

Pelican Watch



Recreation District #1 of St. Tammany Parish

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From the Director

Happy New Year!!!

It's hard to believe that its already 2007. The new year will bring continued new changes for Pelican Park and the Castine Center. In 2007 the

Phase 3 expansion will be completed and Phase 4 should be started. New recreation programs will be added for both adults and children.

With the start of the new year, we often find ourselves making resolutions that we don't keep or only keep for a short while. The Recreation District's resolutions are not new ones and is something the staff strive to provide day in and day out.

The Recreation District and staff's resolutions/goals are the following:

- Provide quality recreation fields and facilities, that are kept updated, clean and safe for our users.
- Provide quality recreation sports programs for the youth and adults that emphasize fun, teamwork, development of skills and sportsmanship.
- Provide a high level of customer service when dealing with the public on the phone, in the (District's) office or in the Park.

The Recreation District and the staff are here to assist the public. Please let us know if we are succeeding in meeting our resolutions/goals. Please use the end of the season evaluations for each sport to rate the staff and facilities so that we can know how we are doing and what we need to change. Please feel free to contact any of the staff or myself if you have a problem, question or idea. Your input and comments are very important to us!!!

Best wishes for a great 2007.

Kathy Foley
Director
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Office renovations

The staff is pleased to inform the public that the office renovations are complete and that the staff has moved back into the office area on the east side of the Castine Center. The renovations greatly improve the registration area for the public as well as provide additional office space for the staff.

N.F.L. JUNIOR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Pelican Park, in conjunction with the National Football League & New Orleans Saints Youth Task Force, will host our first ever Junior Player Development (JPD) program. The JPD program provides step-by-step instruction for every football position to boys between the ages of 12 and 14. In addition, JPD integrates on-field skills development with life skills and character development.

Registration Cost: **FREE**
Registration Dates: Weekdays: January 15th – February 9th
Program Dates: Tue & Thurs nights; February 27th – March 30th
Program Times: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Pelican Park (Blue Complex)

Registration is limited to 150 participants! Walk-in registration only. Pelican Park Office hours: Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The NFL will provide helmets and shoulder pads. These items will be returned at the end of every practice and at the end of the season. Participants will receive (and keep) an equipment bag, jersey, mouth piece and football.

IMPORTANT: Due to LHSAA rules, this program is only open to 12-14 year olds that WILL NOT participate in the 2007 HIGH SCHOOL football season. This rule does not apply to 6th and 7th grade students that plan on participating in junior high football.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Phase 3 Expansion

The phase 3 expansion of the Park, which consists of 3 new baseball/softball game fields, two new football/soccer game fields, a skateboard park and infrastructure, is currently under construction and progressing nicely. The baseball/softball game fields are scheduled for completion this spring/summer with the rest of the facility completed this fall, weather permitting.

Phase 4 Expansion Next on Schedule

Like almost all construction projects since Hurricane Katrina, Phase 3 expansion exceeded the projected costs and budget. The 6 practice fields in the masterplan were deleted from the Phase 3 project. The Board of Commissioners recently voted to borrow 2 million dollars to fund the construction of the 6 practice fields, pavilion and parking area. The practice fields will be called Phase 4 and should go out to public bid this spring with completion within a year.

NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Congratulations to the newly elected or re-elected sports advisory board members:
Cheerleading - Marlene Lieber, Wendy Melancon & Diane Cabeceiras
Football - Daniel Kerth & Geoff Degioanni
Our volunteer advisory board members dedicate countless hours of their time helping to make youth sports at Pelican Park a great success. Thank you for all your hard work!

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PELICAN PARK ADULT SPORTS TEAM REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, February 5 FROM 6PM-8PM
NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED PRIOR TO 6PM ON 2/5/07

For more information call
 626-7997

REGISTRATION HOURS FOR FEBRUARY 6 – FEBRUARY 16
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM – 6 PM IN THE CASTINE CENTER OFFICE

TEAM REGISTRATION IS LIMITED DUE TO SPACE AVAILABILITY...FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVE UNTIL FILLED

REGISTRATION IS DONE BY TEAM; HOWEVER, INDIVIDUALS MAY CALL THE PARK AND PLACE THEIR NAME ON A LIST OF INTERESTED PLAYERS.

Men's Competitive Softball

This league is designed for those possessing a high skill level and who play at a competitive level. All players must be 18 years old. Must have photo ID at all games. This league plays according to ASA Men's B rules. Games will have two officials and a scorekeeper. Maximum of 6 home runs per team per game. Make up games may be played on days other than Thursday.

- Games are played on Thursday nights
- Maximum of 8 teams
- 7 games with a single elimination tournament
- Games begin March 8

Cost is \$395.00 per team

Co-ed Just For Fun Volleyball

This league is designed for fun, exercise and socialization. This is a very non-competitive league. Teams consist of 3 men and 3 women. This league does not have an official nor keep standings.

- Games are played on Thursday nights
- Maximum of 8 teams
- 11 game season
- Games begin March 8

Cost is \$85.00 per team

Men's Recreation Softball

This program is designed for players who still like to play with the emphasis on fun, sportsmanship and socialization. This league does not keep standings but does have one official. Make up games may be played on days other than Sunday. Depending on the number of rainouts all games may not be made up.

- Games are played late Sunday afternoons
- Maximum of 16 teams
- 9 week season
- Games begin March 4
- No games Sunday, April 8th (Easter)

Cost is \$200.00 per team

Women's Recreational Volleyball

This league is for females only with an emphasis on fun, exercise and socialization. This league does not keep standings but does have one official.

- Games are played on Wednesday nights
- Maximum of 8 teams
- 11 game season
- Games begin March 7

Cost is \$230.00 per team

Co-ed Cabbageball

This league is designed for people who want exercise, fun and socialization. It is non-competitive and does not keep standings. One official will be provided. Make up games may be played on days other than Friday. Depending on the number of rainouts all games may not be made up.

- Games are played Friday evenings
- Maximum of 8 teams
- 10 week season
- Games begin March 9

Cost is \$220.00 per team

Women's Recreation Softball

This program is designed for players who want to have fun while socializing. This league does not keep standings but does have one official. Make up games may be played on days other than Sunday. Depending on the number of rainouts all games may not be made up.

- Games are played late Sunday afternoons
- Maximum of 16 teams
- 9 week season
- Games begin March 4
- No games Sunday, April 8 (Easter)

Cost is \$ 200.00 per team

Men's Over 35 Basketball

This league is for men over 35 years of age. Must have photo ID at all games. Two officials and a scorekeeper are provided.

- Games are played on Wednesday night
- Maximum of 8 teams
- 7 game season with a single elimination tournament
- Games begin March 7

Cost is \$ 405.00 per team

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Upcoming Registration : January 15th to January 30th

Register in the Castine Center office Monday thru Friday 8am - 6pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm

Returning Players can register online at www.pelicanpark.com

New players must register in the office and are required to provide a birth certificate and a current utility bill.

****Play-up requests can not be done online. Parents must come into the office to fill out a play-up form.**

Play-up requests do not apply to children who do not meet the minimum age requirements.



BOYS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

AGES 13-18*

(*18 yr. olds must be a current High School Student with a valid I.D. They must register in the office and bring their I.D. with them.)

The Pelican Park Boy's Basketball program is designed to provide a safe, fun, well-organized recreational league. Participants will not only learn the fundamentals of basketball, but they will learn the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship.

This registration is unlimited and therefore game days will not be determined until after registration ends.

- Age groups: 13, 14/15, 16/18
- Age of 8/31/2006
- Practices begin the weekend of February 16th
- 10 game season with a single elimination tournament
- Games begin the weekend of 2/24/07
- Season concludes the first week of April

REGISTRATION FEES

<u>AGE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NON-DISTRICT</u>
13, 14/15	\$72.00	\$122.00
16/18	\$80.00	\$130.00



GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

AGES 13-18*

(*18 yr. olds must be a current High School Student with a valid I.D. They must register in the office and bring their I.D. with them.)

The Pelican Park Girl's Basketball program is designed to teach the fundamentals of basketball, while also enhancing individual and team skills.

- Age as of 8/31/2006
- Age groups: 13/14, 15/16, & 17/18
- Practices begin the weekend of February 10th
- Games begin the weekend of February 24th
- 2 games per week, one weekday game and one weekend game
- This registration is unlimited; therefore game days will not be determined until after registration closes.
- 10 game season with a single elimination tournament

REGISTRATION FEES

<u>AGE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NON-DISTRICT</u>
13/14	\$72.00	\$122.00
15/18	\$80.00	\$130.00

GIRLS SPRING VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

AGES 9-18*

(*18 yr. olds must be a current High School Student with a valid I.D. They must register in the office and bring their I.D. with them.)

The objective of the Pelican Park Volleyball program is to provide players with the fundamentals of volleyball, teach teamwork, and build character.

- Age Groups – 9/10, 11/12, 13/14 & 15/18
- Age as of 10/1/2006 – Must be 9 by October 1, 2006
- Practices begin the weekend of February 10th
- Games begin Saturday, February 24th
- 2 games per week, 1 weekday game and 1 Saturday game
- 10 game season with a single elimination tournament.



REGISTRATION FEES

<u>AGE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NON-DISTRICT</u>
9/10, 11/12	\$42.00	\$92.00
13/14, 15/18	\$42.00	\$92.00

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



You may have noticed the colorful decorations adorning the Brown and White Pelican Gyms during the Holiday Season. Children from ages 3-12 participated in coloring over 150 entries in the Pelican Coloring Contest. Although every entry had artistic merit and expression, the following winners were announced on Monday, December 18, 2006:

- Age 2-5: **Anna Marie Borgatti**
- Age 6-10: **Katie Trapp**
- Age 11-12: **Harrison Schoeder**



Santa came to Pelican Park

The 5th annual Breakfast with Santa sponsored by Recreation District #1 was held on December 9th in the Castine Center. One hundred children, ages 1 to 9, enjoyed the craft stations and visiting with Santa Claus. The McDonalds located on Florida St. in Mandeville provided breakfast for the children and parents. 60 Minutes Photography was available for pictures.

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

SCOREKEEPERS NEEDED: Adult basketball and softball leagues provide paid scorekeepers. Anyone interested in scorekeeping for the adult leagues will need to be 18 years of age or older. Also, the primary season for Girls Volleyball is around the corner. We will need several scorekeepers for this league (teenage scorekeepers are welcome). Training will be provided. Anyone interested should contact Myles Brown, 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.

Part-Time Administrative Assistant Wanted
The Recreation District has an opening for a part time Admin. Assistant to the Director. This position is 12 hours a week and hours are flexible. Requires someone who can work independently on a variety of tasks from filing and reports to grant writing.

Scholarships Available
The Park believes 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.



The official soft drink of Pelican Park and the Castine Center