

# THE Pelican Watch



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**RECREATION DISTRICT #1  
OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH**

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**Making a  
difference in the  
lives of children  
and adults!**

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Why Do We Have A Sheriff Detail?



**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.**

# Directors

## M E S S A G E



Recreation District #1 exists to offer a variety of recreational and educational opportunities for the residents and visitors that we serve. This has been a challenging mission over the past year, but we are committed to continuing to serve our community in a safe manner. While the look of some programs has changed, we have smiles behind our masks as we look to a future where our smiles are no longer hidden. Please note that we have sanitizing stations, for hands and equipment, located throughout the park.

In addition to our youth and adult sports and leisure programs, we have added a slew of special events! Car shows, with fireworks! Easter Egg Hunt, and a Father's Day Fishing Rodeo, to name a few – something for everyone! We will also be adding Nature programming into our summer line-up, watch for these new programs in our next issue!

We are always looking to enhance our programming, so please give us a call or drop an email if you are interested in teaching a class or if you have a suggestion for something new.

Margie Lewis, M.S., CPRP  
Executive Director

# Staff News

## Promotion:

**Congratulations to DOUG MCLEMORE for being promoted to Assistant Director responsible for parks.** Doug has worked for Pelican Park for 23 years and has lived in St. Tammany Parish for 45 years. He began his Pelican Park journey as a foreman, and since then has been promoted to Supervisor, Park Superintendent, and now Assistant Director in charge of parks. This promotion is a well-deserved accomplishment for Doug. He is an irreplaceable asset to the growth and beautification of the Park and has had a great impact on making Pelican Park as successful as it is today.

Doug has many responsibilities and oversees the work done by three supervisors and more than 20 employees. Along with making sure the park looks great, Park operations, maintenance and new projects all fall under Doug's purview. Doug is great with numbers and his attention to detail has saved the Park thousands of dollars every year.

When he's not physically at the Park, Doug enjoys golfing, camping, fishing, hunting, playing music, and spending time with his grandkids. Doug and his wife Pam live in Pearl River and have 2 children, Rachel and Chris and 4 grandchildren.



**Doug McLemore**  
Assistant Director

When asked what his favorite part of his job is, Doug replied, "The Staff and overall work environment. Working at the Park is very rewarding." He is inspired by God and His scriptures, faith and the love of family and friends. Doug's words of wisdom? - "Don't let the world set your limitations in life. Work hard, love others, treat others as you want to be treated and have Faith."

## Spotlights:

**MELISSA SMITH** has been Pelican Park's Office Supervisor for the past 15 years and oversees the daily activities in the front office and concessions. Her favorite aspect of her job is being able to help others and seeing the excitement on the faces of children she registers to participate at the park. Melissa's proudest moments are when our concession workers leave for college and say they have enjoyed working at the Park. A native of St. Tammany Parish for the past 20 years, Melissa recently moved to Poplarville, MS after marrying her husband Justin on January 2, 2021.

When Melissa is not at her desk she enjoys reading and riding motorcycles with CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association). In her free-time, she loves spending time with her kids and grandkids; Melissa has two daughters, Rikki and Tori, and a step-daughter Bekah; and two grandchildren. When asked about her future with Pelican Park she responded, "I'm excited to see the Park continue to grow, and the children who are growing with it. I love when parents come to register their children and tell us they played here when they were kids and how much they look forward to bringing their family out here!"



**Melissa Smith**  
Pelican Park's Office Supervisor for the past 15 years

**THOMAS HUFF JR. OR "TJ"** is one of the newest members to our Pelican Park team. Though only with the park for five months, TJ has been a great addition who isn't afraid to tackle any project. TJ's favorite thing about his job is being outside and being creative with his projects. His proudest accomplishment to date is his work on Pelicans Landing pavilion.

TJ's background is in electrical engineering and construction. TJ has been learning to paint and prepare the fields for games and any other projects where he is needed in the Park. He has lived in St Tammany for 31 years and now lives in Pearl River, Louisiana with his wife Jerri, his daughter Jamie and his son Tripp.

TJ's hobbies include fishing, hunting, and camping with his wife and kids. When asked what his favorite quote is, he replied, "Small steps in the right direction can turn out to be the biggest step of your life."



**Thomas Huff Jr. - "TJ"**  
One of our newest members with the Pelican Park Team

# Employment

## OPPORTUNITIES

We have both full and part-time positions available. For full details about the following positions or to fill out an employment application, please visit our website at: [pelicanpark.com](http://pelicanpark.com) under **About/Employment**



### FULL TIME POSITIONS

#### Infrastructure Specialist

This is a full-time, 40 hour/week position. Job will require employee to work overtime during scheduled tournaments and/or if requested by Assistant Director for emergency repairs. It requires the employee to have the ability to handle all the listed duties and responsibilities and possess experience/knowledge required for this position. It also requires the listed physical abilities. Full-time position with insurance, vacation, holidays, sick days and retirement.

#### 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 POSITIONS

**Support staff needed to work events in The Castine Center in Pelican Park.** Flexible hours. Facility Staff for Castine Center – Starting pay is \$9.50 per hour. Evening and weekend shifts are available and employees would be working in Castine Center

**Support staff needed to work for the Recreation Department** to make sure all fields and gyms are ready for practice, games and open play. Flexible hours. Facility Staff for Recreation – Starting pay is \$9.50 per hour

**Concession Workers** – Starting pay is \$7.50 per hour. Evening and weekend shifts are available and employees would be working in the Park's concessions stands. Must be 16 years old.

Apply Today!



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# Registration

I N F O R M A T I O N

## LIMITED # OF PARTICIPANTS – REGISTER EARLY!!!

This registration is a limited registration due to court availability. In the Winter league only we have the ability to use the Castine Center for overflow of practices. Due to not having that ability in the Summer, we limit registration for the space available.

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**DISTRICT REGISTRATION DATES:**  
MAY 24th – JUNE 8th  
**NON-DISTRICT REGISTRATION DATES:**  
MAY 31st - JUNE 8th

## OFFICE REGISTRATION HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 6/5 only 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

*\*\* Please note that the office will be closed Monday, May 24th in observance of Memorial Day. New players must come into the office to register\*\*\**

## ONLINE REGISTRATION:

Returning District players may register 24 hours a day beginning at 12:01 a.m. on May 24th through 8:00 p.m. on June 8th. Returning Non-District players may register 24 hours a day beginning at 12:01 a.m. on May 31st through 8:00 p.m. on June 8th

## GENERAL REGISTRATION AND NEW PLAYER INFORMATION

- First time players may register in the office or online and must provide a copy of their birth certificate
  - If you are interested in playing your child up, please contact the office immediately and request the proper paperwork.
- Due to limited registration, play-ups are not guaranteed and will only be granted in the order they are received. Unlike regular season basketball, determination will not be made until after registration has ended and only if openings are available in that age group.
- New players will need to provide proof of residency such as an electric, or gas bill with your address provided on the bill.
  - In order to form teams that are fair and equally balanced, requests for a specific team will not be honored.

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Register for Adult Sports!



Register for Youth Sports!



New Player Registration!



# BOYS SUMMER BASKETBALL AGES 7-12

**REGISTRATION FEES: DISTRICT - \$70.00 NON-DISTRICT - \$120.00**



- Age as of 9/1/2021
- There will be boys in the league that are younger and older than the league age listed due to the Biddy age as of date our program uses.
- Games begin the week of July 5th and may be played on any day of the week.
- Practices begin week of June 26th (3 preseason & 1 season practice per week)
- 8 game seasons 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 groups MAY be combined in order to form a league. If any age group is combined, the rules from the youngest age in that group will be used.

# BOYS SUMMER BASKETBALL AGES 13-18

**REGISTRATION FEES: DISTRICT - \$90.00 NON-DISTRICT - \$140.00**



- Age as of 9/1/2021
- There will be boys in the league that are younger and older than the league age listed due to the Biddy age as of date our program uses.
- Games begin the week of July 5th and may be played on any day of the week.
- Practices begin week of June 26th (3 preseason & 1 season practice per week)
- **\*\* NEW\*\*** 8 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 groups MAY be combined in order to form a league. If any age group is combined the rules from the youngest age in that group will be used.

# GIRLS SUMMER BASKETBALL AGES 7-12

**REGISTRATION FEES: DISTRICT - \$74.00 NON-DISTRICT - \$124.00**



- Age as of 9/1/2021
- There will be girls in the league that are younger and older than the league age listed due to the Biddy age as of date our program uses.
- Games begin the week of July 5th and may be played on any day of the week.
- Practices begin week of June 26th (3 preseason & 1 season practice per week)
- 8 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.

# SUMMER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

**REGISTRATION FEES: DISTRICT - \$50.00 NON-DISTRICT - \$100.00**



- Age as of 9/1/2021 – must be 13 by September 1, 2021
- Practices begin the weekend of June 26th
- Games begin the week of July 5th
- 2 games per week, 1 weekday game and 1 weekend (Saturday or Sunday) game
- 8 game season with a single elimination tournament
- Evaluation Schedule will be available at registration.

# PELICAN PARK ADULT SPORTS TEAM REGISTRATION

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 2 – 2021 REGISTRATION DATES:

**MONDAY, MAY 3RD FROM 6:00PM – 6:30PM**

**TUESDAY – FRIDAY, MAY 4TH – 7TH FROM 8:00AM – 6:00PM (FRIDAY, 8:00AM-5:00PM)**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY, MAY 10TH – 14TH FROM 8:00AM – 6:00PM (FRIDAY, 8:00AM-5:00PM)**

*In the Castine Center Office*

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**NEW FOR 2021...** WE ARE ALLOWING REGISTRATIONS ONLINE. IN ORDER FOR YOU TO REGISTER ONLINE YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND GET IT APPROVED. ONLY THE CAPTAIN NEEDS TO REGISTER THEIR HOUSEHOLD. PLEASE HAVE YOUR ACCOUNT SET UP PRIOR TO THE START OF REGISTRATION. PLEASE GO TO [WWW.PELICANPARK.COM](http://WWW.PELICANPARK.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**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 MAY 3RD 2021 (IN OFFICE OR ONLINE)**

**MEN'S RECREATION SOFTBALL – SUNDAY AFTERNOON - \$270.00 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**

SEE LEAGUE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

# MEN'S RECREATION SOFTBALL

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON LEAGUE

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 5/23/21
- Minimum of 4 teams / maximum of 16 teams

**COST: \$270.00 PER TEAM**

# JUST FOR FUN PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

## TUESDAY NIGHTS

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 5/25/21
- 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– 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**

# COMPETITIVE CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

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 5/26/21
- 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**

# CO-ED RECREATION SOFTBALL

## THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

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 one 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.
- Men will be able to walk – girl will have option if man is walked
- An L-Screen will be accessible for the pitcher to use – rules will apply
- All normal ASA rules will apply
- No tournament / 10 game season beginning on Thursday 5/27/21
- Minimum of 4 teams / maximum of 16 teams

**COST: \$270.00 PER TEAM**

# JUST FOR FUN SPIKING VOLLEYBALL ALPHA LEAGUE

## THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

The purpose of this league is for exercise, fun, and socialization. This is a semi-competitive league. This league will spike and play aggressively. Captains will choose the division they play in, Alpha or Bravo. 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 5/27/21\*
- Players **CANNOT** play in both the bravo and alpha league.
- No official-No score-No tournament
- Women and men can serve overhand and spike
- Blocking by men or women is allowed
- Min 4 teams Max 8 teams

**COST: \$93.00 PER TEAM\***

# JUST FOR FUN SPIKING VOLLEYBALL BRAVO LEAGUE

## THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

The purpose of this league is for exercise, fun, and socialization. This is a non-competitive league. The league will not spike or play as aggressive at the Alpha league. Captains will choose the division they play in, Alpha or Bravo. 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 5/27/21\*
- No official-No score-No tournament
- Players **CANNOT** play in both the bravo and alpha league.
- Women and men can serve overhand and spike
- Blocking by men or women is allowed
- Min 4 teams Max 8 teams

**COST: \$93.00 PER TEAM\***

# JUST FOR FUN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

## THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

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 5/27/21\*
- 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\***

We are always looking to expand our Adult Leagues. Please email David at [davidbonicard@pelicanpark.com](mailto:davidbonicard@pelicanpark.com) or Traci at [traciplaisance@pelicanpark.com](mailto:traciplaisance@pelicanpark.com) with any suggestions or comments to help improve or expand our leagues.

To Volunteer,  
Sign Up  
By Email

[erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com](mailto:erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com)

# Volunteers

OPPORTUNITIES



## Volunteer Opportunities at Pelican Park

Want to make a difference? Are you interested in volunteering at Pelican Park? Volunteers certainly make a difference in our community and are great additions to our events and programs. We have a variety of upcoming opportunities in need of volunteers of all ages. See the list of opportunities below or visit our website

[WWW.PELICANPARK.COM](http://WWW.PELICANPARK.COM)

for more information. ●

Sign Up  
for Coaching!



## Coaching

Open to adults ages 21+, coaching is a great opportunity to give back to the youth of our community. Volunteer coaches leave a lasting impression and memorable experience for most young athletes, helping to pave the way to their future endeavors. Pelican Park is required to do background checks for all coaches. The reason for doing this is to provide the safest environment for children to play sports as possible. We use the National Recreation and Park Association recommendations for credentialing volunteers. The background check will be done at no cost to you, as the District will be absorbing all fees. Visit our website [WWW.PELICANPARK.COM](http://WWW.PELICANPARK.COM) for more information on volunteer coaching and upcoming sport season information. Your service could earn you a future tax deduction. ●



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## Cruisin' the Castine Car Show

Consider being a volunteer for one of Pelican Park's largest events! Open to volunteers ages 18+, we're currently seeking anyone interested in assisting us in event set up, break down, parking, visitor information, as well as children activities. This event is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 10th and would require extended hours, including the event time of 2pm-8:30pm. Volunteers can anticipate early arrival and late dismissal to accommodate event set up and break down. For more information regarding this event or how you can volunteer, contact Erika Lehrmann at [ERIKALEHRMANN@PELICANPARK.COM](mailto:ERIKALEHRMANN@PELICANPARK.COM).



## Splatter Beat

This teenage event is in need of volunteer chaperones, ages 21 or older, willing to get down and dirty. It's bound to get messy, so plan on wearing appropriate clothing suitable for paint splatter and stain. This event is currently scheduled for Saturday, May 29th from 8:00pm-10:00pm. Volunteers can anticipate early arrival and late dismissal to accommodate event set up and break down. For more information regarding this event or how you can volunteer, contact Erika Lehrmann at [ERIKALEHRMANN@PELICANPARK.COM](mailto:ERIKALEHRMANN@PELICANPARK.COM).



## Father's Day Fishing Rodeo

Open to volunteers ages 16+, this outdoor fishing event will be held at the City of Mandeville's Sunset Point Pier. Angler enthusiasts are wanted for assistance in fish handling, education activities, competition weighing, and general water safety. This event is currently scheduled for Saturday, June 19th from 8am-12noon. Volunteers can anticipate early arrival and late dismissal to accommodate event set up and break down. For more information regarding this event or how you can volunteer, contact Erika Lehrmann at [ERIKALEHRMANN@PELICANPARK.COM](mailto:ERIKALEHRMANN@PELICANPARK.COM).



**These opportunities are quickly approaching! We are looking for volunteers like you to be a fundamental part during these events and programs.**

We do have service hour forms for any of those who may need them for academics, school or community groups, such as honor society, boy scouts or girl scouts.

If you are interested, send us your **name**, **contact number**, and a working **email** address to [erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com](mailto:erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com) or call Pelican Park to get on our Volunteer List. The Park phone number is **(985) 626-7997**.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you for our event!



# Leisure

## PROGRAMS

### Recreation District #1 offers a variety of leisure programs.

Pre-registration is required for all program types with the exception of designated socials. To register, call **(985) 626-7997** or visit **[www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com)** for more information, including detailed descriptions. Note, class registrations open on the 15th of the month prior. For example, May classes will open for registration on **April 15th**. This is current Park Policy for all Leisure Programs.

### Pelican Park Leisure Programs offers fun for everyone!

With a variety of programs, Pelican Park hosts an average of five hundred classes per year including arts & crafts, personal development, health & well-being, outdoor adventure, and social activities. Pelican Park Leisure Programs welcomes children and adults to participate in a creative, educational, and entertaining atmosphere promoting a healthy body, mind, and spirit.

*Disclaimer: All dates, times, and locations are subject to change due to availability, weather, or other unforeseen circumstances. Established Covid-19 regulations for the determined date(s) will be enforced for each event listed below. Please be sure to monitor our notifications at [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for the most up-to-date information regarding each of our classes.*

Sign Up  
Today!



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# ARTS & CRAFTS

**ONE OF A KIND CARDS** Come learn how to make your own "one of a kind" cards for any occasion. You will never have to purchase another card and the recipients will cherish your hand made cards even more. Card making not only saves you money but is a lot of fun and teaches you to express your creative side. *\*NOTE: Some supplies required. See our website for more information.*

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**Registration Required** | **Ages:** 55+ years old | **Class Fee (for each date listed):** \$0 District, \$3 Non-District  
**Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm | **Location:** Castine Center

**PAINTING WITH MICHELLE** Learn the techniques of acrylic painting with a fun and creative art experience. Enjoy a pop of color with each of these paintings. Some projects may feature upcoming holidays or seasons. *\*NOTE: Some supplies required. See our website for more information.*

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**ALADDIN** 5-Apr 10am  
**BLUE BUTTERFLY** 5-Apr 1pm  
**BOY FISHING** 14-Apr 10am  
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**LOTUS FLOWER** 10-May 10am  
**JELLY FISH** 10-May 1pm  
**RUSTIC CHURCH** 19-May 10am  
**PATRIOTIC GNOMES** 24-May 10am  
**MEMORIAL DAY** 24-May 1pm

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**FROZEN** 2-Jun 10am  
**GIRLSTRIP** 7-Jun 10am  
**GIRAFFE** 7-Jun 1pm  
**ARIEL** 16-Jun 10am  
**PINK TREE** 21-Jun 10am  
**COLORFUL TREE** 21-Jun 1pm

**Date(s):** See above  
**Registration Required**  
**Ages:** 55+ years old  
**Class Fee (for each date listed):**  
 \$0 District, \$3 Non-District  
**Time:** Varies by Date  
**Location:** Castine Center

**STAMPING CARDS** Make a card using various stamps and basic scrapping knowledge. Each class will expose you to different scrapbook tools and ideas that can be incorporated into scrap books, cards, or multiple other uses. *\*NOTE: Some supplies required. See our website for more information.*

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**Time:** 4/12 - 1pm, 4/26 - 1pm, 5/17 - 1pm, 6/14 - 1pm, 6/28 - 1pm, 6/30 - 10am | **Location:** Castine Center

**TECHNIQUES WITH ROBIN** Using scrapbook paper you will design and fold coordinating paper to a given pattern and create an attractive card or embellishment. This class also introduces you to various paper weights and techniques for an assortment of desired appearances. *\*NOTE: Some supplies required. See our website for more information.*

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**Class Fee (for each date listed):** \$0 District, \$3 Non-District | **Time:** 10:00am-12noon | **Location:** Castine Center

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

**MONDAY PILATES** The focus of pilates is to build a strong core, specifically in those areas supporting the spine and abdomen. Posture, core strength and flexibility can be expected to improve with each class. The results should leave you feeling physically and mentally strengthened, balanced and renewed. Bring a yoga mat and/or beach towel and dress comfortably.

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**Date:** Monday's 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24 | **Registration Required**  
**Ages:** 15+ years old | **Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm | **Location:** Castine Center  
**CLASS FEE: \$50 DISTRICT, \$60 NON-DISTRICT**

**BEGINNER PICKLEBALL** 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! In this beginner series, prepare to learn the basics of pickleball including grip, serve, score, and more. Our certified instructor, Patricia Barney, will walk you through all you need to know. We ask that you dress comfortable and wear athletic shoes. If you have your own paddle and outdoor ball, feel free to bring it with you. We will also have some equipment available for those in need.



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**Registration Required** | **Ages:** 10+ years old  
**Time:** 2:00pm - 3:30pm | **Location:** The Groves – Pickleball Courts #5-8  
**CLASS FEE: \$65 DISTRICT, \$80 NON-DISTRICT**

**INTERMEDIATE PICKLEBALL** In this intermediate series, prepare to brush up your pickleball techniques including grip, serve, score, and more. Our certified instructor, Patricia Barney, will walk you through all you need to know. We ask that you dress comfortable and wear athletic shoes. If you have your own paddle and outdoor ball, feel free to bring it with you. We will also have some equipment available for those in need. \*NOTE: Prior Pickleball experience and/or taking the Beginner Pickleball Series is required for this class.

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**Registration Required** | **Ages:** 10+ years old | **Time:** 3:30pm-4:30pm  
**Location:** The Groves – Pickleball Courts #5-8 | **Hotline:** (985) 626-1444  
**CLASS FEE: \$50 DISTRICT, \$60 NON-DISTRICT**

**TUESDAY YOGA** These one hour yoga classes are suitable for those new to yoga as well as those with some experience. The class includes instruction in Vinyasa foundational yoga poses and breathing techniques. The postures are modified to accommodate the needs of individual students. The class concludes with time for relaxation and integration. Please bring a water bottle, yoga mat and blanket or cushion with you to class. Wear loose comfortable clothing and refrain from eating a meal one hour before class time.

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**Registration Required** | **Ages:** 15+ years old | **Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm | **Location:** Castine Center  
**CLASS FEE: \$50 DISTRICT, \$60 NON-DISTRICT**

**WEDNESDAY PILATES** The focus of pilates is to build a strong core, specifically in those areas supporting the spine and abdomen. Posture, core strength and flexibility can be expected to improve with each class. The results should leave you feeling physically and mentally strengthened, balanced and renewed. Bring a yoga mat and/or beach towel and dress comfortably.

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**Registration Required** | **Ages:** 15+ years old | **Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm | **Location:** Castine Center  
**CLASS FEE: \$50 DISTRICT, \$60 NON-DISTRICT**



**THURSDAY YOGA** These one hour yoga classes are suitable for those new to yoga as well as those with some experience. The class includes instruction in Vinyasa foundational yoga poses and breathing techniques. The postures are modified to accommodate the needs of individual students. The class concludes with time for relaxation and integration. Please bring a water bottle, yoga mat and blanket or cushion with you to class. Wear loose comfortable clothing and refrain from eating a meal one hour before class time.

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**Registration Required** | **Ages:** 15+ years old  
**Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm | **Location:** Castine Center  
**CLASS FEE: \$50 DISTRICT, \$60 NON-DISTRICT**

# SOCIALS

**CANASTA** Join us for Canasta, typically held every Wednesday morning from 9am-12noon at the Castine Center. Canasta, a card game deriving from the game of rummy, uses two full decks of cards, including jokers, and is normally played in pairs or partners. Never played? No problem! Our Canasta social is relatively easy and open to beginners. Drop in and enjoy free play with us!

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**Date(s):** 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30

**Time:** 9:00am-12noon

**Location:** Castine Center

\*Skip May 5th – No availability | **Ages:** 18+ years old

**Event Address:** 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448

**GIANT GARDEN GAME NIGHT** Game on with Pelican Park for our newest 2021 social event! Join us for Giant Garden Game Night on Thursday, April 29th, May 27th, and June 24th beginning at 6pm at the newly renovated Groves Pavilion – Pelicans Landing. Family Fun just got a whole lot better with Pelican Park’s Giant Connect 4, Checkers, Chess and Jenga recently added to our small leisure games area. We look forward to seeing your game skills on the last Thursday of every month. When the weather is questionable, please check the Park Hotline at (985) 626-1444 for updates and weather conditions.

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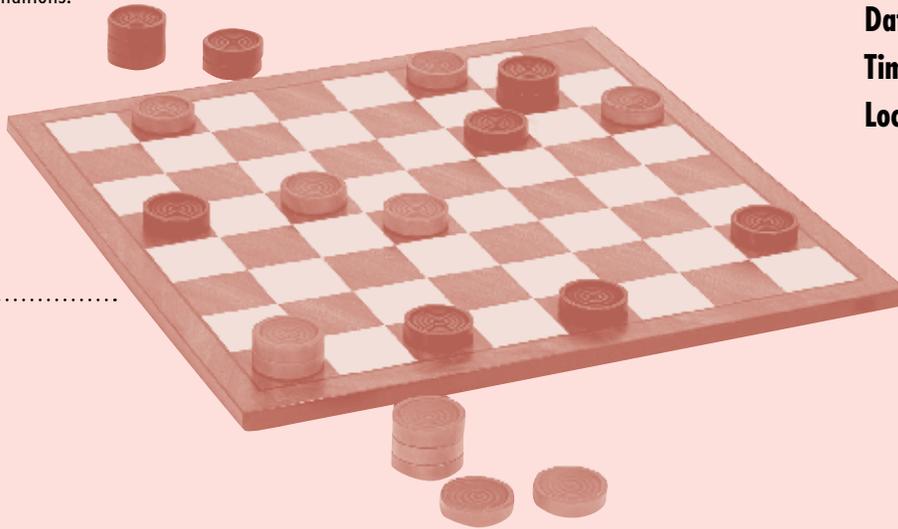
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**Date(s):** April 29th, May 27th, & June 24th

**Time:** 6:00pm-9:00pm

**Location:** The Groves – Pelicans Landing



## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Join us for Mexican Train Dominoes, typically held every Tuesday morning from 9am-12noon at the Castine Center. The term “Mexican” pays homage to Hector Garcia, the World Champion of Trains. Mexican Train Dominoes, a game deriving from the domino chain or “train” it creates, uses a central station or hub with player “trains” branching out. Never played? No problem! Our dominoes social is relatively easy and open to beginners. Drop in and enjoy free play with us!

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**Date(s):** 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25 \*Skip May 4th – No availability

**Ages:** 18+ years old

**Time:** 9:00am-12noon

**Location:** Castine Center

**Event Address:** 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448

# HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TEACHING AT PELICAN PARK?

We are currently looking for new and fun ideas to share with our community. If you are experienced in personal development, cooking, business, technology, or child development, consider being a Pelican Park instructor. Instructors give back to our local community through leisure classes via their shared knowledge and expertise.

If interested, please contact Erika Lehrmann at **985-626-7997** or email her at: **erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com**



**Erika Lehrmann**

# 2021 SPECIAL Events

Sign Up  
Today!

**Disclaimer:** All event dates, times, and locations are subject to change due to availability, weather, or other unforeseen circumstances. Established Covid-19 regulations for the determined date will be enforced for each event listed below. Please be sure to monitor our events at [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for the most up-to-date information regarding each of our events.



Scan here with your phone's camera for a direct link

**CRUISIN' THE CASTINE** Experience automotive history as this event is open to all vehicles, makes, and models throughout the decades. This open car show invites attendees, participants, and vendors, to share an afternoon of automotive enthusiasm, concluded by an award ceremony and fantastic display of fireworks. With over 200+ vehicles attending our previous show, you won't want to miss one of the largest displays of car culture on the Northshore. ●



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**Event Date:** Saturday, April 10, 2021 | **Rain Date:** Sunday, April 11, 2021

**Ages:** 18+ years old | **Registration Required**

**Time:** 2:00pm-8:30pm | **Location:** Castine Center

**Event Address:** 63350 Pelican Dr, Mandeville, LA 70448

**Contact:** Main Office Phone (985) 626-7997 or erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com

**Hotline:** (985) 626-1444

**FEE: \$25 EARLY REGISTRATION, \$35 DAY OF REGISTRATION**

**SPLATTER BEAT** Calling all TEENS! Dress for the mess to celebrate the start of summer with this upbeat and energetic event. Messy merriment is the name of the game as teenage participants splash through colored paint and powder, covering themselves and peers to the sounds of music. While the beat drops and the paint flies, teens cover their white attire to the dancing sounds of DJ entertainment, light shows, and glow accessories. ●



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**Event Date:** Saturday, May 29, 2021 | **Ages:** 13-18 years old | **Registration Required** | **Registration Opens:** Monday, April 12, 2021

**Time:** 8:00pm-10:00pm | **Location:** Grey Complex | **Event Address:** 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448

**Contact:** Main Office Phone (985) 626-7997 or erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com | **Hotline:** (985) 626-1444 | **FEE: \$20 PER PERSON**

## FATHER'S DAY FISHING RODEO

Celebrate Father's Day weekend with a local fishing experience! Don't forget to grab your rod & reel and join Pelican Park and the City of Mandeville as we partner to bring an organized fishing rodeo event to the Mandeville Lakefront at Sunset Point Pier. Reel in the fun as we'll host youth fishing competitions, educational information, demonstrations, prizes, and more. Bond over bobbers and bait as we enjoy a morning of family fun and fishing! ●



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**Event Date:** Saturday, June 19, 2021 This event is weather dependent: Inclement weather date to be determined.

**Ages:** 5-15 years old | **Registration Required** | **Registration Opens:** Monday, May 10, 2021 | **Time:** 8:00am-12noon

**Location:** Sunset Point Pier – City of Mandeville | **Event Address:** Massena Street, Mandeville, LA 70448

**Contact:** Main Office Phone (985) 626-7997 or erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com | **Hotline:** (985) 626-1444

**FEE: \$35 PER CHILD & GUARDIAN**



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## BOATING SAFETY CLASS

Pelican Park partners with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries to bring you this boating safety course. Mandatory for anyone born on or after January 1, 1984, wishing to operate a boat, this class will cover all the necessary information. Agent Rick Clark conducts the course as well as the test, and certification of completion. To pre-register, visit [www.wlf.louisiana.gov](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov) or call the park office (985) 626-7997.

**Date(s):** 4/24 or 5/22

**Time:** 9:00am-5pm (Break for Lunch on Your Own)

**Location:** Castine Center

**Event Address:** 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448



## Mutts & Milkshakes



## Twilight Eggstravaganza



# THANKS FOR COMING...

Pelican Park sends a BIG THANK YOU out to all those who have joined us at one of our recent events. Since the start of 2021, Pelican Park has hosted various events, all socially distanced and within Covid-19 regulations. To those who attended and volunteered for Mutts & Milkshakes, Paddles on Paddy's Day Pickleball Tournament, and Twilight Eggstravaganza, thank you for joining in on our fun! We hope you thoroughly enjoyed your time with us and we look forward to seeing you at some of our future events. To see all the fun, visit our website [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) and click the Photo Gallery Tab. ●

## SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

**Splash Bash** – Saturday, July 31st | **Fall Fest** – Sunday, September 26th

**Pickled Pink Pickleball Tournament** - October 16 & 17th | **Cruisin' the Castine** – Saturday, November 13th

**Breakfast with Santa** – Saturday, December 11th

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# Park Upgrades

## AND FACILITIES

### Construction Projects Around the Park:



**THE NEW PELICANS LANDING OPEN AIR PAVILION IN THE GROVES** The Groves has already had a lot of great changes this year. The new parking lot behind the Brown Pelican Gym is complete and a walkway from the parking lot to the sidewalk has been poured. Pelicans Landing, a 3,000 square foot open-air pavilion, is our newest addition for our patrons to enjoy! This new pavilion has a 40 ft counter with a sink, accessible restroom, picnic table seating for 80+, large capacity grill, electrical ports, phone charging stations, new LED lights and ceiling fans.

Pelicans Landing is available to rent for your special event! Whether you rent it for a birthday or anniversary party, graduation or company picnic or family reunion - this new open-air pavilion is a winner for your next special event.

When safe to share equipment, Pelican Park will offer equipment that you can check out and play the games surrounding Pelicans Landing such as pickleball, bocce ball, horseshoes and shuffleboard. In the meantime, please bring your own equipment. If you are interested in renting this area for an event, please call us at: 985-626-7997 and book your date. ●



**BROWN PELICAN GYM UPGRADES** The Brown Pelican Gym was built in 1990 and at the time it was constructed, it had only two courts. With the growth in St. Tammany Parish over the following years, the voters approved the expansion millage, so the Park was able to add a third court in 1996. Our staff and contractors have worked hard over the past 2 years to give new life to the Brown gym, by giving the gym a complete upgrade. The facelift began with new paint and flooring in the lobby. Followed by the gym floors resurfaced and relined; the wall padding replaced; ceilings redone with new insulation and a

chicken-wire covering to protect from the impact of balls; the metal outer shell of the building was removed and replaced and the HVAC and lighting were replaced with energy saving components. The Brown Pelican Gym is where Pelican Park began 31 years ago! With these necessary upgrades, it will definitely continue to be a place where memories are made for many years to come. ●



### Pelican Park Activities:

**OUR 2 DOG PARKS** Pelican Park Bark Park hosts two separate fenced in dog exercise areas, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. Parking is located next to the skate park. Recreation District #1 has an additional dog park located in Covington. Pretty Acres Dog Park is a one-acre green space for you to enjoy with you furry friend and is located on Andrew Drive, off of Hwy 190 in Covington.

Please make sure to read all of the posted rules before entering the dog parks. owners are responsible for their dogs behavior. ●



**DISC GOLF** Disc Golf is a perfect way for family or friends to enjoy some outdoor fun and

competition together. The sport is played using discs (frisbees®) and is similar to golf, however one throws a disc instead of hitting a ball. Players complete a hole by throwing a disc from the 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 for more information at: [pelicanpark.com](http://pelicanpark.com) ●



## 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:** 7 a.m.—9 p.m.

### BIKES ARE PERMITTED AT THE SKATE PARK DURING THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

- Tuesday & Thursday from 5 – 7 p.m.
- Sat- 7-9 a.m.

During these times, the skate park is for bikes only (no skateboards or scooters). Helmets, knee pads and elbow pads are strongly encouraged. ●



**PICKLEBALL** 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.

During this time, please bring your own pickleball equipment as we are not loaning out shared equipment. ●

## NEW SHADE STRUCTURE FOR THE ADULT EXERCISE AREA

Just in time for hot weather, staff will be erecting a new shade structure over the existing Adult Exercise equipment located in The Groves area. The lighted 44' x 70' structure will provide shade to our patrons while they are exercising. ●



## THE GROVES SMALL GAMES AREA

The Groves at Pelican Park is our newest addition! Within The Groves area of the park you will find a walking trail, pond, green space, outdoor fitness equipment and a small games area which offers 2 horseshoe courts, 2 bocce courts and 2 shuffleboard courts in addition to our 8 outdoor pickleball courts. We recently renovated our old maintenance building into a new pavilion, called Pelicans Landing. Come out to the Park with your friends and family and have some friendly competition at The Groves in our small games area. You can also show off your game skills on the last Thursday of the month, for our Giant Garden Games Night with Giant Checkers, Giant Chess, Giant Connect-4 Giant Jenga, Bocce Ball, Shuffleboard and Horseshoes. We have plenty activities for all age ranges and abilities to enjoy at The Groves at Pelican Park. ●



**ADULT EXERCISE** The Groves features 9 outdoor fitness machines made by Greenfield Exercise Equipment. The equipment consists of machines that develop stamina, arms and upper 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 for a great overall workout! Please make sure to sanitize your hands and equipment before and after use — sanitizing stations are provided at every complex in the park.



**SOCCER** Recreation District #1 has partnered with Mandeville Soccer Club (MSC) 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 and MSC handles all aspects of the administration of the soccer programs which includes registration, team formation, coaches and schedules.

If your child is interested in playing soccer, call MSC at: 985-624-8080 or visit their website at [msscoccer.org](http://msscoccer.org) ●

# Sponsorship

OPPORTUNITY

**Pelican Park now has unique sponsorship opportunities for your organization to best support Pelican Park and the 65,000+ Recreation District #1 residents we serve.**

Don't see a perfect fit? A package can be customized to suit your needs and help you reach more than 1 million Pelican Park visitors each year.

For more information about this opportunity and to view our catalog, please visit our website and click on the "About" tab, then "Sponsorships" or call the office at 985-626-7997 and someone will help you. ●

*Sign Up Today!*



Scan here with your phone's camera for a direct link



## FIELD OF DREAMS

If you have ever seen our game fields at Pelican Park, you know that our park crew are some of the most talented professionals around, and they love what they do. Working hard on our fields is a yearlong task. The pride our field prep crew feel when players step onto that beautiful green plush field, is one of the best feelings for a crew member! Our 12 or more full time Pelican Park staff members start working on the baseball and softball fields as soon as the season ends, with constant care of the grass even when the field is not in use. Staff spends four to five hours a day for two months before the season starts. Weeding and measuring base-pads to the proper diameter and replacing sod in worn spots. Then staff add product to the base-pads; they till, tamp, and rake the pads smooth; finally, they add new bases. When one season ends and before another begins, they repeat the whole process! At the end of the final season of the year, the crew overseeds the fields with rye grass, top dress with sand and let the rye grass grow for the winter to protect the Bermuda Grass.

# Field

PREPARATION

Maintaining these beautiful standards that Pelican Park has established, comes down to dedicated employees that have perfected the science and ability to effectively maintain the correct materials and equipment to get the job done right!

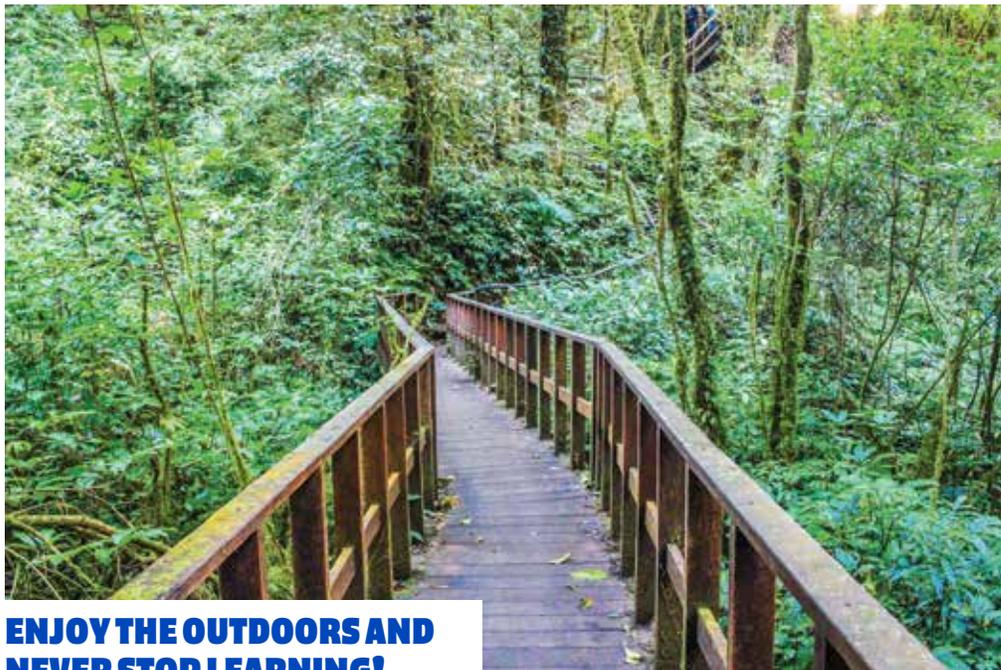
Please take the opportunity to thank one of our park staff today! ●



# Nature

## NEWS

By: Margie Lewis, Executive Director of Pelican Park/Recreation District #1



### ENJOY THE OUTDOORS AND NEVER STOP LEARNING!

Recreation District #1 residents and visitors – children’s learning opportunities do not need to be shaped by Covid-19! Come out to Pelican Park and the adjacent Northlake Nature Center, with Mother Nature as a teacher and the great outdoors as your classroom, your children are sure to succeed!

Science has proven that an increase in “screen time” and lack of time spent outdoors has an adverse effect on children. Contact with nature awakens our senses! Consider the smell of an ocean breeze or the sweet scent of a freshly mown hay field. Close your eyes and listen to the story a songbird sings to greet the day and the soothing hoot of an owl putting the day to rest. Taste a sun-warmed blueberry or the single droplet of sweetness inside the flower of the honeysuckle bush. Touch the smooth back of a frog or the soft fur of a rabbit. By allowing children to explore and spend time with nature, we can foster and renew this connection with the natural world, which has been lost to classrooms and technology. \*Louv (2008) states that “Natural play strengthens children’s self-confidence and arouses their senses” (p. 186). \*Louv,R. (2008). Last child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-deficit Disorder

(Updated and expanded). Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill.

Children who learn and play outdoors are healthier and more socially well-adjusted, not to mention, their attention span is superior to children who spend the majority of their time indoors. Be on the lookout for our new nature-based programming in the near future! ●

### SPRINGTIME BABIES:

Springtime is a time for wildlife babies to appear all around us! Remember to observe from a distance and don’t interfere! Most parents leave their babies during



the day while they hunt and gather food, so those little ones are probably not abandoned.

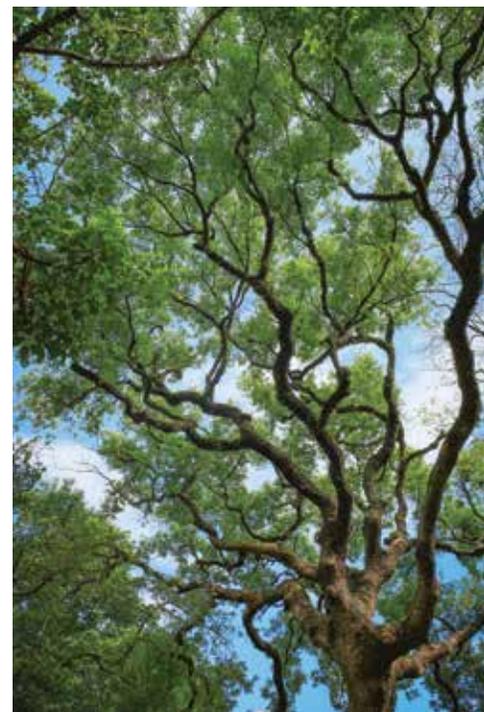
Best advice if you find a baby? Leave it alone! Momma isn’t far away. ●

### CASTINE CENTER PARKING LOT ISLANDS:

Upon receipt of an email from a concerned citizen regarding the removal of the sickly, non-native Bradford Pear trees from the Castine Center parking lot, we thought it best to share our response with everyone!

The Bradford Pears were in terrible shape. We are developing a planting plan for the islands in the parking lot and will have this project complete by late spring and the planting shortly thereafter! In addition to the rough condition of the trees, Bradford Pears are a non-native and invasive species - they do not support native Louisiana insects, which means they do not support native birds either! Our planting plan will enhance Northshore Louisiana's native habitat which will support the wildlife that lives here.

Keep a lookout for the new planting! ●



### EARTH DAY

Did you know? Pelican Park has planted more than 150 assorted native trees (Maple, Nuttall’s oak, Sycamore, Elm, Pine) as well as 24 Statement Live Oaks. All planted to aid our reforestation efforts. ●

# Concessions

## AT THE PARK

Pelican Park operates its own concessions. All of the profits from your purchases go directly back to the park so that we may continue to enhance and improve the facilities and activities available to our community. The prices charged for concession items already include tax. As a convenience to the public, we do have Coca-Cola vending machines available at each complex for times when concessions are not available. The park is always looking for motivated young adults to join the concessions team.

If you know of someone who may be interested, please have them contact Melissa Smith for an application at [melissasmith@pelicanpark.com](mailto:melissasmith@pelicanpark.com) or call the office at **(985) 626-7997** and ask how to get an application. Must be at least 16 years old. ●



## WHAT'S CONCESSIONS UP TO?



### Let's Play A Game at Concessions. Can You Guess?

Win Big! Go to any open concession stand and make a purchase for one chance to guess the number of Skittles in the jar. The closest guess without going over will win that jar and enjoy a rainbow of flavors. Contest ends May 1st. Multiple entries allowed. Good Luck!



### Celebrate National Pretzel Day - Monday, April 26

Score a fresh, hot salted or cinnamon sugar pretzel for only \$1.00 with any purchase while supplies last. (Sorry, no rainchecks)

*\*Coca-Cola is the official drink partner of Pelican Park*



## ATTENTION FACEBOOK FRIENDS,

Please be aware of scammers that are invading our Pelican Park event pages and posts. These scammers are creating fake Facebook accounts and posing as real people. They are posting that they have tickets for sale for our events. These scammers are trying to gain access to your personal information. **PLEASE BE AWARE...** Pelican Park **ONLY** accepts registrations through our website or our office and we **DO NOT** give out tickets to bring to our events. Please do not purchase any outside tickets for our events, they will not be honored.

If you have any questions about tickets or vendor information, please call our office at **985-626-7997**. ●

# Biddy All-Star

## BASKETBALL SEASON



Pelican Park was contracted to host the 2021 Biddy International Tournament. Unfortunately, the continued pandemic effected this tournament and Biddy decided not to have any sanctioned tournaments in 2021. Our All-Star teams have been practicing however, there were no opportunities to play other teams. Many Recreation Districts and Basketball Associations did not have leagues this year due to COVID-19. We took matters into our own hands and worked with Biddy and the other organizations and offered weekly tournaments for various age groups. The teams either played a small round robin tournament or scrimmage or an actual tournament. Pelican Park did host a much smaller tournament March 19th weekend, instead of a week-long event, for all age groups for boys and girls.

We are currently working on the 2022 Biddy International Tournament. We will be hosting this tournament March 18th – 23rd of 2022. This will be a huge event for not only our Park but the community as well! Teams will be coming from as far as Finland!!! Hotels and restaurants will be very busy with an estimated 80+ teams participating. ●



# Open IS BACK Gym

Pelican Park is excited to announce that OPEN GYM is back. There are new guidelines in place, so please make sure you visit our website for full details.

**The cost of open gym will be \$3.00 per person (per hour) for District residents and \$5.00 per person (per hour) for Non-District residents. What will this cost cover?**

- A staff member will be monitoring and sanitizing the gym.
- Climate control – A/C or Heat will be used as necessary depending on the temperature outside.
- If you do not have a basketball or volleyball, we will provide one for you.
- Please bring your own pickleball equipment.
- We will have a pickleball, basketball and volleyball court set up at all times

We will allow open gym during the weekday on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays starting at 9:00am - 3:00pm. You will also be able to play open gym in the evening, Saturdays and Sundays unless the courts are being used by our programs.

Please see our website [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) for full details. ●

## PELICAN PARK

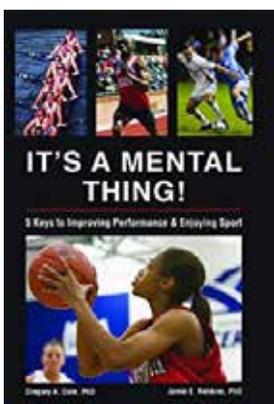
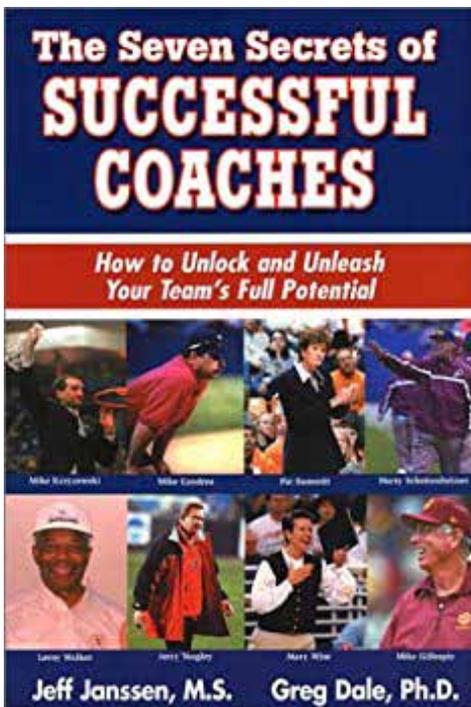
# Welcomes Dr. Gregory Dale

**Pelican Park is excited to announce that we will be welcoming Dr. Gregory Dale to share his inspirational message with Parents, Players, coaches, and administrators of St. Tammany Parish sports programs!**

Dr. Dale is currently a professor of Sport Psychology and Sports Ethics at Duke University. He is also the Director of the Sport Psychology and Leadership Programs for Duke Athletics.

In addition to his roles at Duke, Dr. Dale provides engaging, interactive and impactful programming for teachers, coaches, administrators, parents and students in schools throughout the United States and around the world in countries such as India, Thailand, Vietnam, Mexico and Qatar. He has also been a guest on television shows such as Good Morning America, ESPN, and MSNBC.

We are more than excited to have the opportunity for Dr. Dale to share his message with our residents!!! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this great event November 6th and 7th 2021. More information will follow as we are beginning to plan this event. ●



# Did You Know?

In September of 2016 Pelican Park purchased 16 AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) in an effort to provide immediate care for patrons who suffer a cardiac event. The program includes the park complexes, offices, maintenance facility and the Castine Center. Over the years, we added three AED's for a total of 19 units. AED's are an investment in patrons that visit our Park. We recognize that cardiac events are more common in athletic facilities. By placing an AED around the park we hope to ensure a faster response.

Pelican Park has an AED procedure in place to confirm the machines are working and all parts are in warranty. The location of all AED's are mapped. This information is provided to Fire District #1 and the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's office.

\$5,000 is budgeted each year to replace batteries and pads on the units, as they have an expiration date. Staff is also trained yearly on how to use the machines. These machines are automated though so, you do not need training to use them should an incident occur – the machine walks you through what to do.

**Below are just a few reasons to own these machines and keep them in good working order:**

- Onsite AEDs save precious treatment time, and can improve survival odds because they can be used before emergency medical service (EMS) personnel arrive.
- Modern AEDs won't allow you to shock a victim that has a heartbeat, reducing the risk of doing more harm and reasons for people not to step in and help.
- These devices have a proven track record of helping to save lives in public places as well as in the workplace.
- Using a defibrillator on an individual in cardiac arrest increases their survival rate by 60 percent, according to Occupational Safety and Health Administration.



## WHY DO WE HAVE A Sheriff Detail?

**The Park hires a special detail sheriff deputy on Saturdays and week nights to assist the Park staff and the public. The deputy**

- Patrols the road for traffic violations. Our roadways fall under St. Tammany Ordinance #95-7149. If an officer sees a vehicle driving extremely fast or irresponsibly, the driver can be pulled over and the officer can issue a ticket.
- Is here to assist if there is a problem on the fields/courts and
- Assist in closing the park in the evening with the Park staff.

Pelican Park invests in the public's safety. The Park has increased sheriff detail to include Fridays, previously Monday through Thursday and Saturdays were patrolled. In addition to daily detail, we also budget to have traffic detail on those days/nights where we experience heavy traffic in the Park due to tournaments or special events that may make it difficult to enter and exit the Park.

Your safety is our biggest concern and while we have a Sheriff monitoring the Park, it is imperative that you remember to lock your cars and keep any valuables out of site in your car. Should you need the Sheriff reach out to a staff member or call 911. Each staff person has a radio that will connect with the Sheriff directly!





## THE CASTINE CENTER OF COMMUNITY

2020 started off like any other year inside the Northshore's largest venue known as the Castine Center. The 28,000 sq. ft building played host to a variety of large and small events such as a gymnastics tournament, the St. Tammany Home & Remodeling Show, several Mardi Gras balls, a cheerleading competition, fundraisers, etc. Unsuspecting Castine Center staff couldn't have imagined the weekend of March 13 & 14, 2020 would see the last two weddings and scrapbooking event for the remainder of the year. The following week, due to COVID-19, Governor John Bel Edwards issued and signed Proclamation #JBE 2020-30 ordering all events of 50 people or more shall be postponed or cancelled. Event planners, from all over the country, were forced to make some very difficult decisions, most times resulting in cancellation, and in most cases, losing the security deposit reserving their venue.

As more and more Castine Center events were forced to cancel their dates, Recreation District #1's staff and Board Members realized these groups were about to lose their deposit through no fault of their own. A Report In Brief explaining the unique circumstances was written and taken to the March 2020 board meeting for discussion and a vote. Recreation District #1 Board Members voted in favor of implementing an exception to the forfeiture of deposit policy saving our community-based groups from losing their deposit for COVID-19 related cancellations or postponements. Since COVID-19 has extended into this year, the Board Members have extended the exception to Castine Center groups through July 2021. The Castine Center has been and will be here through good times and bad in support of our District residents and community. ●



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## HOSTING PROJECT GRADUATION FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Recreation District #1 has been a proud sponsor of Project Graduation for many years. The Castine Center & Brown Pelican Gym play host to these three special events. The District donates use of the Castine Center & Brown Pelican Gym to Fontainebleau, Mandeville and Lakeshore High School Project Graduations. The night of graduation for each school, the buildings are turned into an elaborately decorated and fun filled, all night party for seniors. The seniors are "locked in" from 11pm to 6am. This is a positive community effort to keep our children safe and free from drugs and alcohol on their special graduation night. Seniors enjoy lots of food and games including numerous large inflatables, music and an opportunity to win great prizes. Project Graduation uses our facilities for 7 days. With Board of Commissioners approval, the rental fees of both the Castine Center and Brown Pelican Gym are waived every year. This saves the schools an approximate rental value of \$15,000. Special thanks to the many Project Graduation volunteers who work all year round to raise funding for these events. In 2020, only one high school was able to move forward with their Project Graduation. We are definitely looking forward to have all three schools back in 2021 for their special nights. ●