

Pelican Watch



Recreation District #1

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With the ringing in of the new year, our thoughts always reflect back to the past year, as well as look forward to the future. The tragedies of September 11th are something that we will never forget. Since that day, family, friends and quality of life have become even more important. Somehow, who won the game, becomes less important and we find ourselves realizing that watching our children playing and having fun is what is really important.

This year the Recreation District/Park has many new and exciting projects planned. Work has begun on the construction of the Orange Pavilion which will help provide shelter, bathrooms and a concession for the Orange fields. Construction of the new 2 court gym is scheduled to begin in late January. This 1.3 million dollar building is scheduled to be completed by mid October. The trail connection from the Tammany Trace to the Park is presently in the design stage and should go out to bid next fall. The Park will be developing a paved walk way to connect all the fields in conjunction with the Trace project.

A large electronic sign will be erected along the roadway to inform the public about upcoming events in the Castine Center and Park's registrations.

We are very excited about the projects and programs planned for this coming year. The success of this Park for the past 12 years and in the future is because of positive support from the community, wonderful volunteer coaches and board members, dedicated staff, all working towards building and maintaining a safe place for children and adults to play and have fun.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathy Foley
Director

FUNDS RECEIVED

Recreation District #1/Castine Center received funding in the amount of \$81,450.00 recently from a special restricted account administered by the St. Tammany Parish Tourist Commission. The funding will pay for a electronic sign on the roadway to inform patrons of upcoming and current events in the building. The funds will also provide money for marketing brochures, marketing tools and a scissor lift for the Castine Center.

BOAT LAUNCH ACQUIRED

The Recreation District is in the final stages of working with DOTD to acquire responsibility for operating the boat launch at Hwy 190 and the Madisonville Bridge, thanks to Rep. Diane Winston. Prior to grant applications being written, Parish Council member Pat Brister has helped in getting some immediate funding to help make the launch safe.

NEW RECREATION SUPERVISOR HIRED

In September, Tanja Moree decided to return to her position with Mandeville Soccer Club as their registrar. Peter Torrey, was hired as Recreation Supervisor. Peter has been an extremely active volunteer for Pelican Park as a coach, age group director and girls basketball advisory board president. Peter's professional background included many years in the field of special education and rehabilitation. We are very excited to have Peter as part of the staff and know he will be a great asset to the Park. Peter says "this job is a dream come true" since "Recreation is his life".

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to **Alan Zaunbrecher** for handling the arrangements that allow our football teams and cheerleaders to play in the Superdome. For the children in our program this is a dream come true. Special thanks should also go to **Mike Hand** for coordinating this year's event and handling over 1,000 tickets. **Ray Lieber** also deserves special recognition. He serves as the football advisory board president and has been instrumental in bringing improvements to the program and doesn't even have a child in the program. Thanks!!!!



Recreation District #1 donates the use of the Castine Center for the Sheriff Department's annual Senior Citizen Christmas lunch which was held Dec 12th. Over 1,000 seniors participated.



Karen Beehler, Recreation Supervisor, with a senior citizen, helping distribute lunches

Pictured above is Kia Knight, Castine Center manager, Sheriff Jack Strain, Kathy Foley Recreation District #1 Director, and Vickie Egan Castine Center Assistant manager at the Sheriff's Senior

Recreation District #1
 Pelican Park
 63350 Pelican Dr.
 Mandeville, LA 70448

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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.

ADULT SPORTS

Pelican Park offers a variety of adult sports to the community. The purpose of the program is to provide an outlet for adults to continue to play their favorite sport, have fun, stay fit, and to socialize. Registration is done by team 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 if space is available. Each team will be provided a practice night to warm up prior to the leagues beginning.

REGISTRATION DATES: 1/14/02 – 1/25/02

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEN'S COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL LEAGUE</u></p> <p>This league is for teams who play at a competitive level. All players must be over 18 years of age. Photo identification will be required at each game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C Play on Tuesday nights C Maximum of 8 teams accepted in the league C 7 game season with a single elimination tournament C Season begins February 19th C Cost is \$320.00 per team 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEN'S OVER 35 BASKETBALL LEAGUE</u></p> <p>This league is for men over 35 years of age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C Games will be played on Wednesday nights C Maximum of 10 teams accepted C 9 game season with a single elimination tournament C Play begins February 20th C Cost is \$390.00 per team
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE</u></p> <p>The purpose of this league is for exercise, fun, and socialization. This is a very non-competitive league. Teams consist of 3 men and 3 women. This league does not have officials or keep standings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C Games will be played on Thursday nights C Maximum of 8 teams will be accepted C 10 week season C Games begin February 21st C Cost is \$72.00 per team 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEW PROGRAM COMPETITIVE VOLLEYBALL</u></p> <p>This league is designed for those who play at a competitive level. An official will be provided. 4 men and 2 women are allowed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C Games will be played on Thursday nights C Maximum of 8 teams will be accepted C 9 game season with a single elimination tournament C Games begin February 21st C Cost is \$222.00
<p>The Competitive and Just For Fun Softball Leagues registration fees will include a one time affiliation fee. All new teams throughout the year will be assessed an affiliation fee in addition to registration fees. Teams will be affiliated with USSSA and ASA. Pelican Park will be the site of several USSSA tournaments this year.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JUST FOR FUN SOFTBALL</u></p> <p>This program is designed for players who still like to play but emphasis is put on fun, sportsmanship and socialization. This league does not keep standings but does have one official.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C Games will be played on Sunday nights C Maximum of 14 teams will be accepted C 9 week season C Games begin February 24th C Cost is \$181.00 per team 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEW PROGRAM CO-ED CABBAGE BALL</u></p> <p>This league is designed for couples who want exercise, fun and socialization. It is non-competitive and does not keep standings. One official will be provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C Games will be played on Friday nights C 9 Game season C Maximum of 8 teams will be accepted C Games will begin March 1st C Cost is \$149.00 per team

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 at least 18 years old. This league plays according to ASA rules with 2 officials.

- * Games will be played on Thursday nights – rain outs could be on Sundays
- * Maximum of 8 teams accepted
- * 7 game season and a single elimination tournament
- * Games begin February 28th
- * Cost is \$283.00 per team

For first time players, birth certificate must accompany form in order for registration to be processed.

**PELICAN PARK YOUTH SPORTS
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

**MAIL TO:
63350 Pelican Dr.
Mandeville, LA 70448**

**MAIL-IN MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
1/14/02**

Please fill in all appropriate spaces. Missing information may delay your registration.

PLAYER INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Subdivision: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Emergency contact name & phone #: _____

AGE DETERMINATION INFORMATION

DOB: _____ How old was your child on 8/31/2001 _____?
CHILD MUST HAVE BEEN 9 BY 8/31/2001 IN ORDER TO REGISTER

Age Group: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) 9/10 11/12 13/14 15/17

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, on behalf of the minor child listed above do hereby release and waive any rights, causes of action for damages of any nature whatsoever that may have or may arise against Recreation District #1/Pelican Park, its staff, directors, and coaches as a result of any accidents or injury involving my minor child while participation in activities sponsored by Recreation District #1/Pelican Park. I authorize Pelican Park to use my child's photograph taken during participation in this program in its newsletter, web site brochures or other media. Further, as the undersigned parent of minor child listed above, I hereby authorize Recreation District #1/Pelican Park and its representatives to seek and authorize medical care my minor child.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

Once your child has been assigned to a team there will be no refunds. No refunds are given for conflicts with personal schedule. Exceptions will be made in extenuating circumstances only, such as medical, and it is left up to the discretion of the staff as to the amount of the refund. This registration affords the child the opportunity to participate in a recreation league only, under the director of volunteer coaches.

*Registration forms are duplicated and distributed to coaches and sports advisory boards.
Please do not provide private information that you do not wish to be distributed.*

BACK PAGE MUST BE SIGNED IN ORDER FOR YOUR REGISTRATION TO BE PROCESSED.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Head Coach _____ Asst. Coach _____ Director _____ Team Manager _____

PELICAN PARK CANNOT HONOR REQUESTS FOR TEAM PLACEMENT!

OFFICE USE ONLY:

B/C _____ AMT.PD. _____ CASH _____ CK.# _____ DATE _____ BY _____

PELICAN PARK VOLLEYBALL

Parents Code of Ethics

I will encourage positive sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, age group directors and officials, at every practice and game.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.

I will insist my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child, to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a drug and alcohol free environment for my child, and agree to assist by refraining from their use at practices and games.

I will remember that the practices and games are for the children and not the adults.

I will do my very best to make sports fun for my child.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, creed, sex or ability.

Parents Code of Conduct

1. Parents will not curse while at practices or games.
2. Parents will not be responsible for the behavior and actions of the other minor children under their care, while at the Park, for practices and games.
3. Parents will always cooperate with game officials, referees, coaches, and age group directors in their duties of progressing games and practices along in an orderly, efficient fashion, by honoring their request for assistance. **NO PARENT IS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS AN OFFICIAL WITH COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS DURING OR AFTER A GAME IS CONCLUDED, IN THE GYM OR IN THE PARKING LOT.**
4. Parents will provide accurate information regarding their child's medical history, age, birth dates, years experience, etc.
5. Parents will address their concerns to their coach, age group director, and / or advisory board, in an attempt to resolve their concerns. If satisfaction is not received, the Pelican Park Staff can be addressed, in writing, with concerns, complaints, and / or suggestions.
6. Parents agree not to harass, intimidate, or abuse verbally or physically, any player, parent, coach, referee, Pelican Park staff, etc.
7. Any violation can / will result in dismissal for the parent and / or player from the league. Reinstatement can only be gained through written request to Pelican Park and the Advisory Board.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ONE PARENT'S SIGNATURE REPRESENTS THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH PARENTS AND / OR GUARDIANS, TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE GUIDELINES.

Parents Signature: _____

Player/participants name: _____

Date: _____ Age Group: _____

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 63350 PELICAN DRIVE
 MANDEVILLE, LA 70448

FOR FIELD CONDITIONS, CALL
 THE SPORTS HOTLINE 626-1444

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PELICAN PARK



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Bue Williams LLP	Thru-Tubing	Kirschmans
Regency Homes	Legends Sports World	Work Con-

MANY THANKS TO THE 2001 CHEERLEADING SPONSORS:

Lakeview Regional Medical Center	Salon 59
Darlene Gurievsky/Gertrude Gardner	Putt Putt
Sweet Daddy's Barbeque	Jacob Painting
Bocage, A Color Salon	The Family Pet
Kinney & Ellinghausen	Bush Desktop Services

Pelican employee called to military duty

Chip Moore, one of the Park's part time Facility Staff was called up to active duty with the U.S. Coast Guard. Chip is currently stationed in New Orleans and is patrolling the Mississippi river, boarding vessels etc. He is training in anti-terrorist tactics. We are proud of you Chip and stay safe.

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.



**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB SITE
 PELICANPARK.COM OR CASTINECENTER.COM**

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.*

CORPORATION GRANTS FOR VOLUNTEERING

Many of the major corporations such as Texaco and Mobil offer grants to non-profits that their employees volunteer time with. Volunteer work can be service on advisory boards, working as a coach or helping on Park improvement days. The grants are applied for in the name of "The Friends of Pelican Park" which is a 501C3 whose purpose is to support Pelican Park. Last year, the Friends program funded over \$10,000 in tree purchases to help with the reforestation of the Park. If you volunteer in our programs, please check with your company to see if they

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Over 70 children participated in the Park's breakfast with Santa on Dec 15th. The children received a free breakfast and participated in games and activities. Special thanks to Gary Keyes, Jan Dymond and Broken Egg Café. Pictured left is David Keyes with Santa. Pictured right is the Recreation staff with Santa.



Kathy Foley, Director, is accepting a check from Mitch Penn and Mobil/Exxon on behalf of the Friends of Pelican Park. Mitch's work as a volunteer coach qualified him for a grant from his company. Many thanks to Mitch and Exxon/Mobil. Pictured also is his daughter Alexandria.