

Pelican Watch

PELICAN PARK



Recreation District #1 of St. Tammany Parish

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From the Director



Like the community of Mandeville, Pelican Park has grown and expanded dramatically in the past 17 years since it opened in 1990.

- The Park started with a two court gym and now has 5 courts in two gyms and 4 courts in the Castine Center for practice during the months of November, December and January.
- The Park originally had a gravel road and one parking lot. The Park now has paved roads and 6 parking lots and spaces for 900 cars.
- The Park started with 13 fields & only with 3 road lights. We now have 22 fields with 20 of them with lights.
- Initially, 4th Ward/Mandeville youth sports, an all volunteer program operated sports for boys and girls. They had just under 1,000 children in all the sports. Presently, the park operates all sports, except soccer. The District has over 5,211 children in sports programs.

The Recreation District's operations are supported by a property tax on homes and commercial property in the greater Mandeville area.

The Recreation District will be going to the voters this fall to ask them to renew 3 of the 7 mills the District has for total Park operations. More information will be provided as the election approaches, but the District will be looking for volunteers to help speak to homeowners association groups, walk neighborhoods and promote the election. Your support of this millage renewal is vital to the children and adults of this community.

Kathy Foley



Keeping Children Safe



Falling or stepping into a pile of red ants is both dangerous and painful to children when bit. The Recreation District goes above most normal parks and spends \$ 6,600 per year of it's budget to purchase and install fire ant control. This product is put on all of the Park's fields to eliminate red ant piles from the fields thus protecting to ensure that children do not fall into red ant hills while playing or practicing.

Recreation Superintendent on Extended Medical Leave

Ann Keyes, Recreation Superintendent, is on extended medical leave for at least 4 months and possibly longer. Ann is currently undergoing radiation and chemotherapy for third stage adenocarcinoma cancer of the lungs. Ann is an important part of the Park and a very special person. We ask that you keep her in your thoughts and prayers while she fights this cancer.

Construction Updates

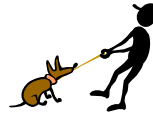
PHASE 3 EXPANSION

Work continues on the Phase 3 expansion project which consists of 3 softball/baseball game fields, 2 football/soccer game fields, skate board park, roads and infrastructure. The contractor has completed the roads, water and sewer distribution. The fields have been constructed. Work is progressing on the pavilions at each complex. The light poles are on-site and scheduled for erection in late-May.

PHASE 4 EXPANSION

Phase 4, which consists of 6 practices fields, lights, parking and pavilion was recently awarded to the low bidder, Great Southern Dredging with a bid of \$1,995,836.00. The contractor has completed the clearing and grubbing and is now working on construction of the practice fields.

Dog Obedience Classes Offered



The class will focus on teaching basic beginners training methods which includes socialization, proper leash usage, heeling, sits, downs, recall etc. The 8 session class will meet both indoors and outdoors at the Castine Center. Class length is 1 hour and humans will have homework to do with their dog between classes. The class will be taught by John and Lenora Long. They have trained/shown dogs to the highest obedience titles/championships and worked for many years as instructors for Deep South Obedience Club.

- **Cost is \$70.00**
- 8 class sessions
- 1 hour session
- Monday nights
- June 25, July 2,16,23,30 and Aug 6,20 and 27th
- 6:30 -7:30pm

Minimum class size is 7 – Maximum class size is 12

Dogs must be 6 month old and provide proof of all shots. First -come first -serve so register early. Registration must be done in the



Congratulations!

Julie and Jeff Stempel



Julie Stempel, Recreation Supervisor for girls basketball, softball, volleyball and cheerleading, recently gave birth to her first child. Julie and Jeff welcomed 8lb, 12oz baby boy named Owen Joseph Stempel. Julie plans to return to work this fall.

Pelican Park....making a difference in children's lives

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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!!!
DISTRICT REGISTRATION DATES: JUNE 4th - JUNE 19th
NON-DISTRICT REGISTRATION DATES: JUNE 11th - JUNE 19th
PLEASE NOTE: DURING LIMITED REGISTRATION PLAY UPS ARE NOT APPROVED UNTIL AFTER REGISTRATION CLOSES IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE.
Office registration hours:
 Monday – Friday 8am-6pm
 Saturday 9am-5pm
Online registration:
 Returning District players may register 24 hours a day beginning at 12:01am on June 4th. Online registration ends at midnight on June 19th.

- General Registration Information
- First time players must register in the office & bring a copy of their birth certificate and a current utility bill.
 - Online registration available for returning players only
 - Due to the limited registration, play-ups will only be considered after registration has ended and only if openings are available in that age group.
 - In order to form teams that are fair and equally balanced, requests for a specific team will not be honored.

Girls Summer Basketball League

Ages 7-12



- Age as of date: 8/31/2007
- Evaluations are not conducted for Summer Basketball
- Pre-season practices begin Saturday, June 23rd
- 10 game season
- Games begin Saturday, July 7th
- 2 games per week; one weekday & one weekend
- Pre-season practices only, unless coach requests season practices
- **New! This season will conclude with a "Sportsmanship" game.**
- **The selected participants will be voted on by opposing coaches based on good sportsmanship, attitude, hustle, and performance.**

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Limited # of participants</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Non-District</u>
7/8	48 players	\$ 44.00	\$ 94.00
9/10	42 players	\$ 58.00	\$ 108.00
11/12	42 players	\$ 58.00	\$ 108.00

BOYS SUMMER BASKETBALL

Ages 7 – 17



- Age as of 8/31/2007
- Games begin on Saturday, July 7th
- 10 game season – 2 games per week; one weekday & one weekend
- Ages 13 & up will play 8 minute quarters. All other ages play 6 minute quarters.
- Pre-season practices only
- Season practices upon coaches request – limit one per week
- No player 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 year old age group - age groups **MAY** be combined in order to form a league.
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	<u>District</u>	<u>Non-District</u>
7 yr. olds	\$ 41.00	\$ 91.00
8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 yr. olds	\$ 57.00	\$ 107.00
13, 14 & 15 yr. olds	\$ 73.00	\$ 123.00
16/17 yr. Olds	\$ 78.00	\$ 128.00

Summer Camps & Clinics

May 28 th – June 1 st	Paul Mainieri (LSU) Baseball Camp
June 4 th – June 8 th	Dotson-Priola Shooting Stars Basketball Camp
June 4 th – June 8 th	Mandeville Soccer Club Youth Camp
June 12 th – June 15 th	Jared Montz Pro Soccer Camp
June 15 th – June 17 th	Green/Grant Individual Player Development Basketball Camp
June 18 th – June 22 nd	Mandeville Soccer Club Youth Camp
June 25 th – June 29 th	New Orleans Hornets Youth Training Camp
July 23 rd – July 27 th	Dotson-Priola Shooting Stars Basketball Camp
July 30 th – August 3 rd	Mandeville Soccer Club Youth Camp
July 31 st	New Orleans Hornets Summer Hoops Clinic

All camps and clinics are conducted by rental groups and are not sponsored by Pelican Park. For contact information please visit our website www.pelicanpark.com

The Castine Center in June

June 1-3	Bougalie Rebels Cat Club Show/Banquet
June 9-10	St. Tammany Home Builders Association Home Show
June 12 –	Wal-Mart Meeting
June 16 –	Elite Dance Academy
June 19-20	Wal-Mart meeting
June 24 –	Northshore Bridal Show
June 27 –	McDonald’s Meeting
June 29 –	Sysco Food Services
June 30 –	Noble Drilling Picnic

We’re still exceeding our own expectations! The Castine Center is booked with meetings, event move-ins and move-outs for 11 of the 21 available weekdays. All four halls and our conference rooms are booked for every Saturday in June! Watch our website for upcoming events each month at www.castinecenter.com.

NFL Junior Player Development (JPD) Program a Success!!

For the first time ever Pelican Park hosted the National Football League’s JPD football program. Over 120 local football players participated in the 5 week, 12 session program. Participants received a wide range of training in a number of positions (QB, WR, DB, etc.). The program also integrated on-field skills development with life skills and character development. Some of the guest speakers included John Bonemego (Saints Coach), Mike McKenzie & Zach Strief (current Saints) and Larry Favre (FHS Football Head Coach). The season concluded with a 2 hour jambo-ree at the Saints Indoor Practice Facility. Pelican Park would like to thank the NFL, Saints Youth Task force, the 20+ volunteer coaches who made this possible, especially site coordinator, Rene Puissegur.

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

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!!!!
Fall Sports – July 30th – August 14th
Adult Sports – July 30– August 10th

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.

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.

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.

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.

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