

# Pelican Watch



Recreation District #1 of St. Tammany Parish

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## CONTEST WINNERS!

All participants in our baseball/softball program had their names automatically entered in a drawing held opening day. Prizes included bicycles, coolers, gift certificates, autographed baseballs, fanny packs, equipment bags, and t-shirts. **Congratulations to bike winners: Kevin Tulley, Amanda Zieske, Tyler Dietrich, Devon Radecker.**

## SPECIAL THANKS!

Special thanks to our partners at Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Legends Sports World, Putt-Putt, Global Wildlife and Cris - Tees for their generous donation of items for our drawings!!!

## From the Director....

Summer is a busy time for Pelican Park. This year there are over 2,000 children in our softball and baseball programs. Putting together a program for this many children involves the efforts, hard work and dedication of both professional staff and volunteers. Volunteers, whether Advisory Board members, Age Group Directors, or Coaches contribute hundreds of hours to make Pelican Park youth sport programs a success, but most importantly, they make a difference in children's lives.

## DID YOU KNOW???

- The Park operates its own sewer and water system.
  - The Park constructs and maintains all of the roadway in the Park.
  - On a typical Saturday the Park has over 10,000 visitations.
  - The Castine Center is the site of such diverse events such as volleyball tournaments, Mardi Gras balls, trade shows, dog shows, fund raisers, flower shows, weddings, seminars and dance recitals.
  - The Park has over 1,500 parking spots.
  - Think your light bill is high?The Park pays Cleco an average of \$11,000 per month...that's \$130,000 per year.
- Have a great summer!!! I hope you have many special moments this summer with your children,,a "family" only picnic, visit a water park, walk the lake front, or just playing catch in the back yard. Don't forget to take time to have fun yourself this summer. The benefits to recreation are endless...recreation reduces stress, keeps you healthy and improves family dynamics.

Kathy Foley  
Director

## BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL OPENING DAY!



Bicycle winner Kevin Tulley, sisters Charlotte and Elizabeth, Mom Colleen Tulley, and Pelican Park Office Manager Kim Breath.



Opening day for the T-Ball and 6-year old Coach Pitch Leagues was a smash hit for the 478 children participating.



Opening day ceremonies: Coach David Aymond's 10-year old baseball team says the Pledge of Allegiance.



Pelican Park baseball players carry the flag during opening day ceremonies of the 2002 Spring Baseball Season.

## MISS TEEN USA WILL NOT BE HELD AT CASTINE CENTER

A group of community leaders attempted to bring the Miss Teen Pageant, scheduled for August 2002, to the Castine Center. The host committee recently announced that they had turned down the event as they could not come to final terms with the pageant officials. The event would have been held over 14 days and the final pageant televised on national television. The event would have had a huge economic impact on the area. The host committee was hampered by having only 3 months lead time to organize the fund raising aspects and recruit the hundreds of volunteers needed to host the event.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Presently under construction is a 1.2 million dollar two-court gymnasium. The general contractor for the project is Voelkel Construction of Mandeville. The completion date for the project is November 1, 2002.

## PROBLEM OF POWER OUTAGES

The Park unfortunately experienced a number of power outages/blinks during February and March. These outages created MAJOR problems for the Park and the safety of our children. Park officials were in constant contact with Cleco who were working hard to identify and solve the problem. We were notified by Cleco on May 3rd that they had found the problem and isolated it. To help prevent future problems, Cleco changed the Park to a special line that will drastically improve the dependability of our service...thanks Cleco!!! Thanks also to Public Service Commissioner Jay Blossman for his assistance in helping the Park resolve the problem with Cleco.

## TURF SUPERVISOR HIRED

The Park is pleased to announce the addition of Harris LaGrange as the turf supervisor for the Park. Harris previously was employed as the golf course superintendent for Royal Golf Course in Slidell. Harris will be responsible for all aspects of the Park's turf care to include application of weed and pest controls, fertilization, aeration and irrigation.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
BOYS SUMMER BASKETBALL  
LIMITED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS  
REGISTER EARLY - NO MAIL IN'S  
ACCEPTED**

- ◆ District Registration June 10 - June 22.
- ◆ Non-District Registration June 17 - June 22.
- ◆ Ages 9 - 17.
- ◆ Age as of 8/31/02.
- ◆ MUST be 9 by 8/31/02 to register.
- ◆ LIMIT 12 teams for age groups 9/10, 11/12, & 13/14.
- ◆ No Evaluations.
- ◆ Season begins July 8th and ends by August 18th.
- ◆ 10 game season with single elimination tournament.
- ◆ All games played at Pelican Park.

**TENTATIVE GAME DAYS**

9/10's	Monday & Saturday
11/12's	Monday & Saturday
13/14's	Tuesday & Sunday
15/17's	Wednesday & Sunday

**REGISTRATION FEES**  
ALL AGES

\$41.00	District Residents
\$66.00	Non-District Residents

**NO MAIL-IN'S ACCEPTED FOR SUMMER  
SPORTS. WALK-IN'S ACCEPTED  
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 - 6:00  
SATURDAY 9:00 - 5:00**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
GIRLS SUMMER BASKETBALL AND  
VOLLEYBALL CLINIC  
NO MAIL-IN'S ACCEPTED**

- ◆ District Registration June 10 - June 22
- ◆ Non-District Registration June 17 - June 22
- ◆ Ages 6 through 12
- ◆ Age as of 8/31/02
- ◆ Six (6) weeks of clinics on Saturday mornings  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- ◆ First 3 weeks - Basketball; last 3 weeks - Volleyball
- ◆ Registration is for ENTIRE period
- ◆ Clinics begin July 13th and end August 17th
- ◆ Emphasis on individual skill development and basic team play.

**REGISTRATION FEES**  
ALL AGES

\$10.00	District Residents
\$35.00	Non-District Residents

**REGISTRATION FOR GIRLS 13/15 FALL  
BASKETBALL AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL  
AGES 9 - 16 WILL BEGIN JULY 29TH.**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
BOYS SUMMER BASEBALL  
LIMITED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS  
REGISTER EARLY  
NO MAIL-IN'S ACCEPTED**

- ◆ District Registration June 10 - June 22
- ◆ Non-District Registration June 17 - June 22
- ◆ Ages 7 - 12 LIMIT OF 6 TEAMS PER AGE GROUP
- ◆ Age as of 7/31/02
- ◆ Must be 7 by 7/31/02 to register
- ◆ Practices begin the week of July 1st
- ◆ Games begin July 8 and end by August 17
- ◆ 10 game season with a single elimination tournament
- ◆ All games will be played at Pelican Park



**TENTATIVE GAME DAYS ALL AGE GROUPS ARE TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

**SUMMER BASEBALL REGISTRATION FEES**

7/8'S	\$35.00 District Residents	\$60.00 Non-District Residents
9/10's	\$48.00 District Residents	\$73.00 Non-District Residents
11/12's	\$50.00 District Residents	\$75.00 Non-District Residents

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

**Board of Commissioners:**

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Rob Bateman  
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Recreation Supervisor

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Recreation Supervisor

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Secretary

Harris LaGrange  
Turf Supervisor

Ron Johnson  
Construction Foreman

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 the Recreation District are Lake Ponchartrain on the south side, the Tchefuncte River on the west 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.

**CALLING ALL BROADCASTERS**

Pelican Park is accepting applications for announcers for the 2002 Football season. Games will begin early September and end in early November. Qualified applicants should be at least 14 years old, have good knowledge of football and enjoy speaking in public. For more information, please call the Pelican Park office at 626-7997.

**LOOKING FOR THE NEXT VINCE LOMBARDI**

Applications for football coaches for the 2002 Football season will be accepted through June 30th. The selection of coaches will be complete by mid-July. Call 626-7997 or come by the Pelican Park office located in the Castine Center for an application.

**ATTENTION CHEERLEADING MOM'S**

Cheerleading squad leaders needed for the 2002 cheerleading season which runs from August 23 through November 8. A squad leader's clinic will be offered early in the season to assist with cheers, dances and stunts. If you are interested, or would like more information, please call 626-7997.

**ADULT LEAGUE  
REGISTRATION**

Adult sports programs will have registration for Session III Fall Leagues beginning on July 15th and ending July 26th. The following leagues will be offered:

Just for Fun Co-ed Volleyball	Just for Fun Softball	Competitive Basketball
Rec. Co-ed Volleyball	Competitive Softball	Over 35 Basketball
Competitive Co-ed Volleyball	Co-ed Cabbage Ball	

Registration is for teams only, with a limited number of teams accepted in each league. Look for more information in: The Times-Picayune, The News Banner, on the Government Access Channel, the Causeway Electronic signs, and banners throughout the Park.

**BOAT LAUNCH**

Recreation District #1 is taking over the responsibility of operating and maintaining the boat launch on the east side of the Tchefuncte River at Hwy. 22. This boat launch has been in existence for 50 years but as of recently has not been cared for. The Recreation District working with State Representative Diane Winston and Parish Council Member Pat Brister, agreed to maintain and operate the launch. Plans include cleaning up the area, repairing the damage to the dock, defining the parking area, adding trash cans and adding a Port-a-Let. Funding for the initial improvements will come from the Parish and general maintenance will be the responsibility of the Recreation District.

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Mandeville, LA 704



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[PELICANPARK.COM](http://PELICANPARK.COM) OR  
[CASTINECENTER.COM](http://CASTINECENTER.COM)

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

**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 donations 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. 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 have a grant program and then call the Park at 626-7997 for more information.

**PROJECT GRADUATION**  
Due to a rescheduling of graduation for both Mandeville High School and Fontainbleau High School. Project Graduation was held in the Pelican Park Gym this year.  
Originally, Project Graduation was held in the gym. With the construction and availability of the Castine Center, Project Graduation was moved to the Castine Center in 1999. Due to the graduation date change and a previously booked event in the Castine Center, Pelican Park again offered the gym for the school's annual alcohol and drug free graduation event.  
Recreation District #1/Pelican Park is always pleased to sponsor Project Graduation and its donation to the event totals more than \$13,000 for this 9-day event.  
Congratulations to the graduates of Fontainbleau and Mandeville High Schools!!! We know you had lots of fun!!!

**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 during their recreation season 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.