

# Pelican Watch

PELICAN PARK



## Recreation District #1 of St. Tammany Parish

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### From the Director

Most people consider themselves to be a good sport. I challenge you to really look at your actions during your child's game and decide if you really demonstrate good sportsmanship. Do

you question official's calls? Cheer when the other team makes a mistake?

If you watch and act like college or professional sports fans, you are most likely not being a good sport! It's common practice in those arenas to boo the opposing team, yell at and jeer the officials, yell and wave items when someone is attempting a free throw, chant and clap when someone fouls out. The list goes on and on.

Many times these types of actions are carried down to youth sports where they have no place. The purpose of youth sports is for children to have fun, learn skills, learn good sportsmanship, develop new friends and be part of a team.

This year the Park decided to ban negative chanting in our baseball and softball programs. The chanting in past years had gotten to a point that it was offensive, derogatory and very bad sportsmanship. Players are encouraged to cheer/chant for their own team but no negative comments are allowed about the other team.

Parents should clap when a good play is made by either team. Parents should not question or yell at officials or coaches. Children learn sportsmanship from their parents....please set a good example.

**Kathy Foley**  
Director

### PARK INSURANCE AND FEMA RECOVERY

Hurricane Katrina caused over \$500,000 worth of damage to the Park. We lost part of the White Pelican Gym roof and had some damage to all of the building's roofs. Trees damaged backstops, fencing, netting, dugouts, soccer goals, maintenance buildings and equipment. Between insurance and FEMA, we should be close to being whole from the damages. Special thanks goes to Marie Dupre. Marie, in addition to her role as Castine Center Supervisor, is handling our insurance claims and FEMA paperwork. Her attention to detail and dedication has recouped the Park thousands of dollars.

### CASTINE CENTER SETS NEW BOOKING RECORD

The Castine Center, the largest public building in St. Tammany Parish, has always been busy since it opened in 1999; however, in these past 5 months, a record number of bookings and events were held. Weekends were always busy but now use during the week has greatly increased. Businesses are using the building on weekdays for training sessions, interviews, etc. If your business needs a place for a meeting, luncheon or training session, call the Castine Center at 626-7997.

### PHASE 3 EXPANSION OF THE PARK

Recreation District #1 Board of Commissioners voted to put the Phase 3 Expansion out to bid this June. The project was originally scheduled to go out to bid just as Hurricane Katrina hit the area. Since the storm, the area has experienced very large increases in construction costs. The Board feels that at this time, hopefully some earth moving contractors have been freed up and costs stabilized.

Some aspects of the project have been made bid alternates. In the event prices come in very high, then at least some of the fields/facilities can be built. The base bid includes the infrastructure such as roads, drainage, sewer & water, and a three-field baseball/softball game complex, two-field soccer/football game complex and the skatepark. Alternate #1 will be 3 practice fields and pavilion. Alternate #2 is lighting for 6 practice fields. Alternate #3 is 3 additional practice fields. What can be built will depend upon the prices received via public bids.

### DAN'S LANDSCAPING THANKED

A special thanks to Dan Standley, owner of "Dan's Landscaping", for donating the landscaping at the front entrance of the Park along Highway 190. Dan coaches his daughter, Caroline, in the 6-year-old softball league.



### REFUND CHECKS

The Park recently mailed over 700 refund checks to the participants of the winter basketball league. Participants of several age groups were refunded for expenses that were not incurred due to a shortage of officials. The Park would like to thank the patrons who have donated their refunds to The Friends of Pelican Park, a 501C3 non-profit organization.

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★ **ATTENTION PARENTS!!!!** ★

★ **INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR** ★

★ **BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL** ★

★ **LIMITED SPACE. REGISTRATION: JUNE 5-17** ★

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Recreation District #1 is a free standing governmental agency. The District is supported by a property tax paid by the residents and businesses of Recreation District #1.

The general boundaries of the Recreation District are Lake Pontchartrain on the south side, the Tchefuncte River on the west side, Big Branch on the east side and I-12 on the north side.

The District, which operates Pelican Park, is under the direction of a 7 member administrative board and staff.



**SUMMER BASKETBALL  
REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**LIMITED # OF PARTICIPANTS, REGISTER  
EARLY!!!**



**REGISTRATION DATES: JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> - JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Office Registration Hours:**

Monday – Friday, 8am-6pm  
Saturdays, 9am-5pm

**Online Registration:**

Register returning players 24 hours a day beginning at 12:01am on June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Online registration ends at midnight on June 17<sup>th</sup>

General Registration Information:

- First time players must register in the office & bring a copy of their birth certificate
- Online registration available for returning players only
- In order to form teams that are fair and equally balanced, requests for a specific team will not be honored

**BOYS SUMMER BASKETBALL**



This recreation basketball league is intended to help the boys further develop their basketball skills, promote sportsmanship, and emphasize individual as well as team skills.

- **Ages 7 – 18**
- **Age as of 8/31/2006**
- 18 yr olds must be a high school student with a current high school ID, and must register in the office. Bring your ID with you at the time of registration. Seniors who have graduated may not participate.
- Games begin on July 8<sup>th</sup> and tentatively end the week of 8/19.
- 10 games with a single elimination tournament.
- Pre-season practices only.
- Season practices upon coaches request – limit one per week.
- No evaluations.
- Maximum # of teams will be strictly adhered to – a minimum of 4 teams is required for a league.
- With the exception of the 7's, age groups **MAY** be combined in order to form a league.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NON-DISTRICT</u>
7	\$43.00	\$68.00
8-12	\$62.00	\$87.00
13-18	\$68.00	\$93.00

**GIRLS SUMMER BASKETBALL**



This recreation basketball league is intended to help the girls further develop their basketball skills, promote sportsmanship, and emphasize individual as well as team skills.

- **Ages 7 – 15**
- **Age as of date – 8/31/2006**
- No evaluations are held for Summer Basketball.
- 10-game season followed by a single elimination tournament.
- Games begin Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and tentatively end the week of 8/19.
- 2 games per week, one weekday & one weekend.
- Pre-season practices only.
- Season practices upon coaches request – limit one per week.
- Maximum # of teams will be strictly adhered to – a minimum of 4 teams is required for a league.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NON-DISTRICT</u>
7/8	\$43.00	\$68.00
9/10	\$62.00	\$87.00
11/12	\$62.00	\$87.00
13/15	\$62.00	\$87.00



### PELICAN PARK INTRODUCING THEATER CAMP



Jane McNulty will be directing  
"Alice in Wonderland"  
**Ages 9 – 14**  
**July 17<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Evening performance on August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday – Friday, from 9:30am – 12:30pm**  
**Cost: \$180.00**  
**First come, first serve.**

Jane McNulty graduated from the University of New Orleans with a Master's of Fine Arts in Theater. She has performed in numerous stage productions in New York, New Orleans, and the Northshore such as *Anton in Show Business*, *Steel Magnolias*, *The Galatoire's Monologues*, *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, *Suburbia*, *Rosemary with Ginger*, *Cowboy Mouth*, *J.B.*, and *Sally & Marcia*.

A minimum of 14 participants is necessary for this camp and a maximum of 24 participants will be accepted. The costumes will be the participant's responsibility and may require minimal cost.

Registration will be accepted in the Castine Center office only through June 17<sup>th</sup>

### Pelican Park Volleyball Clinic

This clinic will provide the participants with knowledge of the game, basic skills, combination drills, and competition. A minimum of 12 participants per session is required and a maximum of 16 participants per session will be allowed. Toby Schultz will be the instructor for all sessions.

**Ages: 8-15 years old**

**Dates: July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**

#### Times:

**Ages 8-9: 8:30am – 10:30am**

**Ages 10-12: 11:00am – 1:00pm**

**Ages 13-15: 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Cost: \$40.00**

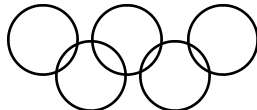
Register in Park Office Only!

For field conditions, please call the Pelican Park Sports Hotline at 985-626-1444 after 3pm daily!!!!



### PELICAN PARK CONGRATULATES 2006 MHS AND FHS GRADUATES!!!

Each year, Recreation District #1 is a major sponsor of Project Graduation for Mandeville High School and Fontainebleau High School. Project Graduation is an all-night after-graduation party held in the Castine Center. This event gives the graduates a safe, drug and alcohol free party to celebrate their accomplishments. Project Graduation takes over the Castine Center for 11 days to set up and decorate, hold the two events, and to break down. Over \$14,000 in rental fees for use of the Castine Center are waived as the Recreation District's Sponsorship of this event.



### 2006 JUNIOR OLYMPIC SKILLS COMPETITION RESULTS

#### LOCAL 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE QUALIFIERS:

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL:

10/11 YEAR OLDS  
Jennifer Yeager of Mandeville,  
Alexa Knight of Mandeville  
12/13 YEAR OLDS  
Ashley Degioanni of Mandeville

##### BOYS BASKETBALL:

8/9 YEAR OLDS  
Adam Durand of Madisonville  
10/11 YEAR OLDS  
Vincent Abdo of Mandeville  
12/13 YEAR OLDS  
William Kropf of Metairie

##### GIRLS SOCCER:

8/9 YEAR OLDS  
Danielle Sabathe of Covington  
10/11 YEAR OLDS  
Alexa Knight of Mandeville

##### BOYS SOCCER:

8/9 YEAR OLDS  
Adam Durand of Madisonville  
10/11 YEAR OLDS  
Aaron Poole of Mandeville  
12/13 YEAR OLDS  
Malone Bordeleon of Mandeville

##### BOYS TENNIS:

8/9 YEAR OLDS  
Oliver Guice of Mandeville  
10/11 YEAR OLDS  
Marc Goudeau of Mandeville

##### GIRLS TRACK & FIELD:

10/11 YEAR OLDS  
Victoria Searce of Mandeville  
12/13 YEAR OLDS  
Darbi Mulkey of Mandeville

##### BOYS TRACK & FIELD:

8/9 YEAR OLDS  
Cole Sisung of Mandeville  
10/11 YEAR OLDS  
Aaron Poole of Mandeville

Pelican Park hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Kellogg's Junior Olympics Skills Competition on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The local participant's, ages 8 - 12, competed in the following sports: basketball, soccer, tennis, and track & field. Our local qualifiers will compete in Zachary on July 8<sup>th</sup> in the regional competition. The winners of the regional competition will go on to the National Finals in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the U. S. Olympic Training Facility.

Pelican Park would like to thank Mandeville Soccer Club and all of the volunteers that helped with the competition.



### Baseball/ Softball Uniforms



This year our player's uniforms proudly display Pelican Park across the back of the jerseys. We began using the major league jerseys last year and placed the logo and Pelican Park on the sleeve which was difficult to see. We want the public to know that our players are participating at Pelican Park. A large portion of Recreation District # 1's residents consist of families who have no children participating in sports. In advertising the Park on the jerseys we are letting these families know that their tax dollars are being well spent. Our feedback has shown a concern for the lack of space to screen a player's name across the back of these jerseys. We are committed to providing that opportunity in future years as well as continuing to advertise Pelican Park.

### Why are Parent Evaluation Forms So Important?

At the end of every sports league we ask parents to fill out a parents evaluation form. The information that we obtain from these forms is invaluable in improving our programs and facility. The section in which you evaluate your child's coach lets us know if a coach has done a wonderful job, needs retraining, or has left a negative impact on the team. Please take a few minutes to fill out these forms. Your feedback is extremely important!

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FOR FIELD CONDITIONS, CALL THE PELICAN PARK SPORTS HOTLINE 626-1444

**INTERESTED IN SOCCER?**  
 The soccer program in Mandeville is run by a private non-profit group called **Mandeville Soccer Club**. For information about their program please call **624-8080**. Recreation District #1's Board of Commissioners has granted Mandeville Soccer Club (MSC) "exempt" status at the Park. *This "exempt" status saves MSC over \$18,000 per year.* Up until the "exempt" status was granted in 2000, MSC paid the direct cost of field lighting and field painting for game use. "Exempt" status is granted to large non-profit organizations within the District because without their existence the Recreation District would have to provide that sport.

**THE CASTINE CENTER**  
 Need a place to hold your next banquet? Thinking of hosting a trade show? Holding a seminar? Getting married?  
 Come tour The Castine Center! 28,000 square feet of clear-span arena that can be subdivided. Two conference rooms. Let us host your next event!  
 Come by or call us at 626-7997.

**Scholarships Available**  
 The Park believes that all District children should be able to play sports regardless of their ability to pay. If you need assistance, ask the office staff for a form to determine eligibility. Scholarships are available to District residents only and you must register in the office.

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!!!!**  
**Upcoming Registrations**  
 Fall Sports – July 31st – August 15th  
 Adult Sports – July 24– August 4th

**DIRECT YOUR UNITED WAY DONATIONS TO THE PARK!**  
 The "Friends of Pelican Park" is a 501C3 non-profit organization that is an approved agency by the United Way. People making donations to the United Way can mark on their donation cards, FRIENDS OF PELICAN PARK, and the donation will be passed on by the United Way to the Friends organization. Please consider directing your donation to the "Friends of Pelican Park". For more information call 626-7997.

**As part of your registration fee, Pelican Park has purchased secondary, excess, accident insurance for your child for potential injuries sustained while playing in our programs. This insurance helps pay for what your primary insurance doesn't. Please be advised that in the event of an accident/injury, you must file your accident claim within 30 days of the injury. You may contact our office manager at 985-626-7997 for further details.**

**Worthless Check Policy**  
 The District has established a \$22.50 fee for worthless checks received.

The official soft drink of Pelican Park and the Castine Center