

# Pelican Watch



## Park reveals plans to repurpose Green 5 field for fitness and fun

The Recreation District #1/Pelican Park Board of Commissioners is working on plans to repurpose the Park's Green 5 baseball field and surrounding area to create a multi-purpose fitness and fun facility for adults, children and families.

The most recent step in the redevelopment process was a board-hosted public input meeting on Monday, Jan. 22, in the Castine Center conference room, where interested citizens got a first glimpse of the proposed plans. Board member Rick Danielson explained that the District Strategic Planning Committee had completed a demographic study to determine the needs of District #1 residents and determined that the Green 5 field area will be better utilized with leisure elements that appeal to a broad range of ages and interests.

"This is the perfect area for multi-purpose fitness and fun that's not related to our youth sports programming," Danielson said. "We are looking at what we can do to make sure everyone has an

opportunity to use Pelican Park."

Danielson also stressed that the District has saved for the last 15 years to fund this project. No new taxes or bond issues are being sought for the redevelopment.

Proposed elements, culled from a list of almost 50 initial ideas, include outdoor pickleball, bocce, horseshoe and shuffleboard courts; outdoor fitness equipment and a shaded picnic pavilion; and possible indoor studio space for programs and special events.

A new parking lot, which will also provide overflow parking for the

grey and orange field complexes, will be part of the plan, and a water feature is under consideration.

The District's A&E is now developing cost estimates of the proposed items. At a future meeting, the board will make a final decision as to what elements will be incorporated.

In the meantime, the Park staff and board members continue to gather input because your feedback is important to us. If you have thoughts or ideas about this project, please email Park Director Kathy Foley at [kathyfoley@pelicanpark.com](mailto:kathyfoley@pelicanpark.com).



Recreation District #1 board member Rick Danielson talks with interested citizens about the proposed redevelopment of Pelican Park's Green 5 baseball field and surrounding area at a public input meeting held on Jan. 22 at the Castine Center.

### Park Highlight

• The Park offered **540** free leisure programs in 2017. That equates to 1.5 opportunities per day for you to join us for arts and crafts, personal development, health and wellness classes and more!

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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 of Recreation District #1.

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.



*From the Director*

## Thanks to our coaches!

I want to take this opportunity to offer a special thanks to the hundreds of men and women who volunteer each year to coach at Pelican Park. Without these individuals, who give of their time and share their sports knowledge with our children, we simply would not be able to offer youth sports. We can't say "thank you" enough.

These volunteers take time from work, from their families, and from their own hobbies to coach, and the role that they play in children's lives is immeasurable. They not only teach the rules and how to play a sport, but they teach life skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. Children remember good coaches for a lifetime.

New this spring, Recreation District #1 will implement a national and state background check program for all coaches. The criteria being used is based upon the National Recreation and Park Association guidelines. Pelican Park coaches will be issued an ID card and lanyard to wear when coaching. When you see a coach with an ID on, please thank them for their time and effort.

Coaches truly make a difference!

*Kathy Foley, Director*

## Dog parks meeting the need

Did you know that approximately 44% of U.S. households count a canine as a resident? We're not sure how that breaks down for Recreation District #1 households, but we'd be willing to bet it's an even higher percentage based on the popularity of our two dog parks!

To meet the recreational and social needs of these special four-legged residents and their two-legged friends, the District owns and operates two dog parks.

The largest dog park is four acres in size and is located within Pelican Park. It features separate large-dog and small-dog areas, water fountains and shade shelters for humans and dogs, and dog wading pools.

The District's second dog park, Pretty Acres, is a one-acre "pocket park" that is located north of I-12 on Andrews Drive (near Home Depot off of Falconer Drive). An added feature at this dog park is a walking trail around the perimeter. For more information about both dog parks and their amenities, visit

[www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com).



Do you love to take photos of your precious pooch? The next time you snap a good one at one of Recreation District #1's two dog parks, share it! Email your favorite dog photos to [susansheehan@pelicanpark.com](mailto:susansheehan@pelicanpark.com) or share them on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #lovepelicanpark. We want to see just how cute your canine is!

### Debit/Credit Card Warning

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.



Coca-Cola  
is the official  
soft drink of  
Pelican Park  
and the  
Castine Center.

## Springtime is the perfect time for disc golf

Disc golf is a fun-filled activity that provides an opportunity for exercise, the enjoyment of nature, having fun with your friends and, if desired, competition.

The Park's 18-hole Pines Disc Golf Course is located in the northern part of the Park, with the first hole positioned just west of the Gold Complex.

Never tried disc golf? Now's the time to do it...you don't even need to buy equipment. The Park office has discs that residents can check out and use at no cost. Just stop by during regular office hours (Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.). See you on the course soon!

## The Cages scheduled to re-open March 5

Get into the swing of spring baseball and softball at the Pelican Park batting cages, which are scheduled to re-open on Monday, March 5.

The Cages include nine individual commercial cages. The automated pitching machines are designed for youth ages 9 and older, as well as adults.

Tokens are \$1 for 15 swings, and you receive bonus tokens when you spend \$10 or \$20.

### Hours at The Cages are:

**Monday-Friday, 5-8 p.m.**

**Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.**

**Sunday, noon-7 p.m.**



## New maintenance area almost complete

As part of the purchase from St. Tammany Parish of 100 acres of land east of the Park, the District acquired the 80-plus-year-old maintenance buildings previously used by Southeast Hospital.

The buildings sat vacant for the last five years and were full of 80-plus years' worth of junk. For the past year, Park staff has spent hundreds of hours cleaning, painting and remodeling more than 21,000 square feet of space for our new maintenance area. Doing the work in-house, instead of hiring outside contractors, has saved the District and its taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars.

The District hopes to move into the buildings in June. Once ready for occupancy, the buildings will provide much-needed space by the District's Park's division, which includes more than 24 staff members.



It's not every day that (almost) all of the Park's full-time employees are gathered in one spot in groovy matching tie-dye t-shirts! When it does happen, we grab the opportunity for a rare group photo, and of course we had to share it. The shirts were purchased as part of our preparation for a National Recreation and Park Association convention onsite visit in October 2017. Park office staff loved them so much that you can now see them sporting theirs on weekly "Tie-Dye Tuesdays."

# It's time to register for baseball and softball!

**Registration is open Monday, Feb. 26-Tuesday, March 13**

**And this is what you need to know:**

- Baseball and softball are offered for ages 5-15. See league details below and at right on page 5 for all of the important information.
- Returning players may register 24 hours a day at [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com)
- New players must register in the Park office, with a copy of the player's birth certificate and a current utility bill.

**Office hours are:**

Mondays-Thursdays, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fridays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturdays, March 3 and March 10 only, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Important note: Changes were made in December 2017 to the Park play-up policy. See details on Page 6.



## 2018 Girls Softball Ages 7-15

Looking for something for your daughter to do this spring? Register her to play softball at Pelican Park! The softball program provides a fun, safe, and recreational environment, where she will learn sound softball fundamentals and sportsmanship within the team concept.

This program is for players ages 7 through 15, and players are assigned to an age group based upon their age as of 12/31/2017. The 7/8-year-old league plays coach-pitch softball with a safety softball, and players are introduced to officials, scoring, and standings. Player-pitch leagues are for 9/10 leagues and older.

- Evaluations will be held, and the evaluation schedule will be available at the time of registration.
- All games begin on Saturday, April 28.
- Practices begin the week of April 9. Each age group will have a 12-game season that consists of 2 games per week (1 weeknight and 1 weekend game). A post-season, single-elimination tournament will be held for these age groups.

### REGISTRATION FEES

AGE	DISTRICT	NON-DISTRICT
7/8	\$72	\$122
9/10	\$74	\$124
11/12	\$76	\$126
13/15	\$76	\$126

Please see full details on the Park's play-up policy on page 6. Play-up requests to single age groups will be pending until leagues are formed.



## 2018 Boys and Girls Ages 5&6

Pelican Park's boys' 5-year-old T-ball division and 6-year-old coach-pitch division, and the girls' 5/6-year-old T-ball/coach-pitch division are the perfect way to introduce your children to baseball and softball. They will develop skills in a safe and fun environment without undue pressure.

The non-competitive leagues are designed strictly for the development of players, and no scores or standings are kept. All players play each inning, both offensively and defensively, and will learn the rules in a progressive manner. This will help the players understand the game better each year as new concepts are introduced.



- **Boys must be 5 years old by 4/30/18. Girls must be 5 years old by 12/31/17.** No exceptions.
- No evaluations.
- Girls use a safety softball to play T-ball for the first half the season and coach-pitch for the second half.
- Pre-season practices begin the week of April 16. Regular-season practices may be scheduled by the coach during the week, and each team will have 30 minutes to practice prior to each game.
- The eight-game season begins on Saturday, April 28, and ends in late June. Games will be played on Saturday only until school ends, at which time there will be 2 games per week (1 weekday and 1 Saturday game). There are no post-season tournaments.



### REGISTRATION FEES

AGE	DISTRICT	NON-DISTRICT
Girls 5/6	\$46	\$96
Boys 5	\$42	\$92
Boys 6	\$47	\$97

## 2018 Boys Baseball Ages 7-15

Come join the 2018 baseball season at Pelican Park, where boys ages 7-15 will learn America's favorite game! These recreation leagues allow your children to learn how to hit, throw, and field a baseball and improve their techniques, while also learning teamwork and sportsmanship and—most important—having fun with friends.

The baseball program at Pelican Park is designed to help the boys develop each year by introducing new concepts and rules at each level. The 7- and 8-year-old leagues are coach-pitch, and there will be officials, scoring and standings. Kid-pitch begins with the 9-year-olds.

- Age as of 4/30/18
- Evaluations are held, and evaluation schedules will be available at registration and online. **Players MUST attend evaluations to be eligible to be a pool player or to be eligible to pitch (age 9 and older).**
- Practices will begin the week of April 9, and the 14-game season will begin April 28. Each league will have two games per week (1 weekday and 1 weekend) and one practice per week. The season may continue through July 1 depending on weather. There will be a single-elimination tournament at the end of each league's season.
- Age groups may be combined after registration ends depending on the number of registrants.

### REGISTRATION FEES



AGE	DISTRICT	NON-DISTRICT
Boys 7	\$81	\$131
Boys 8	\$81	\$131
Boys 9	\$84	\$134
Boys 10	\$85	\$135
Boys 11	\$91	\$141
Boys 12	\$91	\$141
Boys 13/15	\$93	\$143

Price varies among age groups depending upon the cost of awards and officials.

**Play-ups will not be allowed from the 12-year-old to the 13/15-year-old age group per Park play-up policy (see page 6).** Play-up requests to single age groups will be pending until leagues are formed.

## Boating certification classes scheduled

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) will offer two sessions of its one-day Boating Certification Class at Pelican Park this spring. The first class will be held on Saturday, March 17, and the second one is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, each from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Each **free** class will be conducted by LDWF Agent Rick Clark and is mandatory for anyone who was born on or after January 1, 1984, and who wants to operate a marine vessel. At the end of each course, attendees must take a test. All participants ages 10 and older who complete one of the sessions will receive a certificate of completion.

Class size is limited to 25 participants, and registration can be secured by calling the Park office at 985-626-7997.

## Join us for baseball orientation

Pelican Park and the Baseball Advisory Board are happy to announce that we will host Parent and Player Orientations again this year. These orientations, divided by age groups, are formal gatherings of the players and parents when teams are announced and players are introduced.

Players and parents will also meet the baseball coaches, age group directors and Baseball Advisory Board members, and hear about the exciting things happening within the baseball program.

### Parent and Player Orientation dates and times are:

#### **Saturday, April 7, in the Castine Center**

13/15-year-olds	8:30 a.m.
12-year-olds	9:30 a.m.
11-year-olds	10:30 a.m.
10-year-olds	11:30 p.m.
9-year-olds	12:30 p.m.
8-year-olds	1:30 p.m.
7-year-olds	2:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday, April 12, in the Castine Center**

5-year-olds	6 p.m.
6-year-olds	7 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend. If you cannot attend your orientation, you will be contacted by your coach about practice times and other information sometime after the orientation. You may also call the Park office on Monday, April 9 (ages 7-15), or Friday, April 13 (ages 5 and 6), and a staff member will be happy to give you the information. The information will not be released to the public until after the orientations.



Please mark your calendars for these important orientations. We look forward to meeting with you!

## Pelican Park Play-up Policy

Effective December 2017, the Park will no longer allow 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 group.) Play-up to single age groups will remain a parent's choice. Play-up requests to single age groups will be pending until leagues are formed. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Open gym, anyone?

Did you know that Pelican Park offers “open gym” time to the public on days and times when our gyms are not in use for scheduled leagues, programs or rentals?

The Park has seven courts in two gymnasiums, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis to adults ages 21 and older with a valid driver's license *when there is an open court*. Parents may supervise their children during open gym, too. The maximum number of people allowed on a court during open gym is 12, including spectators.



Open gym is not for use by large groups or for private lessons, nor is it for team games or practices; such groups must make arrangements for a gym rental pass with Park office staff.

To obtain an open gym pass on a weekday (Monday-Friday), visit the Park office in the Castine Center from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and present a valid driver's license. On weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) and after 5 p.m. on weekdays, call 985-966-6645 for court availability.

## Park offers coaching clinic

Mandeville High head baseball coach Mark Weinmunson will conduct a baseball coaching clinic for all of our volunteer baseball coaches this spring. Because we value our volunteer coaches, the Park contracts with a professional coach each year to provide valuable training.



The coaching clinic will help volunteers learn how to develop solid baseball fundamentals—such as hitting, throwing, pitching and catching—in their players, while also sharpening their skills. The coaches will also be trained to take an approach to teaching the game of baseball regardless of a child's ability or level of play.

Offering this clinic is just one of the ways we say “thank you” to our many volunteers who give of their time to make a difference in children's lives.

## Park alums named all-stars

Sixteen local prep football players who, when younger, spent time in the Pelican Park youth leagues (football, basketball or baseball) were recently named to *The St. Tammany Farmer* newspaper's all-parish high school football team. They include:

- **Chris Penton**, Lakeshore High
- **Taron Jones**, Mandeville High
- **Grant Grosch**, St. Paul's
- **Jacob Bernard**, Lakeshore High
- **Joshua Alfaro**, Covington High
- **Christopher Rabensteiner**, Hannan
- **Jacob Cross**, Fontainebleau High
- **Tylan Driver**, Lakeshore High
- **Zach Bernard**, Lakeshore High
- **Malcolm Johnson**, Mandeville High
- **Noah Seiden**, St. Paul's
- **Blake Marshall**, Fontainebleau High
- **Carter Georges**, Hannan
- **Zach Womack**, Lakeshore High
- **Paul Gremillion**, St. Paul's

Congrats to all of you from all of us at Pelican Park!

Do you have some interesting sports news about a former Pelican Park youth league participant? We'd love to hear about it! Email [susansheehan@pelicanpark.com](mailto:susansheehan@pelicanpark.com).



## Scholarships available for youth sports

Did you know that the Park has a limited number of scholarships available for District residents who need financial assistance for youth sports registration? For details and requirements, call the Park Office at 626-7997.



Hancock Whitney Bank is the official bank of Pelican Park and the Castine Center.



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# Leisure Programs

Recreation District #1 offers a variety of free and fee-based leisure programs to the community, including arts and crafts, health and wellness, and personal development classes. Pre-registration is required, and can be accomplished by calling 985-626-7997. See below for a sampling of our upcoming free classes—both recurring and new—and find a complete list of classes, required supplies, and more detailed descriptions at [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com).

## Free leisure classes

CLASS	DATE/TIME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
 Crochet: Leaf Pattern	Mon., Feb. 26, 10 a.m.	Learn the basics of crochet to create an elegant leaf pattern
 Painting with Michelle: St. Patrick's Day	Tues., Feb. 27, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.	Create an acrylic painting to add to your Irish décor
 One-of-a-Kind Cards	Wednesdays, Feb. 28, and March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1 p.m.	Make unique handmade cards for any occasion
 Crochet: Jellyfish	Mon., March 5, 10 a.m.	Create a cute jellyfish perfect for baby to cuddle or for the nursery
 St. Patrick's Day Tag	Tues., March 6, 10 a.m.	Use scrapbook techniques to create a gift tag that will add a personal touch to your next gift
 Evening Cards	Wed., March 7, 6 p.m.	Make personalized greeting and holiday cards
 The Benefits of Social Media and How to Use Them	Thurs., March 8, 6 p.m.	Learn tips on how to stay connected and safe in today's world of social media
 Veggies Herb Garden	Mon., March 12, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.	Discussion on the best veggies and herbs to plant in your spring garden
 Crochet: Beanie	Mon., March 12, 1 p.m.	Learn the basic stitches to create a beanie
 Iris Folding	Tues. March 13, 10 a.m.	Discover the technique to folding paper in layers to create embellishments for cards or scrapbooks; class has a spring theme
 Painting with Michelle: Blending Techniques	Tues., March 13, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.	Enhance your paintings after learning these new techniques
 Creative Cards	Thurs., March 15, 10 a.m.	Create personalized greeting cards perfect for any occasion
 Giving Your Best in a Job Interview	Thurs., March 29, 6 p.m.	Improve your chances to land the perfect job; topics will include dress code, language and verbage, r�sum� building and more
 Herb Garden Design	Mon., March 19, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.	Learn to design a garden that will pay off in fresh veggies and herbs; topics will include sunlight, soil depth and more
 Recipe Scrapbook	Tues., March 20, 10 a.m.	Pair recipes with coordinating papers and embellishments to create a recipe scrabook
 Glitter Egg Craft	Tues., March 20, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.	Decorate with these sparkly eggs on canvas in anticipation of spring
 Evening Cards	Wed., March 21, 6 p.m.	Make personalized greeting and holiday cards
 NOLA Acrylic: Birds on a Wire	Thurs., March 22, 6 p.m. and Fri., March 23, 10 a.m.	Create a New Orleans-themed painting
 Herbal Medicine	Mon., March 26, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.	Discover the benefits of using all-natural herbs to support your health
 Crochet: Strawberry Stitch	Mon., March 26, 1 p.m.	Learn crochet basics to create an elegant strawberry stitch pattern
 Side Step Card	Tues., March 27, 10 a.m.	Take your card-making to the next level with this three-dimensional technique; class has a spring theme
 Painting with Michelle: Spring Lily	Tues., March 27, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.	Create a perfect springtime painting



## Fee-based leisure programs

In addition to our free leisure programs, Recreation District #1 also offers a number of fee-based classes, including the following. Advance registration is required; call 626-7997.

### Line Dancing

This class will meet every Tuesday from 7:15-8:15 p.m. from March 6 through April 10 at the Castine Center. Dress comfortably to learn the Wobble, Footloose, Tush Push and more fun line dances that will have you well prepared for your next social gathering. Meet new friends and work off a few pounds in this energetic class!

**\$36 for 6 classes**

**March 6—April 10**  
**Every Tuesday**  
**7:15-8:15 p.m.**

### Tai Chi

This class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7 p.m. from March 6 through March 29 at the Castine Center. Learn the ancient art of meditative exercise for relaxation, balance, flexibility and overall health. The classes will focus on fundamental exercises developed to aid in leg strength, abdominal breathing and more.

**\$45 for 8 classes**

**March 6—March 29**  
**Each Tuesday and Thursday**  
**6-7 p.m.**

Be sure to regularly check our website, [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com), for details and registration information on more upcoming fee-based classes.

# Twilight Egg Hunt

Get your baskets and flashlights ready, because Pelican Park will host its second annual Twilight Egg Hunt on Friday, March 23, beginning at 6 p.m.!

This FREE event is open to children ages 12 and younger. In addition to four fabulous age-specific egg hunts, you and your children will enjoy a variety of activities and games that are sure to bring hippity hoppity happiness.

Registration for Recreation District #1 residents is open and ongoing. Non-district residents may register for any remaining spaces beginning Friday, March 9. Please note that there are only 50 spots per age group. Registration can only be made by calling the Park office at 626-7997.

The event will be held at the Pelican Park Orange Complex.

### Age/Time Details

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Check-in</u>	<u>Egg hunt</u>
1-3	1	6 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
4-6	2	6:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
7-9	3	7 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
10-12	1	7:30 p.m.	8 p.m.



Remember, register your children early so you're sure to get a spot. Also, be sure to check [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) as the event approaches for even more event details.

# Pelican Park Profiles

We want you to be able to put names to the faces of the people you see at the Park and Castine Center on a regular basis, so we're introducing Pelican Park Profiles, a place where we will introduce you to a few of our crew and staff members who work tirelessly to be sure your visits to our facilities are the best that they can be. In this newsletter, meet Tracy Roskens, Charles Rosevally, Jr., and Miriam Ducre.

Castine Center (CC) full-time Event Supervisor Tracy Roskens will celebrate her 9th anniversary with RD1 in May. She is all things CC, including booking/working events and maintaining the building. She most enjoys working with the people who rent the CC. "Each event is special, and I love helping them make their events a success," she said.



Originally from Sioux Falls, SD, Tracy lives in Covington with her three dogs and hobo cat. She thinks she may be the first South Dakotan to have eaten and loved boiled crawfish.

Charles Rosevally, Jr., is a two-year Park crew employee who is part of the team that maintains our beautiful fields, landscaping and pavilions. A job favorite is "prepping the baseball and softball fields, because I like seeing the work that was put in and the instant result," Charles said.

Originally from Abita Springs, Charles now resides in Mandeville with his wife and three children. In his spare time, he enjoys doing small engine work. Be sure to say "hi" to Charles the next time you see him in the Park!



Miriam Ducre is a part-time member of the Castine Center (CC) facility staff whose primary responsibilities are to keep the CC safe and clean for the groups who hold events there. Miriam said she likes communicating with the rental groups, working with her supervisors who keep her "on point," and "keeping everything moving to make an event a success."

A lifelong resident of Lacombe, she is a mother and grandmother who stays busy with two other jobs, serving as a lector at her church, spending time with family, reading, cooking dancing and playing cards.



Plans are in the works for the redevelopment of the Park's Green 5 field and surrounding area. Geared toward fitness and fun for all ages, proposed elements include outdoor pickleball, shuffleboard, bocce ball and horse-shoe courts; outdoor exercise equipment and walking trail; indoor studio space for leisure programs; and a water feature and parking. For more details, see the article on page 1.

## The Silver Complex is for YOU!

"Multipurpose" is the best word to describe the Park's Silver Complex, which is the perfect spot if you're looking for a place to run, kick or throw a ball around, fly a kite, or organize a pick-up game with friends.

The six Silver regular turf fields were built for a variety of uses, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis, notwithstanding occasional quarterly rental groups (signs will be posted if fields are rented). Self-serve, push-button lights are available for night use at no cost.

In addition to the six fields, there are two sand volleyball courts and a pavilion with restrooms, water fountains and vending machines.

The Silver Complex is located on the north end of the Park, just past the Dog Park and Skate Park.

# Join the Rec District #1 team



Recreation District #1 is hiring smiling faces that want to be part of an amazing team that works to better the community. Interested? Read more about openings below:

- **Castine Center facility staff:** maintain all areas of the facility in "show condition" before, during and after events. Duties include, but are not limited to, cleaning and setting up tables and chairs, vacuuming, mopping, cleaning windows and restrooms, and removing trash. Applicants should be able to lift 50 pounds, communicate with other staff and management via two-way radios, and communicate verbally with rental groups. This part-time position has flexible hours scheduled primarily on evenings and weekends. \$9.50-\$12/hour.

- **Pelican Park facility staff:** Enjoy working outside and meeting new people? This staff prepares for Park practices and games, turning on lights, attending to restrooms, and setting up fields. Position also requires interaction with the public, including answering questions and problem solving. Applicants should be able to lift 50 pounds, communicate with other staff and management via two-way radios, answer phone calls from the public, and have strong written communication skills. Park facility staff work flexible hours primarily outdoors in the evenings and on weekends. \$9.50-\$12/hour.

- **Concession workers:** work in the Park's concession stands during games and events. This is a part-time position with flexible hours scheduled primarily on evenings and weekends. \$7.50-\$9.50/hour.

**Apply at the Pelican Park office inside the Castine Center. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Questions? Call 985-626-7997.

## #lovepelicanpark

We know you love Pelican Park, and we want you to share that love—and the great photos you take at the Park—with us! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1) Share your photos from Park events on Instagram and Facebook.

2) Tag the photos with the hashtags **#lovepelicanpark** and **#makingadifference**.

3) Repeat as often as you like!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook (Pelican Park/Recreation District #1) and Instagram (@pelicanparkmandeville).

## Castine Center hosts LLA group

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA) office hosted 120 participants from local and statewide governmental agencies at the Castine Center on Jan. 25 for its Center for Local Government Excellence Level 2 meeting.

Topics included best practices for collections and traffic tickets, payroll and personnel, and expenditures; a practicum for implementation of a local government budget act; and introduction to fraud.

The meeting was held at the Castine Center as part of an intergovernmental agreement offered by Recreation District #1. These agreements allow public agencies to use the Castine Center without charge for the public good, saving taxpayer dollars.



Calling Pelican Park a winter wonderland may have been a stretch, but we did receive snow on December 8, 2017, which made for some beautiful scenery. That storm, followed by another on January 16, 2018, resulted in brief Park closures. We apologize for any inconvenience, and appreciate your understanding as we worked to keep our employees and patrons safe.



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