican Gym. This system 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. 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 and has been proven in hospitals, food processing plants and airports. The Castine Center had six units installed in key areas around the Center at a cost of \$15,450. Recreation District #1 has recently installed these CASPR units in the at both the White and Brown Pelican Gymnasiums as well as the concessions and foyers. You can't see them doing thier job, but it is working hard while our children are working hard on the courts and learning new skills and their families are supporting them from the stands.



The Castine Center is the largest Public Event Building in St Tammany Parish. It serves the community in a multitude of ways!



# December 28th-J

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The office will be closed on 1/1/21 in observance of New Year's Holiday. \*\*\*\*Play ups will not be allowed due to combined age groups\*\*\*

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. This volleyball program is designed for players 9-15.

- o Age Groups 9/10, 11/12, 13/15
  o Age as of 9/1/2020 Must be 9 by September 1, 2020
  o Practices begin week of 1/23/21
  o Games begin Saturday 2/6/21
  o 2 games per week, 1 weekday game and 1 Saturday game
  o 10 game season with a single elimination tournament

\*\*\*\*No play ups will be allowed due to combined age groups\*\*\*

Registration Fees		
Age Group	District	Non-District
9/10 yr olds	\$55.00	\$105.00
11/12 yr olds	\$55.00	\$105.00
13/15 yr olds	\$5500	\$105.00



# YS BASKETB

- Age as of 9/1/2020
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  Practices begin Saturday January 23rd . (5 preseason & 1 season practice per week)
  Games begin Saturday February 6th and may be played on any day of the week.
  10 game season followed by a single elimination tournament
  2 games per week, one weekday & one weekend (Saturday or Sunday)
  Evaluation schedule will be available at registration.
  Age 18 MUST be a high school student with a current school ID

Players who are currently playing on a high school team (freshmen, junior varsity, or varsity) cannot participate in practices or games until their high school season is complete, including play-off games. This is in compliance with LHSAA. If this policy is violated, their high school may have to forfeit all games where the student was included on the roster.

If your child plays on a high school basketball team we will make an exception to the playing cap rule ONLY if the Park receives verification that he is in fact on a high school team. This needs to be in the form a letter by the head coach of the high school basketball team stating that he is in fact on a high school team. Verification must be received by Monday, January 20th by 6:00pm. This letter can be emailed to traciplaisance@pelicanpark.com, faxed to 985-626-9028 or the letter can be dropped off to the Park office. \*\*\*\*No play ups will be allowed due to combined age groups\*\*\*\*



Age Group District Non-District 13/14 yr olds \$90.00 \$140.00 \$140.00 \$90.00 15/18 yr olds







Join us for an eight week series on the game with the funny name! As the fastest growing sport across the nation, Pickleball can be played by anyone at any age! Classes will be held at the outdoor Pickleball Courts #5-8 located in The Groves of Pelican Park..

### Beginner Series

Jan 9 – Feb 27 Saturdays 2pm-3pm The Groves Outdoor Courts you through all you need to know.

District Fee \$41.00 Non-District Fee \$56.00

In this beginner 8 week series, prepare to learn the basics of pickleball including grip, serve score, and more. Our certified



Register for these classes at PelicanPark.com, click on Registration

can Park's Play-up Policy

The Park does not allow play-ups for leagues with combined age groups. This policy 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

### **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 your bank places a hold on the funds. 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

### 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 come in to our office to apply. Pelican Park office at: 985-626-7997



# SPRING REGISTRATION DATES March 1st-March 16th

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# GIRLS SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL

Looking for something for your daughter to do this Spring? Have her come play softball at Pelican Park!!!

The purpose of this league is to teach the proper ways to catch, throw, field and hit along with basic skill development, teamwork and most of all to HAVE FUN!

The softball program is designed for players ages 7 through 15.

- Age as of date 12/31/2020.
- Evaluations are held for ages 7 and above. Evaluation schedules will be available at registration
- Players MUST attend evaluations to have a parent coach, be eligible to be a pool player or to be eligible to pitch (age 9 and above).
- Practices will begin the week of April 5th and games will begin April 26th. (2 games 1 weekday & 1 weekend game and one practice per week) The season may continue through the end of June depending on the weather.
- 12 game softball season with a single elimination tournament for ages 7 and above.

Only players that are registered can be evaluated. Evaluations are used in the drafting of teams to ensure that equal talent is spread among all teams. The skills evaluated are throwing, fielding, hitting, and pitching (9 yr old and above).



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Come join the 2021 Baseball season at Pelican Park, where the boys learn will learn America's favorite game.... BASEBALL. At the recreation level your child will learn how to hit, throw, and field a baseball, while they are learning and improving their techniques of baseball they will also benefit from teamwork, sportsmanship, and most of all having FUN with their friends.

The Baseball program at Pelican Park is designed for all talent levels of players from the new player to the very experienced player. The 7 & 8-year-old age groups will be coach pitch and will be introduced to having an official, scores and standings being kept. Kid Pitch starts at 9-year-old. The 9 & 10-year-old age group cannot steal until the ball crosses the plate. At age 11-year-old and up the players are allowed lead off and steal bases.

- Age as of date 4/30/21.
- Evaluations are held for ages 7 and above. Evaluation schedules will be available at registration & online.
- Players MUST attend evaluations to be eligible to be a pool player or to be eligible to pitch (age 9 and above).
   Practices will begin the week of April 5th, 2021 and games will begin April 26th, 2021. (2 games 1 weekday & 1 weekend game and one practice per week) The season may continue through the end of June depending on the weather.
- 14 games with a single elimination tournament for ages 7 and above.
- Some age groups may be combined depending on the number of registrants, which will be determined after registration ends.
- The season will conclude in the last couple weeks of June and can go to July 1st if there is inclement weather during the season.

Price will vary per age group depending upon the awards and cost of officials. \*\*\* Play-ups will not be allowed from the 10-year-old age group to the 11/12-year-old age group per the play up policy\*\*\*



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Pelican Parks 5-year-old Boys T-Ball division, 6-year-old Boys Coach Pitch division, and the girls 5/6-year-old T-ball/Coach Pitch Division is the perfect youth sports for getting kids started in the game of baseball and softball. It helps develop baseball/softball skills without exerting too much pressure on young players, keeping the game safe, and allowing them to have lots of fun.

Pelican Park's 5 & 6-year-old leagues are a non-competitive league which strictly for the development of the players in a non-competitive atmosphere. There are no scores or standings kept in these age groups. All players play each inning, both offensively and defensively. The players will progress each year with the rules, for example the 5-year-old age group will not clear the bases on an out but the 6-year-old age group will clear the player off the base only if the player is thrown out. This will hopefully help the players understand the game better each year by introducing a new concept to the game of baseball.

> The girl's 5/6-year-old league plays t-ball for half of the season and coach pitch for the other half of the season. Both the girls' and boys' leagues will play with a safety softball.

- Boys must be 5 years old by 4/30/21. NO EXCEPTIONS
- Girls must be 5 years old by 12/31/20. NO EXCEPTIONS
- No Evaluations are held for 5 & 6's
- Pre- Season Practices begin for the 5 and 6-year-old leagues the week of April 5th, 2021. Regular season practices may be scheduled by the coach during the week but will have 30 minutes prior to each game time for practices. Season games begin on Saturday, April 26th, 2021 and end late / end of June.
- Games will be on Saturday only through the end of the school session and then one weekday and one Saturday game.
- 8 game season, no tournament



### Registration Fees **Non-District** Age Group District 5/6 yr old Girls \$56.00 \$106.00 \$50.00 5 yr old Boys \$100.00 6 yr old Boys \$52.00 \$102.00



### PELICAN PARK ADULT SPORTS TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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 1 – 2021 REGISTRATION DATES:

Monday, February 8th from 6:00PM - 6:30PM

Tuesday - Friday, Feb 9th - 12th from 8:00AM - 6:00PM (Fri, 8:00am-5:00pm)

Wednesday - Friday, Feb 15th - 19TH from 8:00AM - 6:00PM (Fri, 8:00am-5:00pm)

In the Castine Center Office

\*\* OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY 2/15 AND TUESDAY 2/16 IN OBSERVANCE OF MARDI GRAS\*\*

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, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2021

Men's Recreation Softball - Sunday Afternoon - \$270.00 per team

Men's Over 25 Competitive Basketball League – Sunday nights - \$500.00 per team

Just For Fun Pickleball - Tuesday Nights - \$126.00 per team

Competitive Co-Ed Volleyball League – Wednesday Nights - \$320.00 per team

Just for Fun Co-Ed Spiking Volleyball - Alpha League - Thursday Nights - \$93.00 per team

Just for Fun Co-Ed Spiking Volleyball - Bravo League - Thursday Nights - \$93.00 per team

Just for Fun Co-Ed Volleyball League - Thursday Nights - \$93.00 per team

Co-Ed Recreation Softball League - Thursday Nights - \$270.00 per team

# COMPETITIVE CO-ED VOLLEYBALL- WEDNESDAYS

This league is designed for those possessing a high skill level that wish to play at a competitive level. This league is for adults over 18 years of age.

- Wednesday night Games begin 3/3/21
- 8 game season with single elimination tournament
- You will need to use the men/women breakdown as noted in our rules for the number of players on the court
- Tournament 1st and 2nd place winners will receive shirts (max 10 per team)
- . 1 Official will be provided
- Minimum of 4 teams / maximum of 8 teams



Cost: \$320.00 per team

This program is designed for players who still like to play but emphasis is put on fun, sportsmanship and socialization. This league is open to all ages 18 years and above.

- This league does not keep standings but does have one official.
- Each team is responsible for providing a 12" game ball. The ball must be .52/300
- The batting team will provide the ball to the opposing team.
- · Games played on Sunday afternoons
- No tournament / 10 game season beginning on Sunday 2/28/21
- Minimum of 4 teams / maximum of 16 teams

This program is designed for players who still like to play but emphasis is put on fun, sportsmanship and socialization. This league is for adults over 18 years of age.

- · This league does not keep standings, but does have an official.
- Each team is responsible for providing their own 11"game ball for women and 12" game ball for men. The ball must be below .45 CORE and a maximum of 375lbs compression
- · The batting team will provide their ball to the opposing team.
- An L-Screen will be accessible for the pitcher to use rules will
- All normal ASA rules will apply
- · No tournament / 10 game season beginning on Thursday 3/4/21
- Minimum of 4 teams / maximum of 16 teams

Cost: \$270.00 per team



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This league is for men's teams who are the age of 25 and over who would like to play basketball on a competitive level. All players on the team must be the age of 25 or over (no exceptions). Photo identification will be required at each game.

- Tuesday night games, starting on 3/2/21
- · 8 game season with single elimination tournament (2 officials provided)
- Tournament 1st and 2nd place winners will receive shirts (max 10 per team)
- Min 4 teams Max 8 teams

The purpose of this league is for exercise, fun, and socialization. This is a non-competitive league. This league is for adults 18 years of age and older.

- Tuesday night games, starting on Tuesday 3/2/21
- Teams are to be comprised of a min of 2 men and 2 women there is no limit to the number of players on a roster but players will only be allowed to be on one roster.
- · No official-No score-No tournament
- 10-week season will consist of a 2-hour time limit match slots will consist of 1 men's double match, 1 women's double match, and 2 mixed doubles matches.
- · Teams will be doubles
- Min 4 teams Max 12 teams

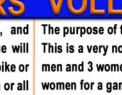
Cost: \$126.00 per team



The purpose of these two leagues is for exercise, fun, and socialization in a semi-competitive league. The alpha league will spike and play aggressively where the Bravo league will not spike or play as aggressively. Teams may be comprised of men/women or all men or all women. It is up to the captain how many men or women he/she would like to have. This league is for adults 18 years of age and older.

- Thursday night games, starting on Thursday 3/4/21
- Players CANNOT play in both the Alpha and Bravo leagues
- · No official-No score-No tournament
- Women and men can serve overhand and spike in both leagues
- · Blocking by men or women is allowed
- · Min 4 teams Max 8 teams

**Cost:** \$93.00 per team



The purpose of this league is for exercise, fun, and socialization. This is a very non-competitive league. Teams MUST consist of 3 men and 3 women per team. If you have cannot produce 3 men/3 women for a game you can play as long as there are more women than men on the court. This league is for adults 18 years of age and older.

- 11 game season on Thursday night, starting on Thursday 3/4/21
- · No Serving overhand or spiking by men or women
- · No Blocking by men or women
- · Neither men nor women can leave their feet to spike or block the ball
- · Min 4 teams Max 8 teams

Cost: \$93.00 per team



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS! DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL OF THESE EXCITING EVENTS AT PELICAN PARK



# WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT OUR FUN EVENTS?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, SEND US YOUR NAME, CONTACT NUMBER
AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO ERIKA LEHRMANN AT:
ERIKALEHRMANN@PELICANPARK.COM OR CALL THE PELICAN PARK
OFFICE TO GET ON OUR VOLUNTEER LIST AT: (985)-626-7997



# WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VENDOR FOR OUR CAR SHOW?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR FOOD, ACCESSORY AND VEHICLE RELATED VENDORS. CONTACT ERIKA LEHRMANN AT: ERIKALEHRMANN@PELICANPARK.COM





# Register Now for our Leisure Programs

~Register for classes by calling 985-626-7997 or go to www.pelicanpark.com/leisure-programs for more info ~

# PAINTING CLASSES FOR SENIORS 55+ Painting with Michelle



Aladdin Lamp January 11th 10am



Rex Bull February 3rd 10am



St Paddy Hedgehog February 17th 10am



Dragonflies February 18th



Daisy Jar March 8th 10am



Ballerina March 8th lpm



Bunny Tail March 15th 10am



Pink Camellia March 29th 10am

**Not Pictured:** 

Aurora on January 14th at 1pm for ages 15+ Ariel January 20th 10am for ages for ages 55+ Minnie Mickey Kiss January 28th 1pm for ages 15+ St Patty Mr. Bingle March 1st 10am for ages 55+



FUN FAMILY SOCIALS

GIANT GARDEN GAME NIGHT Last Thursday of Every Month

CANASTA Every Wednesday from January- March



# PAINTING CLASSES 15yrs AND ABOVE Painting with Michelle



Blue Butterfly January 14th 10am



**Moon Cats** January 28th 10am



Heart February 4th 10am



 $L_{overs}$ February 4th 1pm



Horse February 18th 10am

**SCRAPBOOK TECHNIQUES** WITH ROBIN



Wednesdays Jan 13 & 27 / Feb 10 & 24 March 3 & 31

# YOGA CLASSES



Tuesdays from Jan 5- March 2nd Thursdays from Jan 7th - Feb 25th

### PILATES CLASSES AT PELICAN PARK



Mondays from Jan 11-March 8th Wednesdays from Jan 6th - Feb 24th

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Wednesdays from January - March

(Exluding: March 24)

### STAMPING **CARDS**



Mondays from January-March (Exluding: Jan 11. Feb 15th and March 8)

### **CROCHET** CLASSES FOR SENIORS



Instructor: Kristen Folse Join us for a beginner or advanced crochet classes. Beginners will work on a 9x9 square and advance classes will work on a baret and a shawl.

Beginners Jan 4th & Feb 1st 10am Advanced Jan 18 & 25/ Feb 8 & 22 10ar

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!

- ~Mutts & Milkshakes will be Saturday February, 13th. No registration needed.
- ~Twilight Eggstravaganza is Saturday, March 13th. Registration opens Monday, February 1st, 2021.
- ·Paddles for Paddy's Day slated for March 17th. Registration opens Friday, January 1st, 2021.
- ·Cruisin' the Castine, Saturday, April 10th. Registration opens Friday, January 1st, 2021

Pelican Park is making a difference in the lives of children and adults!

# Park Tournament and Equipment Drive

# PELICAN PARK WILL HOST THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL BOYS & GIRLS BIDDY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Pelican Park is excited to announce that we have been asked by Biddy Basketball to host the 2021 International Biddy Tournament, the week of March 19, 2021.

This tournament will host teams from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Florida, Louisiana, and Finland. Pelican Park will have postseason tournament teams for boys and girls, ages 8-12 years of age.

Not only will this tournament be gratifying for local recreation, it will also generate a huge economic impact for St. Tammany Parish and other surrounding parishes. We anticipate that every hotel room in St Tammany Parish will be utilized during the week-long tournament duration.

With an estimated 100+ teams traveling to our facility,
Pelican Park is proud to be the
2021 International Biddy Tournament's chosen destination.

# PELICAN PARK IS HAVING A SPORTS EQUIPMENT DRIVE! FOLLOWING HURRICANE LAURA



When a disaster strikes close to home and everyday life has been disrupted, everyone's initial instinct is to find a way to help. From past events, like Katrina, we have learned that the stress of rebuilding can take a toll on the health of those suffering families. Pelican Park, with your help, is here to providemental and physical stability to those affected in the wake of Hurricane Laura.

### ~COMMUNITIES HELPING COMMUNITIES~

We ask that you join us in providing gently or lightly used equipment to the areas affected by the recent disaster, Hurricane Laura. By gathering replacement equipment, we can create an environment of relief on the court, on the field, or in the dugout. Help us provide a sense of relief and normalcy to those in dire need. Following complete devastation, chances are that recreational equipment will be the last items to be replaced. Let us help the families and their children get back to what they do best,... PLAY! We know all too well how this kind of disaster affects families and we want to help get these communities back to some sort of regularity.

We will be holding a gently used sports equipment drive to help get these kids back on the courts and fields in the months to come. Please go through your attics, closets, homes and garages, to donate any sports equipment no longer used, so we can help rebuild other recreation departments. Here is a list of items you can drop off at the office or gyms...

- Baseball gloves, bats, baseballs, catcher gear, batting helmets, bat bags, cleats
- Softball gloves, bats, softballs, catcher gear, batting helmets, bat bags, cleats
- Footballs, shoulder pads, pants with pads, new mouthpieces, cleats, practice jerseys
- Flag Football flags
- Basketballs, pennies/ practice jerseys
- Soccer balls, cleats, shin guards
- Tennis rackets, tennis balls, Pickleball paddles & balls
- Volleyballs, knee pads
- Lacrosse sticks, helmets, lacrosse balls, chest protectors, goalie gear
- Disc Golf discs
- Miscellaneous Items: new whistles, stopwatches, cones, conditioning apparatuses, air pumps, yoga mats, sideline markers, wiffle balls,





Did you know.... That Pelican Park operates its own concessions and all revenue generated goes back into the operating funds? Money made from the sale of concessions is put right back into the Park. Did you know... that in 2019 we sold almost 12,000 boxes of popcorn? That's about 3,500 ears of corn! Our hot buttery popcorn is only \$2.00 a box and is the perfect snack for watching the game.

Did you know... Pelican Park proudly sells only Coke products? Last year the park sold over 34,000 drinks including Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr Pepper, Powerade and Dasani water.

Did you know... that concessions are conveniently located at each complex and offer a variety of snacks to satisfy all your snacking needs? We sell candy, hot dogs, pretzels, peanuts, nachos, sunflower seeds, and Frito Lay chips.

Did you know... that we are constantly introducing new products to our menu? This year we tried out Frito Pies, Cracker Jacks and most recently cotton candy! Let us know if there is something you would like to see on the menu.

Did you know... our concession stands are a great place for teens to start working? The park is always looking for young adults to join our team. We offer evening and weekend hours, if you know of someone who might be interested please have them come into the office and fill out an application.

Did you know... Pelican Park serves as a vital part of the community? The Park is 550 acres and consists of 32 athletic fields, a 3 court gym, a 4 court gym, the 46,000 square foot multi purpose Castine Center, paved roads, walking trail, dog park, batting cages, sand volleyball courts, 18 hole disc golf course and parking for over 1,700 vehicles. In 2019 we had a grand opening of a \$1.6 million dollar renovation of the old Green 5 baseball field that is now called The Groves. This newest addition to the Park is sure to be a great place for families, fun and exercise for generations to come.

## PELICAN PARK OFFERS SO MANY GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITIES



## **OUR 2 DOG PARKS**

We have 2 dog parks for your furry family members 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 has 2 separated fenced in areas, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. Come out and make some new friends.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO READ ALL OF THE POSTED RULES BEFORE ENTERING THE DOG PARKS. OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DOGS BEHAVIOR.



## **PICKLEBALL**

Pelican Park's 8 outdoor Pickleball courts are the first of their kind in St. Tammany Parish. Open Play is available on a first come, first served basis, seven days a week, excluding the times scheduled for park programming, facility rentals, and tournaments. The courts are lighted for evening play hours.

Please make sure to sanitize your hands and equipmpent frequently and make sure to bring your own pickleball equipment. During this time, we are not loaning out shared equipment.



## **DISC GOLF**

The nice fall weather will be coming soon and Disc Golf is a perfect way to get the family out and enjoy time together. Disc Golf sport discs, uses that similar to golf, but throwing 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 last hole wins. Go to our website to find out more or more park infomation at:

www.PelicanPark.com



## **ADULT EXERCISE**

The Groves features 9 outdoor fitness machines made by Greenfield Exercise Equipment. The equipment consists of machines that develop stamina, upper arms and 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 practice. Combine it with our walking trail and have a great time during your workout.

Please make sure to sanitize your hands and equipment before and after use.



### **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.



## SOCCER

Recreation District #1 has Mandeville Soccer granted Člub 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 which includes programs registration, team formation, coaches, schedules, training and much more.

If your child is interested Call MSC at: 985-624-8080.
Their website is: www.mscsoccer.org



Parker the Pelican is hiding in this newsletter. Can you find all 10 Parkers?

# **Fun Facts about Sports**

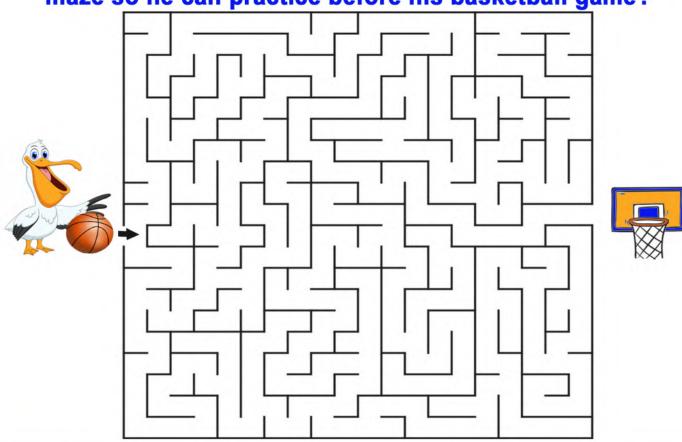
- ~The tallest basketball player, Manute Bol at 7'7" and the shortest player Muggsy Bogues at 5'3" played on the same team in 1987-1988.
- ~The first volleyballs were the bladders of basketballs until Spalding Company invented a separate volleyball in 1898.
- The first basektball backboards were made of wires and basketball hoops were peach baskets without a bottom.
- The fastest volleyball serve has been clocked at 83.3 mph, by Gyorgy Grozer.



# Parker and our Pelican Park staff want you to have fun while playing sports with us, but we also want everyone to be safe!

Before heading out to the Park, have your child wash their hands with soap and water for 20-25 seconds, (Have them sing "Take me out to the ball game,") before heading to the Park. Once arriving use the provided hand sanitizer before entering the gyms or facilities and have them wash their hands again when your games or practices are over. Remind your kids to not spit and always cover coughs and sneezes with the inside of their elbow. Washing or sanitizing their hands immediately after a sneeze or cough is important too. We know it's exciting to run in and start playing sports with your friends, but safety is very important to makes sure your children and friends are being safe. Make sure you also warm up your muscles before playing to make sure you don't have any injuries as well. Once you follow these steps you are ready for some fun!

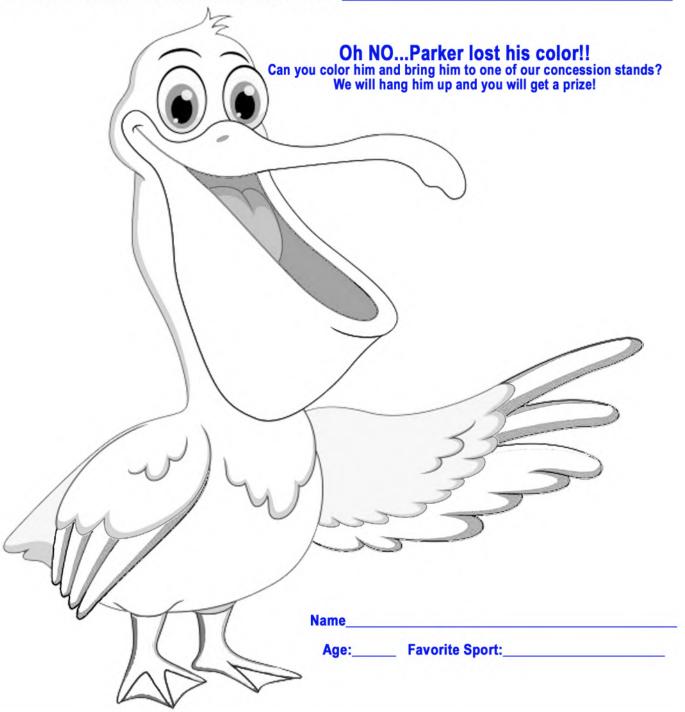
Can you help Parker the Pelican find his way through the maze so he can practice before his basketball game?



# **HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW PELICAN PARK?**

IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS ALREADY....
THIS NEWSLETTER HAS ALL OF THE ANSWERS INSIDE. CAN YOU FIND THEM ALL?

- 1. How many fields does Pelican Park have? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What is our NEW Air Sanitizing system called?
- 3. How does our NEW Air Sanitizing system work?\_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Where are all 3 installed?\_\_\_\_\_/
- 5. How many lawnmowers does the Park have at this time?
- 6. What is our newest Renovation in The Groves?\_



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# **EARLY SPRING REGISTRATION** BEGINS DECEMBER 28TH!



PELICAN PARK IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS!





The First National Bank is the official bank of Pelican Park



