

Recreation District #1/Pelican Park

Pelican Watch

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Recreation District #1-Pelican Park has been serving the community for 30 years!! Thanks to the original “dreamers”, thousands of volunteer coaches, board members and Park staff, the impact the Park has made on this community is HUGE!

From a facility point of view, the Park has gone from 50 acres to 330 acres. We originally had one gym and now have 7 gyms. We started with 6 baseball /softball fields and now have 15 game and practice fields. We originally had 6 football/soccer fields and now have 17 game and practice fields. The community had no event space, and we now have the 46,000 square foot Castine Center for fundraisers, Project Graduation, shows and meetings. The Park road was originally gravel and with only one gravel parking lot. We now have over 4.6 miles of paved roadway with paved parking for 1,700 cars.

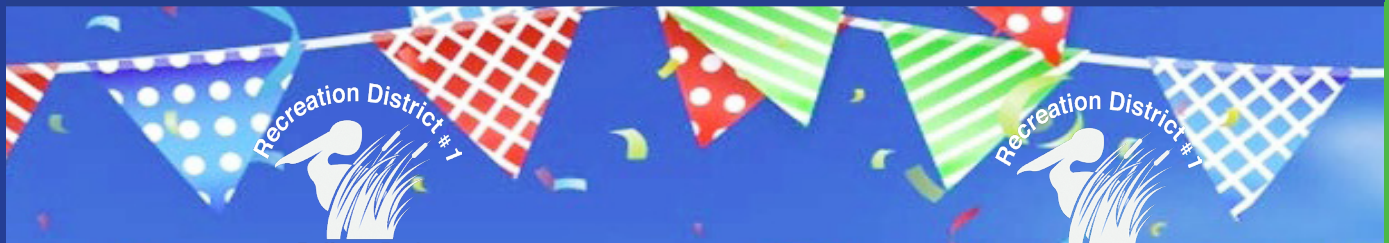
These accomplishments are great, but in my opinion, the accomplishments that really matter are the effect that this Park has had on hundreds of thousands of children and families in this community. The Park was, and is a safe place to run and play, be a kid, create family memories, exercise, develop a love of sports, learn life lessons, play with your dog, create friendships and most of all, have fun! All of the children, parents and grandparents that have used the Park over the last 30 years have wonderful memories, as this Park has made a difference in their lives!! Looking forward to Pelican Park serving the community and making treasured memories for the next 30 years!

Ms. Kathy Foley
Director



PARK HIGHLIGHT

Winter Basketball
Registration
Starts
on Sept 23rd



YOU ARE INVITED TO COME CELEBRATE OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE GRAND OPENING OF “THE GROVES” ON SEPTEMBER 21ST

Come join the fun on Saturday, September 21st as the Park celebrates 30 years of service to our community and the dedication of The Groves! The day will feature a dedication ceremony as well as events and games for the family. We will unveil a new 30th anniversary sign, remember past board members and pass a good time.

11am Dedication and Remembrance
11:45-2:30 Family fun and games, food, gifts and prizes.

In the event of rain,
event will be held in the
Castine Center.

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PELICAN PARK ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF THE GROVES

The \$1.6 million dollar renovation of the old Green 5 baseball field is complete and 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.

The Groves includes 8 outdoor lighted pickleball courts. Pickleball is fun for all ages, great for conditioning and is simple to learn. The Groves also includes outdoor fitness equipment, boardwalk, pond, green space and a family fun game area which consists of 2 horseshoe courts, 2 bocce courts and 2 shuffleboard courts. Special thanks to Cycle Construction, the contractor on the project.



OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS

We are excited to announce our eight outdoor pickleball courts are opening on September 21st and will be ready for play! The outdoor 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. Don't have your own equipment, but want to try pickleball? Come try the hottest new game in town. District residents are free to check out equipment from park staff. For private event rentals or parties, please contact the Pelican Park Office at (985) 626-7997.



SMALL GAMES AREA

Pelican Park now has a small games area that is great for family fun! The area includes two Bocce courts, two Horseshoe courts, and two Shuffleboard courts available for open play hours seven days a week. The courts are available on a first come, first served basis. Bring your own equipment or try the parks furnished equipment. For private event rentals or parties, please contact the Pelican Park Office at (985) 626-7997.

OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

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 will be a great place to get a workout in while the kids practice. Combine it with our walking trail and meet new people. Sorry, machines are for ages 14 and above. Come try our new equipment!



HORSESHOES SHUFFLEBOARD BOCCIE BALL



COME JOIN OUR TEAM

Pelican Park has part-time positions available.

Facility Staff Park – Starting pay at \$9.50 per hour Evening and weekend shifts working with the public. Flexible hours.

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

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

Applications available online or in the Park office, Mon-Thur 8am-6pm and Friday 8am-5pm



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

SOCCER PROGRAM

THE CAGES HAVE CLOSED PERMANENTLY

DOG PARKS

MANDEVILLE SOCCER CLUB

Recreation District #1 and Mandeville Soccer Club have an exempt status between them 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. MSC and the Recreation District offer two seasons of soccer for ages 4-18.

If your child is interested in playing soccer, call MSC at: 985-624-8080. Their website is: mscsoccer.org



After many years in operation, our batting cages called "The Cages," have closed permanently. When the facility was built, it was the only facility of its kind. Now the area has several indoor batting cage facilities to visit.

With the reduced visitations, increased maintenance on aging machinery and equipment, it was not monetarily in the best interest of Recreation District #1 to continue operations.

The District will sell or auction the equipment and will consider repurposing the facility in the future. **Many thanks to all of our patrons for your support over the years!**

OUR TWO 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. Parking is next to the skate park.



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

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country and is a great sport for all ages and abilities. It is a paddleball sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a Wiffle Ball over a short net.

**INDOOR PICKLE BALL HOURS:
SUNDAYS - 1pm-5pm (5 COURTS)
TUESDAYS - 6pm-9pm (3 COURTS)**

COME CHECK OUT OUR EIGHT NEW OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS LOCATED IN THE GROVES!



BADMINTON



Badminton Sundays 6-9pm!

Badminton will now be offered during open play hours on Sunday evenings from 6pm-9pm in the White Pelican Gym, open to all ages and abilities. Badminton courts are available during open play on a first-come, first-served basis. Time limits will be imposed if others are waiting to play. Participants are asked to bring their own equipment (rackets and shuttlecocks) to open play.

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 is a sport that uses discs 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. If you don't have discs or Frisbees®, we have discs that we can loan to our district residents. Go to our website to find out more about our disc golf course or more park information at: 985-626-7997 or PelicanPark.com



SKATE PARK

The Pelicans Nest Skate Park is a great way to spend time outside, stay fit, work on your old skills or learn new skills. The 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 and 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.



IT'S TIME TO BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY

The Castine Center, located in Pelican Park, can host both small and large holiday parties. Whether it's for a family reunion, holiday party or a corporate affair, we can provide various spaces and sizes to fit your needs.

For availability and pricing, call 985-626-7997.



WINTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION DATES: SEPT 23RD - OCT 8TH



WINTER BASKETBALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 6-12



Are you looking for a sport to help boost your child's confidence, give complete physical exercise, in addition to teaching self-discipline, team work and making new friends....Pelican Park Youth Basketball program will do all this and more. Our basketball program will teach dribbling, passing and shooting techniques which will increase your child's basketball fundamentals at all levels of play. Basketball is a team sport which will also help your child make friends and work together with their peers. Don't miss out, Pelican Park's basketball program is a great opportunity for your child to learn the love of basketball!!!

OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-THURSDAY 8AM—6PM and FRIDAY 8AM – 5PM
(Saturday, October 5th the office will be open from 9AM-3PM.)

****Reminder—All play-up requests must be done in the office. Play ups will only be granted for single age group leagues. If two age groups are combined a play up into the combined age group will NOT be granted****

CONVENIENCE FEES The District's new registration system allows for a convenience fee to be charged for those using credit cards. The rate is 3% and will be charged at check out. Those paying with cash or check in the office will not pay the fee. Previously the registration software did not allow fees to be charged separately, so the price for use of credit cards was wrapped into the sports fees. The sports registration fees have been reduced an average of \$3.00-\$4.00 this year.

GIRLS WINTER BASKETBALL AGES 7-12



Have your daughter come out this winter to participate in our girls basketball league! Youth basketball helps children work on hand-eye coordination, communication, balance, teamwork, fitness, make new friends and best of all, it's fun!

- Must be 7 by September 1st, 2019
- Practices begin the week of October 28th. (Pre-Season-Max 3 a week, Season-1 a week)
- Games begin the weekend of November 9th for the all age groups.
- Games will not be scheduled November 25th – 30th (Thanksgiving Holiday) and December 21st – January 3rd (Christmas/New Year's Holidays).
- Reversible uniform tank jerseys are included in the registration fee.
- Players are responsible for providing their own basketball shorts.



REGISTRATION FEES

Age Group	District	Non-District
7/8 year old	\$52.00	\$102.00
9/10 year old	\$75.00	\$125.00
11/12 year old	\$75.00	\$125.00

*** Play-ups will not be allowed for any leagues with multiple age groups per the play up policy***

GIRLS 6 YEAR OLD BASKETBALL CLINIC



Introduce your six-year old daughter to basketball by registering her for our Saturday morning basketball clinic. There will be 6 sessions on Saturdays in November and December. The clinic will be conducted by John Neill, who has been on our basketball advisory board for years and is now a part of our Recreation District #1/Pelican Park Board of Commissioners. John and his team make learning fun and have a pure love of basketball. He will show the girls the fundamentals of basketball and will have them ready for the next level!
Must be 6 by September 1st, 2019



REGISTRATION COST: DISTRICT \$32.00 NON DISTRICT \$82.00

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BOYS WINTER BASKETBALL AGES 7-12



- Ages 7-12, single age groups for all boys teams
- Age as of 9/1/2019
- Evaluation schedule for ages 7- 12 will be available during registration.
- Practices begin week of October 28th 2019
- Games begin the weekend of November 9th 2019
- Boys 7 - 12 will play a 12-game season with a single elimination tournament.
- There will be one game during the week and one game on the weekend with one practice during the week.
- Ages 7 and above will use two officials
- If an age group has enough players in one age group, that age group can be divided into two leagues.



Reminder: Play-up requests can only be done for single age groups and at the time of registration. If any age group combines, play ups will not be granted. You will have to come into the office and fill out a play-up request form.

Registration Fees

Age Group	District	Non-District
Boys 7 yr olds	\$76.00	\$126.00
Boys 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12	\$79.00	\$129.00



BOYS 6 YEAR OLD BASKETBALL

- Age as of 9/1/2019 – Must be 6 by 9/1/2019 NO EXCEPTIONS!
- No evaluations for 6-year-olds.
- Practices begin week of October 28th, 2019
- Games begin the weekend of November 9th 2019
- Boys 6 will play an 8-game season with no tournament.
- Games will be on weekends only with one practice during the week.
- 6-year-old games will be officiated by coaches.



Reminder: Play-up requests to the 7 year old age group can only be done at the time of registration. If any age group combines, play ups will not be granted. You will have to come into the office and fill out a play-up request form.

Registration Fees

Age Group	District	Non-District
Boys 6yr old	\$23.00	\$73.00



SENIOR OLYMPICS PICKLEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT



Some of the State's best pickleball players will be participating at the Brown Pelican Gym on September 28th & 29th. Pickleball is the hottest and fastest growing sport in the country. Over 140 senior players from all parts of Louisiana and Mississippi will be competing, staying in our hotels and visiting local restaurants. This event is made possible by the St. Tammany Parish Tourist and Convention Commission, Senior Olympics and Recreation District #1/Pelican Park.

Admission is free, so come see the fun competition on September 28th and 29th!

For more information you can visit: <http://www.lsog1.org/pickleball.html>



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Breakfast with Santa

Pelican Park invites you to make this holiday season special for your child by participating in our Breakfast with Santa event. Each child will be served breakfast, meet Santa, and create holiday crafts.

Parents are invited to take pictures.

Please call 626-7997 early to make your reservation.



**Date: Saturday,
December 14th, 2019
Time: 9:00 am-11:00 am
Place: Castine Center
Ages: 2-10
Cost: Free**



Please note, because this event is so popular, registration is first open to District residents only starting Tuesday, October 15th through Friday, November 1st. Beginning Monday, November 4th, Non-District residents may register for any remaining spots. Breakfast will be served between 9am-10:30am. Parents may purchase a breakfast for themselves for only \$5.00. Please call 985-626-7997 early to make your reservation.

This program is limited to the first 200 reservations so register early!



If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Erika Lehrmann at (985) 626-7997 or erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com

WELCOMING ROBOTICS

Recreation District #1 is happy to announce the sponsorship of Dark Matter, a local robotics organization for children grades 7th – 10th. This community based group introduces children to the world of engineering, team building, and competition through the sport of robotics. Shifting the ideas of traditional sports, robotics offers high energy competition through leisure activity learning. Using STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), children design, build, and demonstrate their creations in scrimmages including a competition field, course challenges, and judging evaluations.



**DARK MATTER
FTC14374**

Dark Matter will host its first informal scrimmage on Saturday, October 12th at the Castine Center. For more information on Dark Matter FTC 14374 or to join their organization, visit their website <http://www.darkmatter14374.org/>



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PELICAN PARK LEISURE PROGRAMS

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



FREE LEISURE PROGRAMS

Recreation District #1 offers a variety of free and fee-based leisure programs. Pre-registration is required! Call 985-626-7997 to register for upcoming free classes, see below for a sample list of classes, and more detailed descriptions or visit www.pelicanpark.com.

Class	Date(s)	Time	Description
Intro to Alcohol Inks	9/24/2019	1pm	Create wonderful alcohol ink washes on ceramic tile or glass while learning the basics.
Intro to Watercolor Painting	10/16/2019	1pm	Learn the basics of watercolor painting including brush care, various brush strokes, and paint consistency.

SOCIAL LEISURE PROGRAMS

Free socials to the public, no registration required

Class	Date(s)	Time	Ages:	Description
Canasta	Every Wed of the month	9:30am-NOON	Any Age	Join us for a fun and social game of cards.
Craft Circle	10/18/2019	10:00am-NOON	Any Age	Share patterns and techniques while socializing

SELECT SERIES LEISURE PROGRAMS

Now you can register online for our most popular classes and be guaranteed registration for the entire series.

Class	Date(s)	Time	District/Non-	Description
Fall Stepping Stones	10/2 & 10/9	1pm	\$10 / \$16	Paint unique Fall themed stepping stones of a scarecrow & pumpkins.
Fence Board Painting	10/22/2019	10am-3pm	\$10 / \$16	Paint the perfect yard décor using fence boards. Themes: Pumpkins & Candy Corn
Fence Board Painting	10/29/2019	10am-3pm	\$10 / \$16	Paint the perfect yard décor using fence boards. Themes: Pumpkins & Frankenstein

PREMIER PROGRAMS

Premier Programs are longer based series with more detailed and in-depth instruction over the course of 6 - 8 weeks
Must be 15 years or older to register.

Class	Date(s)	Time	District/ Non-	Description
Monday Evening Pilates - 8 Classes	Nov. 4th - Dec. 30th, 2019 Skip 12/23	6:00pm - 7:00pm	\$40 / \$52	The focus of pilates is to build a strong core, specifically in those areas supporting the spine and abdomen. Bring a yoga mat and/or beach towel and dress comfortably. located at the Mandeville Trailhead Depot.
Tuesday Evening Yoga 8 Classes	Nov. 5th - Jan. 6th, 2020 Skip 12/24	6:00pm - 7:00pm	\$40 / \$52	Join us for evening beginner and intermediate yoga sessions to help build and strengthen your core located at the Mandeville Trailhead Depot.
Thursday Evening Yoga 8 Classes	Oct. 10th - Dec. 19th, 2019 Skip 10/31 & 11/28	6:00pm - 7:00pm	\$40 / \$52	Join us for evening beginner and intermediate yoga sessions to help build and strengthen your core located at the Mandeville Trailhead Depot.

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GRAND OPENING AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY SEPT 21ST



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The First National Bank is the official bank of Pelican Park

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