

Recreation District #1/Pelican Park

Pelican Watch

FROM THE DIRECTOR



COACHES MAKE THE DIFFERENCE....

I want to take time to thank all of the hundreds of men and women who give of themselves to volunteer to coach at Pelican Park! This Park and all of our youth sports would not be possible if we didn't have coaches.

Coaches give up time with their families to coach, sometimes deal with challenging parents, and have to make sure that each player is treated fairly, learns new skills and has fun. Coaches truly make a difference in the lives of children! Good coaches are remembered by the players for years. The most rewarding thing a coach can hear from a player and past players is "thanks for making it fun," "you taught me so much," "I loved playing sports thanks to you!"

To all the coaches at Pelican Park, we greatly appreciate your efforts and we thank you SO much!

Ms. Kathy Foley
Director



PARK HIGHLIGHT

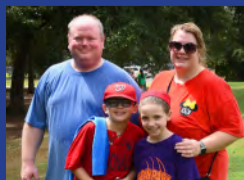
Girls volleyball and
Older Boys Basketball
Registration Starts
on December 30th



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE & THE GRAND OPENING OF THE GROVES



The Grand Opening of The Groves and our 30th Anniversary Celebration of Pelican Park was held on September 21st. Recreation District #1 spent \$1.6 million dollars to renovate the old Green 5 baseball field into The Groves. This newest addition to the Park is a perfect place to spend time with your family and friends. It includes 8 outdoor lighted pickleball courts, outdoor fitness equipment, a boardwalk, pond, and a family fun game area which consists of 2 horseshoe courts, 2 bocce courts and 2 shuffleboard courts.



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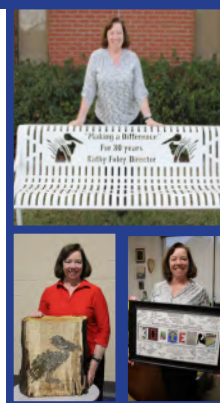
Tina Shaw
Castine Center Supervisor

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 Tchoufouche 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.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR 30 YEARS!



Kathy Foley, Recreation District #1 Director, recently celebrated her 30th anniversary with the Park. Kathy, who had a degree in Recreation and Park Administration, was hired as the first Director of the Recreation District #1 in 1989. Kathy has made a difference in hundreds of thousands of families and children in this community and she has been a great leader in the growth of Pelican Park. Under her leadership, Recreation District #1/ Pelican Park has gone from 50 acres to 320 acres, soon to be 512 acres. We originally had 1 gym with 2 courts and now we have 2 gyms and 7 courts and a 46,000 sqft Castine Center. The Park began with 7 baseball/softball fields and now has 15 game/practice fields. The Park grew from 6 football/soccer fields to now having 17 game/practice fields. Congratulations Kathy on 30 years of service to the community! Kathy will be retiring on April 1, 2020.



SMALL FAMILY GAMES AREA

Your family would love to come hang out at Pelican Park's new small games area! This 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 use the Parks equipment.



HORSESHOES



SHUFFLEBOARD



BOCCE BALL

OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

The newest addition to Pelican Park is The Groves which has 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 while the kids are at practice or with the kids.



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



BRIGHT CHANGES AT PELICAN PARK

If you've visited Pelican Park recently you may have noticed some "bright" changes. The Park has received a grant to upgrade our lights in the Park to LED lighting. This Statewide Energy Efficiency Program (SEEP) grant funded new LED lights in all 7 courts of the Brown and White gyms as well as all roadway and parking lot lights. Work continues with replacement of the outdoor field lights on Orange 1, 2 and 3, Green 4 and Grey East/ West fields which will be done by March 2020.



The Recreation District bid out the replacement of the wooden poles at Orange 1 – 3 fields. The low bidder for the contract was, Frischhertz Electric Co. Work is moving quickly and Frischhertz has already finished the demolition of 21 wooden light poles and installed all new underground wiring.

The new metal poles are scheduled to arrive late in December and will be erected the first few weeks of January. Frischhertz is an excellent contractor who the Park has worked with before as they were the contractor for the installation of all the poles and lights on Grey 2, Yellow 1-3, Blue 1-3 and Purple 1-3 fields.

SOCCER PROGRAM

MANDEVILLE SOCCER CLUB

Recreation District #1 has granted Mandeville Soccer Club have an exempt status which allows us to work together to provide this community with one of the best soccer programs in the South. The District provides the fields, painting of the game lines, goals and turf care at no cost to Mandeville Soccer Club. MSC handles all aspects of the administration of the soccer programs which includes registration, team formation, coaches, schedules, training and much more. MSC and the Recreation District offers 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

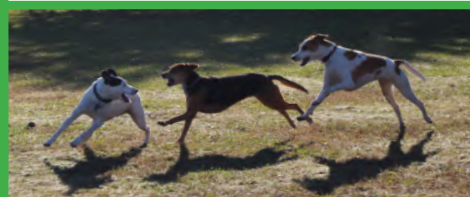


Disc Golf is a perfect way to get the family out and enjoy time together. Disc Golf is a sport that uses discs similar to golf but you throw a disc instead of hitting a ball. Players complete a hole by throwing a disc from a tee area toward a target which is called the basket. The player with the lowest number of total throws at the 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 which is PelicanPark.com or call our office at 985-626-7997.



OUR TWO DOG PARKS

Dogs are barking with excitement as they enter the park everyday. They can't wait to play with their friends while their owners are able to socialize, as well. We have 2 dog parks for our community to enjoy. Pretty Acres Dog Park is on Andrew Drive off of Hwy 190 in Covington and our Bark Park is at Pelican Park. The Bark Park 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.

SKATE PARK

The Pelican's 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.



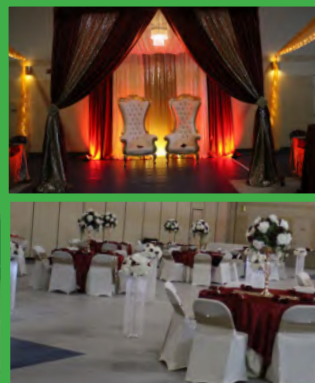
BADMINTON

Badminton Sundays 6-9pm!

Badminton is offered on Sunday evenings from 6pm-9pm in the White Pelican Gym. open to all ages and abilities. Courts are available 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.



DO YOU HAVE AN UPCOMING WEDDING OR EVENT TO PLAN?



The Castine Center is located in Pelican Park and would love to host your next small and large party or event. The Castine Center is perfect for a family reunion, wedding, reception or a corporate event. We can provide various spaces and sizes to fit your needs with experienced staff to make your gathering one to remember.

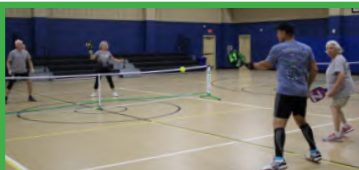
For availability and pricing, call 985-626-7997.

INDOOR PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is a funny name for a sport, but it is the fastest growing sport in America right now. It's great for all ages! It's like table tennis meets traditional tennis. You have a net, a small court, paddles, and a lightweight ball (similar to a whiffle ball). Players can face off as singles or doubles. Come by and try it out with your friends.

INDOOR PICKLEBALL HOURS:
SUNDAYS-1pm-5pm (5 COURTS)
TUES-6pm-9pm (3 COURTS)

WE ALSO HAVE 8 NEW OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS AT THE GROVES!



OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL IS FUN FOR ALL AGES

Come check out the Groves new outdoor pickleball courts! They are the first of their kind in St. Tammany Parish and are lighted for evening play, too! Courts are available on a first come, first served basis, seven days a week. If you don't have your own equipment yet, District residents are able to use our equipment for free. For more information or to book a private event, please contact the Pelican Park Office at (985) 626-7997.



EARLY SPRING REGISTRATION



REGISTRATION DATES: DEC 30TH -JAN 15TH

OLDER BOYS BASKETBALL AGES 13 - 18
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL AGES 9 - 15



Registration: December 30th – January 14th
 Returning Players: May register on-line 24 hours a day at www.pelicanpark.com
 New Players: Must register in the Pelican Park office at the Castine Center.

**A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND COPY OF A UTILITY BILL IS
 REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS.**

Office hours:
 8am – 6pm M–T, 8am – 5pm Friday, Saturday hours 10am – 2pm (1/11 only).
 Closed Sundays

The office will be closed on 1/1/20 in observance of New Year's Holiday.

******Play ups will not be allowed due to combined age groups******

GIRLS 9-15 YR OLD VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball is a great team sport for your daughter to build confidence, team skills, make friends and develop personal goals that will serve young athletes well in everyday life. Register your daughter for volleyball this season and enjoy watching her grow as a player and having fun!

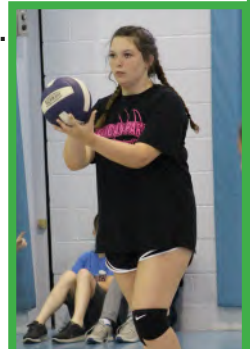
- Age groups are 9/10 and 11/12 & 13/15. (Must be 9 by 9/1/2019)
- Practices begin Saturday, January 25th.
- 10 game season will begin the weekend of February 8th.
- One practice and two games per week (One weeknight and one Saturday game)
- Games will not be scheduled from February 22nd – 28th (Mardi Gras Holiday)
- Uniform/T-shirts are included in the registration fee. Players must provide shorts.



GIRLS SPRING VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION FEES

9/10 yr old-	District: \$37	Non-District: \$87
11/12 yr old-	District: \$37	Non-District: \$87
13/15 yr old-	District: \$37	Non-District: \$87

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WELCOME MARGIE LEWIS PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES

MARGIE LEWIS HIRED AS NEW DIRECTOR

Recreation District conducted a nationwide search for the new Director for the District. Hundreds of hours were spent interviewing candidates by the Board and staff. We are pleased to announce that Margie Lewis of York, Pennsylvania has been selected and will start January 2nd. We are very excited to welcome Ms. Lewis who has over 20 years working professionally in Parks and Recreation Management. Margie will work with retiring Director Kathy Foley for 3 months to ensure a smooth transition in Leadership.

It's that time of the season. Please be aware of numerous amounts of car break-ins throughout St Tammany Parish during the holiday season! These break-ins are prevalent in many public and private recreation type facilities. Thieves target public parks, gyms, health clubs etc. where people leave their purses or other valuables locked in their car while they are shopping or exercising. Please be mindful, do your part and do not leave your valuables in your vehicle.



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

OLDER BOYS BASKETBALL AGES 13-18



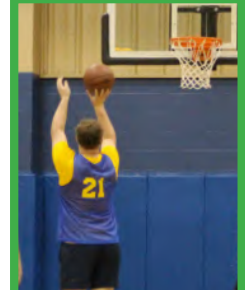
- Age as of 9/1/2019 (Must be 13 by 9/1/19)
- Practices begin Saturday, January 25th. (5 preseason & 1 season practice per week)
- Games begin Saturday, February 8th and may be played on any day of the week.
- 10 game season followed by a single elimination tournament
- 2 games per week, one weekday & 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 and must register in office with ID
- Players who are currently playing on a high school team (freshmen, junior varsity, or varsity) cannot participate in evaluations, practices or games until their high school season is complete, including play-off games. This is in compliance with LHSA. 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 of 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 tracplaisance@pelicanpark.com, faxed to 985-626-9028 or the letter can be dropped off to the Park office.



Older Boys Basketball Registration Fees

Age Group	District	Non-District
Boys 13/14, 15/18	\$80.00	\$130.00

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



THE CASTINE CENTER

Commercial & Trade Shows



Dance Recitals



Fundraisers



Mardi Gras Balls & Dances



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

ST TAMMANY SENIOR LUNCHEON



Recreation District #1 and the St Tammany Deputy Sheriff's Association made a difference in the lives of more than 1,000 area senior citizens during the annual seniors holiday luncheon. Approximately 100 St Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office deputies and Park staff welcomed St Tammany senior citizens for the holiday event, which featured a full holiday meal, music, dancing, visits with Santa and his elves, and much more. The deputies served turkey, ham, dressing, vegetables and dessert, and D.J. Rockin' Ron kept the fun going with music, dancing and a second line throughout the Castine Center. Through a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, Recreation District #1 co-sponsors this event and donates the use of the Castine Center for this annual event.



Pelican Park is celebrating 30 years of service to the community



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

Breakfast *with Santa* was a Jolly Good Time!



Jolly Old Santa Claus was the star of the show, of course, when Recreation District #1 hosted its annual Breakfast with Santa event, which was held on Saturday, December 14th in the Castine Center. More than 200 children ages 2-10 attended the free event. They enjoyed eggs, grits, bacon, biscuits, milk, and juice, prepared by Liz's Where Y'At Diner of Mandeville provided by Recreation District #1. Besides visits and photo ops with Santa, children participated in crafts, games stations and were able to write and decorate personal letters. As the children and their families departed the event, they took with them goodie bags filled with holiday themed trinkets, completed craft projects, and reindeer food to sprinkle on their lawns on Christmas Eve.

SAVE THE DATE

**Mark your calendars for our 4th Annual Twilight Eggstravaganza
on April 4th, 2020**

Registration for District Residents will begin in early March!

PELICAN PARK CO-SPONSORS ROBOTICS



DARK MATTER
FTC14374



Recreation District #1/Pelican Park co-sponsored its' first robotics scrimmages at the Castine Center. Dark Matter 14374 is a community-based FIRST Tech Challenge team. It is a great program for youth to be able to have inspiration & recognition for Science & Technology. This past scrimmage had many teams with various aged children that are very talented and passionate. Robotic scrimmages give friends, family and the public a chance to see multiple FTC robots in their beginning stages and be inspired while watching the teams work and compete together.



VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



We are always looking for energetic, upbeat, and knowledgeable instructors to bring something new to our community and leisure programs. Areas of interest include Arts and Crafts, Music, Computer and Technology Classes, Personal Development, Outdoor Adventure activities, and Health and Wellness programs. If you are interested in instructing leisure programs for Pelican Park, please send an email to erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com.



PELICAN PARK LEISURE PROGRAMS

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



SOCIAL LEISURE PROGRAMS

Free socials to the public, no registration required

Class	Date(s)	Time	Description
Canasta	Every Wednesday	9:30am-12NOON	Join us for a fun and social game of cards.
Craft Circle	1/17/2020	10:00am-12NOON	Share patterns and techniques with fellow crafters.

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-Dist	Description
Painting with Michelle	1/16/2020	10am or 1pm	\$5	\$8	Learn the basics of acrylic painting.

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. Most classes are 6-8 weeks

# of Classes, When and Where	Date(s)	Time	Dist	Non-Dist	Description
(8) Monday Evening Pilates Mandeville Trailhead Depot (Museum Area)	Jan 6th - March 9th Skip 1/20 & 2/24	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.
(8) Tuesday Evening Yoga Mandeville Trailhead Depot (Museum Area)	Jan 21st - March 17th Skip 2/25	6:00pm - 7:00pm	\$40	\$52	Join us for evening beginner and intermediate yoga sessions to help build and strengthen your core.
(8) Thursday Evening Yoga Mandeville Trailhead Depot (Museum Area)	Jan 9th - Feb 27th,	6:00pm - 7:00pm	\$40	\$52	Join us for evening beginner and intermediate yoga sessions to help build and strengthen your core.
(8) Tuesday AM Yoga White Pelican Gym, Ct 3	Jan 7th - March 3rd Skip 2/25	9:30am- 10:30am	\$40	\$52	Beginner and intermediate yoga class. Participants need to bring a yoga mat to each class.
(8) Thursday AM Yoga White Pelican Gym, Ct 3	Jan 9th - Feb 27th	9:30am- 10:30am	\$40	\$52	Beginner and intermediate yoga class. Participants need to bring a yoga mat to each class.
(6) Thursday Square Dancing Castine Center	Feb 6th - March 12th	7:00pm- 8:00pm	\$31	\$40	Basic steps will be demonstrated courtesy of Ozone Squares. This is a partner program.
(8) Baby & Me: Stroller Series Mondays White Pelican, Ct 3	Jan 6th - March 2nd, Skip 2/24	9:30am- 10:30am	\$40	\$52	Featuring cardio, strengthening, stretching, and toning your physique while incorporating playtime.
(8) Tuesdays Baby & Me: Cardi-Yoga Castine Center	Jan 7th - March 3rd, Skip 2/25	6:00pm - 7:00pm	\$40	\$52	Featuring cardio, strengthening, stretching, and toning your physique while incorporating playtime.
(8) Wednesdays Baby & Me: Stroller Barre Castine Center	Jan 8th - Feb 26th	9:30am- 10:30am	\$40	\$52	Featuring cardio, strengthening, stretching and toning your physique while incorporating playtime.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Ages 55 and above. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Must register online at: PelicanPark.com or call: 985-626-7997

Class	Date(s)	Time	Dist	Non-Dist	Description
Techniques with Robin	1/13 & 1/27	10am	\$0	\$3	Learn the art of Iris Folding and Napkin Cards.
Stamping Cards	1/13 & 1/27	1pm	\$0	\$3	Create cards using scrapbooking techniques.
One of a Kind Cards	1/8, 1/15, 1/22 & 1/29	1pm	\$0	\$3	Make unique handmade cards for any occasion.
Painting with Michelle	1/8 & 1/22	10am	\$0	\$3	Learn the basics of acrylic painting.
Creative Cards	1/15, & 1/29	10am	\$0	\$3	Create cards for various holidays and events.

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EARLY SPRING REGISTRATION DEC 30TH- JAN 14TH



THERE WERE A LOT OF GREAT MEMORIES MADE AT PELICAN PARK IN 2019



The First National Bank is the official bank of Pelican Park



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



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