

Pelican Watch



Recreation District #1 of St. Tammany Parish

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From the Director Ms. Kathy Foley

On May 3rd, the community voted to approve a bond issue to expand Pelican Park...the true winners are the community and future generation of children !!!

There are many people who gave of themselves by working to help get this bond issue to expand the Park passed. The "Friends of Pelican Park" board members took the lead in the promotion and funded the promotion. Thanks to the "Friends of Pelican Park" board members, Roger Linde, Richard Wilson, Milton Meyer, Tammy Whitehead, Tanya Moree, Ray Leiber, Alex Balducci and Rob Bateman. Special thanks to Theresa Rowe. Theresa has been an activist for a skate park in the community for the past 3 years. She teamed up with the Friends Board and played a vital role in promoting the bond issue!! I would like to also thank the staff of the Park, both full-time and part-time employees. They could not promote the bond issue during normal work hours, but after work played an important role in volunteering to help with flyers, postcards and talking with people. Special thanks also to Mandeville Soccer Club, Scott Spragley, and the Recreation District's Administrative Board for their help in promoting the bond issue.

The expansion project will bring much needed additional game fields and practice fields for our sports programs and MSC. The addition of the tennis complex and skate park will add a new dimension to the Park. Tennis is a life time sport and the complex will provide much needed public courts and offer low cost lessons and clinics for children and adults. The skate park will meet the needs of both beginners and intermediate boarders and riders in this new and expanding sport.

As the design stage progresses, public meetings will be held to gain input from children and adults in the community, to hear what they feel needs to be in the Skate Park. This input will be vital to making a great Skate Park!

Thanks again to everyone in the community for the support on the bond issue. This expansion will allow the Park to keep up with the growing demands of the community and to broaden the type of recreation offered at the Park.

EXPANSION OF PELICAN PARK APPROVED BY VOTERS

On May 3, 2003, voters in Recreation District #1 voted to approve the bond issue to fund the expansion of the Park. Voter turn out may not have been what was expected, but 53% of the voters voted to approve the bond issue. The expansion project was conceived and recommended by a citizen committee. The Administrative Board of the Recreation District, accepted the citizen committee's recommendation without change and moved forward with putting the issue to the voters.

The expansion project will include:

Items to be built within the existing, developed, park area:

- The paving of 4 existing gravel parking lots
- 9 – station automatic batting cages
- Addition to Pelican Park's offices in the Castine Center

Items to be built on undeveloped land owned by the park, just north of present development:

- A pavilion at the existing purple field complex.
- A 3-field baseball/softball "game" complex (similar to the existing Blue complex built in 1998)
- A 2-field soccer/football "game" complex with pavilion, concessions, vending and bleachers for 200 people.
- 5 - 6 multi-purpose "practice" fields. These fields would not have specialty sport turf. They will have lights, sport specific drainage, pavilion etc. and minimal fencing.
- A skate board park. This facility would be fenced for controlled access and feature above ground ramps and jumps purchased and installed by a nationally approved designer/manufacturer/installer. There will be both rider and spectator seating, a vending area, a supervisor area and landscaping. (BMX area will be added if space and funds)
- A 6 - 8 (approx.) court tennis complex.

The Recreation District is quickly moving forward to contract with Meyer Engineering for the Architectural and Engineering services needed in the project. Construction of the 7.8 million dollar project will be done in 3-4 stages and the majority of the projects will take 2 - 2 1/2 years to design, construct and complete.

VISIT OUR WEB PAGE PELICANPARK.COM

YOUTH SUMMER BASKETBALL INFORMATION

Too hot outside? Want your child to warm-up for the upcoming fall and winter basketball seasons? Register them for summer basketball at Pelican Park. This summer we are offering basketball leagues for girls and boys. Read the following information and don't forget to register early because there is a maximum # of teams for each age group.



REGISTRATION JUNE 9 THROUGH JUNE 21 REGISTER ONLINE AT PELICANPARK.COM



or register at the Castine Center Office

MONDAY – FRIDAY 8AM-6PM SATURDAY 9AM-5PM

YOU MUST HAVE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE ON FILE IN ORDER TO REGISTER ON-LINE
NO MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED



GIRLS SUMMER BASKETBALL INFORMATION Ages 7 through 14

- Age as of 8/31/2002 (must have been 7 by 8/31/2002 in order to register)
- **Maximum # of teams will be strictly adhered to** – need a minimum of 4 teams for a league
- 7/8 girls – 6 team maximum – games on Tuesday & Saturday
- 9/10 girls – 8 team maximum – games on Monday & Saturday
- 11/12 girls – 8 team maximum – games on Tuesday & Saturday
- 13/14 girls – 8 team maximum – games on Tuesday & Saturday
- Games begin week of 7/7 and end by 8/17
- 10 games with a single elimination tournament
- Pre-season practices only
- Season practices upon coaches request only – limit 1 per week

FEES

	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NON-DISTRICT</u>
• Girls age 7/8	\$44	\$69
• Girls age 9/10	\$44	\$69
• Girls age 11/12	\$44	\$69
• Girls age 13/14	\$44	\$69

BOYS SUMMER BASKETBALL INFORMATION Ages 8 through 17

- Age as of 8/31/2002 (must have been 8 by 8/31/2002 in order to register)
- Age groups may be combined in order to form a team
- 8 year old boys will not be combined with the 9's
- **Maximum # of teams will be strictly adhered to** – need a minimum of 4 teams for a league
- 8 boys – 6 team max. – games on Monday & Saturday
- 9 boys – 8 team max. – games on Monday & Saturday
- 10 boys – 8 team max. – games on Monday & Saturday
- 11 boys – 8 team max. – games on Tuesday & Saturday
- 12 boys – 8 team max. – games on Tuesday & Saturday
- 13/14 boys – 12 team max. – games on Thursday & Saturday
- 15-17 boys – 8 team max. – games on Thursday & Saturday
- Games begin week of 7/7 and end by 8/17
- 10 games with a single elimination tournament
- Pre-season practices only
- Season practices upon coaches request only – limit 1 per week

FEES

	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NON-DISTRICT</u>
• Boys age 8	\$32	\$57
• Boys age 9	\$50	\$75
• Boys age 10	\$50	\$75
• Boys age 11	\$50	\$75
• Boys age 12	\$50	\$75
• Boys age 13/14	\$53	\$78
• Boys age 15/17	\$53	\$78



UPCOMING REGISTRATION DATES

Select Baseball Session III July 7 – July 18
* On July 7 registration will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. For the remainder of the registration, hours will be 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Fall Sports Registration: July 28 – Aug. 9

Football	ages 7 – 13
Cheerleading	ages 7 – 13
Fall Baseball	ages 7 – 14
Girls Basketball	ages 13 – 14
Girls Volleyball	ages 9 – 15

Boys Basketball ages 6 – 12 **Sept. 22 – Oct. 4**

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Refund Policy: Until the draft, refunds are given upon request. Each refund has a \$5.00 handling fee. After draft, refunds are only granted for medical reasons or very unique situations with a \$5.00 handling fee. Medical requests between draft and the second game are given under special circumstances. We don't give refunds even for medical reasons after the second game of the season is played.

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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.

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.

LET'S AVOID DUPLICATE MAILINGS

If you receive duplicates of the same newsletter with different names or addresses, please send the newsletter to us at 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville LA 70448 or email us at pelicansec@nternet.com. Please indicate the incorrect information and we'll change our records for the next mailing. You may receive some duplicates for a while. Thanks!

SCOREKEEPERS NEEDED Looking for some extra cash this summer? Pelican Park is looking for scorekeepers for this summer's boys and girls basketball leagues. Games begin July 7th and end August 17th. Call the Park at 626-7997 for more information.