

Pelican Watch



Recreation District #1

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From the Director.....

The purpose of Recreation District #1 is to meet the recreation needs of the community it serves. Recreation is many different things to different people. For many, the definition of recreation means sports for both adults and children. However the true definition of recreation includes the arts, fitness, hobbies, educational classes, social events and nature activities. Recreation is an important factor in the lives of children, adults, seniors and special populations.

Since 1989, when Recreation District #1 first opened Pelican Park, the Recreation District primarily focused on facility development and sports. One of the goals for 2001 for the Board of Commissioners and the staff, was to expand the type of recreation programming offered. In this newsletter you will find the first group of recreation programs and classes being offered. We are very excited about this expansion of services and will be offering more programs in the future. If there is a program, class or event that you would like offered, please call the office and let us know.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathy Foley
Director

Special notices, programs and thanks.....

MILLAGE RATE REDUCED

This year Recreation District #1 residents will be paying less in property tax than last year. The Recreation District Board of Commissioners voted at their July meeting to lower the debt service amount from 7 mils to 5.5 mils. The debt service fund is the amount needed to repay the money borrowed to develop the Park in 1988 and to finance the expansion of the Park in 1996. Thanks to the continued development of homes and commercial property in the area, everyone will pay a little less. This is the 4th time in the last 5 years that the debt service millage has been reduced. The District has a total of 7 mils for operation and maintenance which remains the same. For tax year 2001, a home owner of a \$125,000 home will pay a total for debt service and operations of \$62.50 to Recreation District #1.

THREE FIELDS REBUILT

In an effort to continue to improve the Park, the Board of Commissioners spent \$100,000 this summer rebuilding and sodding Orange 1, 2, and 3 soccer fields. These 3 fields were 11 years old and reflected the years of use. Adding to the years of use, was the fact that the fields were not originally crowned to drain. The rebuilding project included crowning the fields, adding sideline subsurface drainage, irrigation improvements and resodding. The Board chose the added cost of resodding versus having the fields out of commission for a year. The new fields will still require work to be in the best possible shape. The park crew will be rolling and top dressing the fields frequently over the next 6 months to improve smoothness and drainage.

TREE GRANT AWARDED TO PARK

Recreation District #1 Board of Commissioners and staff are pleased to announce that they have been notified that their grant application to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry Program has been funded in 2001-2002. The \$2,500 matching grant will allow the Park to continue with the reforestation program and by working with school children, be able to educate children and park users about tree care and protection.

GYM PARKING LOT TO BE PAVED

As of the writing of this newsletter, the construction crews are working on the rebuilding and paving of the gym parking lot. The work is scheduled to be completed by September 12th. This \$95,000 project was approved by the Recreation District #1 Board of Commissioners at their April meeting but scheduled for August/September so as to impact the least amount of park users.

DID YOU KNOW????

- c The Park has over 10,000 visitors on a typical game Saturday....that's a lot of people!!!
- c Thanks to a very dedicated and hard working advisory board, the cheerleading program increased the number of girls participating over 30% this year. The program and board have focused on safety, training and development as a sport.
- c Football fans consume more concessions than any other sport. This year the concession will be busy at the gray football complex as the football program will be playing games every Saturday this fall in the Park.
- c Think your light bill is high??? The Park pays Cleco an average of \$11,000 per month....that's over \$130,000 per year for field and building lights.

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.

REGISTRATION FOR BOYS AND GIRLS WINTER BASKETBALL

MAIL – IN REGISTRATION: 9/17 – 9/30
WALK – IN REGISTRATION: 9/17 – 10/6

REGISTER AT THE CASTINE CENTER OFFICE ONLY

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

BOYS AGES 6 – 12

AGE AS OF 8/31/01 **NO EXCEPTIONS**

- C Practices begin October 29th
- C Games begin November 10th and end mid-late January
- C No games 11/19 – 11/24 and 12/22 – 1/3
- C Boys 6 years old will play 8 game season
- C Boys 7 years old will play and 8 game season with a single elimination tournament; games on week-ends.
- C Boys 8 and up will a 12 game season with a single elimination tournament; games on weekdays and weekends.

REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION

	DISTRICT	NON-DISTRICT
6's	\$27.00	\$52.00
7's	\$29.00	\$54.00
8's	\$40.00	\$65.00
9's	\$57.00	\$82.00
10's	\$57.00	\$82.00
11's	\$54.00	\$79.00
12's	\$54.00	\$79.00



A PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT MUST BE SIGNED IN ORDER TO REGISTER A CHILD

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

GIRLS AGES 6 – 12

AGE AS OF 8/31/01 **NO EXCEPTIONS**

- C Practices begin October 29th
- C Games begin November 10th and end mid-January
- C No games 11/19 – 11/24 and 12/22 – 1/2
- C Girls 6/7 will play a 9 game season, games on weekends
- C Girls 8 will play an 8 game season with a single elimination tournament, games will be played on the weekends
- C Girls 9 and up will play a 12 game season with a single elimination tournament, one game during the week and one game on weekends

REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION

	DISTRICT	NON-DISTRICT
6/7's	\$29.00	\$54.00
8's	\$33.00	\$58.00
9's	\$59.00	\$84.00
10's	\$59.00	\$84.00
11's	\$57.00	\$82.00
12's	\$57.00	\$82.00



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BOYS / GIRLS BASKETBALL 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 CIRCLE ONE:

BOYS BASKETBALL

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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 #: _____

of years played: _____ Child's height: _____ Last Coach: _____

AGE DETERMINATION INFORMATION

DOB: _____ **PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S AGE AS OF 8/312001**

CHILD MUST BE 7 BY 8/31/2001. NO EXCEPTIONS!

AGE GROUP: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

BOYS BASKETBALL AGE GROUPS: 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

GIRLS BASKETBALL AGE GROUPS: 6/7 8 9 10 11 12

CIRCLE ONE:

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 Board of Commissioners: Back row, left to right: Tony Oramous, Joe FitzPatrick, DDS, Nixon Adams, Rob Bateman. Front row: Brent Silva, Stephen Meyer, M.D, Alex Balducci, Max McWiggins



Fall Baseball at Pelican Park got off to a great start. First day of practices was exciting for all of the boys and the coaches too.

PELICAN PARK BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL 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. Re-instatement 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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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.

SCOOTER ETIQUETTE

In the past year we have received numerous complaints regarding scooters in the Park. We appreciate all of our patrons and hope that everyone considers Pelican Park a fun place to be. However, in-consideration of others makes some park visits not fun. We are requesting the cooperation of parents and their children and ask that children not ride their scooters around the concession or bleacher areas. Help us not have to ban scooters by being considerate of others.

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.

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. The Friends program last year funded over \$10,000 in tree purchases to help with the reforestation of the Park.

Reserve your booth Now!!!

**MANDEVILLE GARAGE SALE
Come Rain or Shine!!!!**

INSIDE the Castine Center in Pelican Park

Saturday, October 20, 2001

Climate controlled booths available to sell all of your unwanted items, crafts and goods.

\$35.00 per 10' x 10' booth.

Multiple booths available.