

Pelican Watch



Recreation District #1

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From the Director.....

Please excuse our mess while we continue to improve the Park. The Board of Commissioners has approved funding for three projects that may create short term problems for users of the Park. Hopefully, we will be able to minimize the inconvenience to the public while we complete these three projects.

- The renovations of Orange 1, 2, and 3 fields will help the MSC soccer program and the children who use those fields. The Board elected to resod the fields, at a much greater cost, so that the fall season would not be affected.
- The gym parking lot is being rebuilt and asphalted. The work is scheduled for late July, August, and some of September. Closing this lot will create inconvenience, but we are sure that it will pay off with a much improved paved lot.
- The Park is building a walkway throughout the Park. The pathway will connect fields to parking lots and will hopefully make it easier for baby strollers, wheel chairs, etc.

It is our hope to continue to improve this Park for you, the residents of Recreation District #1. We've come a long way, and our future is even more exciting.

Kathy Foley, Director

Special notices, programs and thanks.....

GRANT APPLICATIONS – The Park's Board and staff have recently applied for two grants. The first grant requested was a federal grant from BOR – LWCC for funding to construct a Skate Complex. The proposed complex would have two 50 x 120 rinks with one rink set up with jumps, ramps, and pipes. The second rink would have dasher boards for roller hockey or soccer.

The second grant applied for was to the NFL Community Fields Programs for improvements to our football fields. By seeking grant money, the staff and Board are trying to improve the Park and maximize the money received from RD#1 taxes.

GREEN FIELD RENOVATIONS – The Park spent almost \$20,000 rebuilding Green 1, 2, and 3. The work on Green 2 and 3 was completed last winter and the work on Green 1 started after the spring baseball/softball season. The infield on all 3 fields was raised and subsurface piping installed to improve the drainage of the fields. The fields were then resodded with hybrid bermuda grass. These improvements will greatly improve the fields and the times we can play games after a rain.

ORANGE 1, 2, AND 3 FIELD RENOVATIONS – The Park has just spent over \$95,000 renovating Orange 1, 2, and 3 soccer fields. These fields are over 10 years old and when built were not crowned/turtle backed. We have added over 8,000 tons of dirt, crowned the fields, installed sideline subsurface drainage, and now the fields will be completely resodded so that they can be used this fall by the soccer program.

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 that, if they did not exist, the Recreation District would have to provide that sport.



New Orleans Zephyrs mascot Boudreaux visits Pelican Park during opening day ceremonies for Baseball/Softball season.

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.

FYI....

Do you ever wonder how the cost of registration is determined? Prior to registration, a budget is prepared to cover the direct cost for each age group. Standard charges include: Uniforms, awards, officials (the # and cost of officials will vary depending on the sport), scorekeepers (certain sports use a paid scorekeeper), secondary medical insurance-charged for primary season only, misc. \$1.00 for any unforeseen expenses. The Park continuously strives to reduce the cost of registration for each participant.

Girls Fall Volleyball

NO MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

- c Registration dates 7/30 – 8/18
- c Ages 9 – 17
- c Age as of date 8/31/01 – **Must be 9 by 8/31/01 to register**
- c Practices begin September 1st
- c Games begin 9/16/01
- c 10 game season with a single elimination tournament
- c All games are played at Pelican Park

Registration Fees

- c 9/10's, 11/12's \$28.00 District
\$53.00 Non-District
- c 13/14's, 15/17's \$25.00 District
\$50.00 Non-District

A 4-team minimum is required to form a league. Parents must sign a Code of Conduct at registration and attend a mandatory meeting at their child's first scheduled practice.

Girls Fall Basketball

NO MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

- c Registration dates 7/30 – 8/18
- c Age as of date is 8/31/01
- c Ages 13-16
- c Age groups are 13/14's, 15/16's
- c Practices begin 8/25/01
- c Games begin the first week of September
- c 10 game season with a single elimination tournament
- c All games are played at Pelican Park

Registration Fees

- c All ages \$39.00 District
\$64.00 Non-District

A 4-team minimum is required to form a league. Parents must sign a Code of Conduct at registration.

Boys Fall Baseball

**Limited number of participants
NO MAIL – IN**

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

- c District Registration begins July 30th and ends August 18
- c Non-District Registration begins August 6th and ends August 18
- c Ages 7 thru 14 – **MUST BE 7 BY JULY 31, 2002 TO REGISTER**
- c No evaluations
- c Practices begin the week of August 27th
- c Games begin the week of September 8th and end by October 20th
- c 10 game season with a single elimination tournament
- c All games played at Pelican Park

Fall Baseball Registration Fees:

- c Ages 7/8 \$39.00 District \$64.00 Non-District
- c Ages 9/10 \$49.00 District \$74.00 Non-District
- c Ages 11/12 \$51 District \$76.00 Non-District
- c Ages 13/14 \$54.00 District \$79.00 Non-District

SLAMFEST TOURNAMENT

Pelican Park hosted their annual baseball tournament the week-end of June 29th. Thirty-four teams throughout the New Orleans and Baton Rouge area competed in the tournament.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS:

- 8 YR. OLDS - CRESCENT CITY CARDINALS
- 10 YR. OLDS - MANDEVILLE BANDITS
- 11 YR. OLDS - ST. BERNARD ALL-STARs
- 12 YR. OLDS - SHOCKER BASEBALL
- 13 YR. OLDS - LA HURRICANES



Above: Winners of the Slamfest Tournament 10 year old age group from left to right: 2nd place winners – St. James All-Stars. 1st place winners – Mandeville Bandits.



Above: Norma, the Slamfest mascot, welcomed visitors to Slamfest Headquarters located in the Castine Center. Norma is owned by Ron and Tanja Moree and was escorted around the Park by the Moree's son, Justin. Norma was a "Grand Slam Ham" with all of the Slamfest visitors.

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.

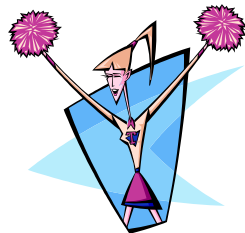
FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

- Boys Ages 7 – 12 years old
- Any 13 or 14 year olds interested in playing, please call the Park's office at 626-7997. We will begin a waiting list and, if enough players are interested, will form a 13/14 yr. old league
- Age as of 7/1/01 – must be 7 by 7/1/01 in order to register
- Mail-in registration 7/30 – 8/10
- Walk-in registration 7/30 – 8/18
- Registration held at Pelican Park office located in the Castine Center between the hours of 8:00 – 6:00 Monday – Friday and 9:00 – 5:00 on Saturdays.
- Players will not be allowed to play up or down into an age group without prior approval from the Football Advisory Board.
- A players clinic conducted by Coach Farve of Fontainbleau High School will be offered to all potential players on August 11. This clinic is free of charge.
- All players must be evaluated. Evaluations will be held 8/20 – 8/22
- Players are no longer required to have a physical.
- Team drafts will be held on 8/23 at the Castine Center
- Practices begin the week of August 27. During the pre-season, 3 – 4 practices are held weekly
- Games begin in mid-September and end in mid-November
- All games, with the exception of the one game played by the 9/10's and 11/12's at the Superdome, will be played at Pelican Park
- Games are tentatively scheduled on Saturdays

FOOTBALL REGISTRATION FEES

\$64.00 DISTRICT RESIDENTS
\$89.00 NON-DISTRICT RESIDENTS

NOTE: Registration fees cover the cost of officials, jersey, helmet decals and awards. **IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE COST OF HELMET, PADS, CLEATS, OR PANTS.** Please call your local sporting goods store for rental information.



CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION

Come join the Fun! Cheerleading teaches team work, improves coordination and physical fitness. This sport is open to girls ages 7 – 12 (age as of 7/1/01). The girls will learn basic cheers, chants and jumps. Teams will cheer for Pelican Park football teams. All games will be played at Pelican Park, with the exception of the 9/10's and 11/12's Superdome game. This game will be played in mid-October, before or after a Tulane game.

Registration fees cover the cost of the uniform, bloomers, pom poms and trophies.

REGISTRATION FEES

\$61.00 District Residents
 \$86.00 Non-District Residents

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Mail- in registration 7/30 – 8/10
 Walk-in registration 7/30 – 8/18

Registration held at the Pelican Park office located in the Castine Center. Registration hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTE:

A mandatory 2 day clinic for all girls registered for cheerleading will be held on Saturday, August 25th and Sunday, August 26 at the Pelican Park gym. Girls will be assigned to teams based on evaluation information. Special requests and requests to cheer up or down an age group cannot be honored.

FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION
PELICAN PARK YOUTH SPORTS

MAIL TO:
63350 PELICAN DR.
MANDEVILLE, LA 70448

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Pelican Park

PHONE: 626-7997
MAIL-IN REG. ENDS
8/10/01

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): _____

Complete Address: _____
(house number) (city) (state) (zipcode)

Subdivision _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact name & phone #: _____

AGE DETERMINATION INFORMATION

DOB: _____ **PLEASE WRITE ?YOUR CHILD'S AGE AS OF 7/1/2001**

CHILD MUST BE 7 BY 7/1/2001. NO EXCEPTIONS!

AGE GROUP: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) 7/8 9/10 11/12

CIRCLE ONE:

FOOTBALL

CHEERLEADING

FOOTBALL PLAYERS:

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Name of Last Coach: _____

Position Played: _____

CHEERLEADERS:

UNIFORMS ARE NOT EXCHANGEABLE AS THEY ARE SPECIAL ORDERED

Uniform size: _____ **Parent's initials** _____

Has your child ever: _____

cheered before? _____ How long? _____

Participated in gymnastics? _____ How long? _____

Taken dance lessons? _____ How long? _____

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Head Coach/Cheerleading Squad Coach _____ Asst. Coach _____ Director _____ Team Manager _____

I, the undersigned parent/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 participating in activities sponsored by Recreation District #1/Pelican Park. 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 for my minor child.

PARENTS SIGNATURE: _____

Once your child has been assigned to a team there will be no refunds. No refunds are given for conflicts with personal schedule.

Payment & birth certificate must accompany form.

BACK PAGE MUST BE SIGNED FOR REGISTRATION TO BE PROCESSED

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

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

PELICAN PARK FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING

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 recreational baseball 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 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.

Parent's Signature: _____

Player / participant's name: _____

Date: _____ Age Group: _____

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MANDEVILLE, LA 70448

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Pelican Park Hotline (for field conditions) (985)626-1444
Park Office (985)626-7997 Fax (985)626-9028

CONCESSIONS OPERATIONS

The Park's concession operations are contracted out to Great Southern Concessionaire. Operating concessions at a sports complex is very challenging due to the unique type of concessions, the impact of weather, and game schedules. Great Southern is owned and operated by Buddy and Helen Chandler, and David and Jennifer Lange. These four hardworking people are always at the Park, so next time you're at the concession stands make sure you say hello!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR PELICAN PARK AND HELP BUY PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE BLUE COMPLEX!!! ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS WILL BE GOING ON SALE SOON FOR \$20.00 EACH... AVAILABLE AT THE CASTINE CENTER OFFICE (AUGUST THRU DECEMBER 2001.) THEY MAKE GREAT GIFTS TOO!!!

DRIVER BEWARE!

Because the Park cares about the safety of our children and visitors, the Park will start issuing tickets for all speeding and parking violations!!! People parking in handicapped area without permits/licenses will be issued tickets. Please be very careful how you drive and where you park.

GYM PARKING LOT RENOVATIONS

The Board of Commissioners recently approved funding for the reconstruction and asphaltting of the gym parking lot. The work is scheduled for late July, August, and September in order to minimize the inconvenience to Park users. We had to schedule the work around spring baseball/softball and basketball season.



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