

# Pelican Watch



Recreation District #1 of St. Tammany Parish

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### *From the Director...*

Having guests come to stay at your home usually means cleaning weeks in advance, followed by the last minute cleaning and hiding of items. Your hope is that everything will work well and your home will be a show place for your guests.

Different from your home, the Park welcomes guests 7 days a week and this past summer, Pelican Park had over 10,000 guests every Saturday!! Just like at your home, the staff tries very hard to keep the bathrooms clean during the day for our guests. Handling trash from that many guests can be a real challenge, but the staff works from early am to late pm picking up trash and emptying containers. We want you to feel at home and to have good thoughts about your Park.

This spring and summer in addition to the our regular guests attending the Park's baseball and softball program games, we have opened the doors to thousands of out-of-town guests. The Park has been the site of a girl's all-star softball tournament, 4 travel baseball tournaments and a USSSA national baseball tournament. The national tournament had a huge economic impact on the community!! Out-of-town teams came and stayed the complete week. Tournament games were played over a 6-day period. Visitors for all tournaments stayed in hotels in the Parish, shopped in the Parish and ate at local restaurants.

*Ms. Kathy Foley, Director*



### BOB WHELAN NEW COMMISSIONER

The Parish Council recently appointed Bob Whelan to the Recreation District #1 Board of Commissioners. Bob and his wife Marianne live in Mandeville with their 4 children. Since moving to the Northshore following Katrina, Bob has volunteered to coach basketball, baseball, soccer and football at the Park. In most sports he is coaching multiple teams. Bob brings to the Board good business sense mixed with years of coaching and playing sports.

The public is always invited to Recreation District #1 Board of Commissioners meetings held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Castine Center conference rooms.



### CASTINE CENTER JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER



**JULY 26TH**

**JULY 18TH-SEPT. 19TH**

**AUGUST 15TH**

**AUGUST 23RD**

**AUGUST 24-31**

#### **CASTAWAY PARTY**

TICKET INFO. 985-892-9922

#### **PELICAN PARK SCRAPPIN'**

REGISTRATION INFO. 985-626-7997

#### **CHAMBER RAFFLE DANCE**

TICKET INFO. 985-892-3216

#### **RENAISSANCE MMA**

#### **COMPETITION**

TICKET INFO. 504-456-8560

#### **SPROUT HOUSE EXCHANGE**

[www.thesprouthouseexchange.com](http://www.thesprouthouseexchange.com)

Visit [www.castinecenter.com](http://www.castinecenter.com) for future events.

### SEAFOOD FESTIVAL PARKING

The Recreation District allowed the Mandeville Seafood Festival to utilize its parking lots to shuttle people to the festival in Fontainebleau State Park. We apologize if you had a negative experience on Friday. The festival was in charge of providing staffing to handle the parking, buses, signage, traffic flow and trash pick up. Unfortunately for the festival, their plans for parking and traffic flow had flaws when a record breaking crowd arrived. Friday night there were major delays and frustration. On Saturday, the Recreation District took over staffing of the parking and the festival provided more buses. The parking was very busy Saturday night, but people were transported with minimal delay. Special thanks goes to the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff office for their support and rescue of the Park during the Friday situation.

The District will be working with both the Sheriff office and the festival organizers to ensure that next years parking is well planned and works effectively for the public.



### NEW RECREATION SUPERVISOR HIRED!

Please welcome Traci Plaisance as our new Recreation Supervisor. Traci is a Slidell resident and has two daughters, Taylor 12, and Ashlyn 10. Traci has been affiliated with various recreation organizations for the past 20+ years. Although her full time job was in the Banking/Mortgage industry, she spent her evenings and weekends volunteering at various softball, volleyball, and soccer clubs. She is currently the Area Director for Coast Region of PONY Baseball/Softball. Traci is responsible for the boy's basketball program, oversees the skate park, tournaments and will be introducing new programs.

Pelican Park...Making a difference in the lives of children

Recreation District #1  
of St. Tammany Parish/  
Pelican Park  
63350 Pelican Drive  
Mandeville, LA 70448

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Recreation Supervisor  
  
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Recreation Supervisor  
  
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Castine Center Manager

Andrew Thomas  
Castine Center Supervisor

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.

**FALL REGISTRATION DATES: JULY 28TH—AUGUST 12TH**

FOOTBALL, GIRLS VOLLEYBALL, BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, & CHEERLEADING.

Returning Players—Can register on-line 24 hours a day at [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com).

New Players— Must register in the office and bring a copy of child's birth certificate and a current electric bill.

**\*\*Reminder—All play-up requests must be done in the office.\*\***

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY 8am—6pm**

**SATURDAY 9am—5pm (Saturdays during registration only.)**



**FALL BASEBALL REGISTRATION**

**JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> -AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>**

The Fall Baseball program is designed to develop fundamentals of baseball and promote sportsmanship. Players will be assigned to an age group based upon their age as of **4/30/09**. Age groups must have a minimum of four teams in order to form a league.

**ALL PLAYERS WILL NEED TO ATTEND FALL BASEBALL EVALUATIONS ON AUGUST 14 or AUGUST 16, 2008. PLAYERS WHO DO NOT ATTEND EVALUATIONS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PITCH.**

- ⇒ Age as of date: **4/30/2009**
- ⇒ Practices begin the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>
- ⇒ Games will begin Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>
- ⇒ 2 games per week – 1 weeknight, 1 Saturday
- ⇒ 12 game season followed by a single elimination tournament

**REGISTRATION FEES**

Age Group	District	Non-District
7/8	\$56.00	\$106.00
9/10	\$60.00	\$110.00
11/12	\$64.00	\$114.00
13/14	\$71.00	\$121.00
15-17	\$71.00	\$121.00



**PELICAN'S NEST SKATE PARK NEWS**

Starting August 8, 2008 we will go back to our School Hours which will be:

Tuesday – Friday  
5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday  
Noon – 9:00 p.m.

**NEED A NEW PLACE TO ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY... CALL AND INQUIRE ABOUT HAVING A BIRTHDAY PARTY AT OUR NEST! THE PARK IS AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:30 AM TO 11:30 A.M. FOR BIRTHDAY PARTIES!**

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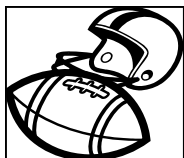
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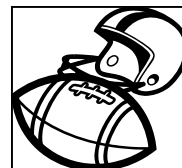
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SATURDAY 9am—5pm (Saturdays during registration only.)



YOUTH FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

**Boys: Ages 7 - 12 years old**



The youth football program is designed to teach and allow players to develop the fundamentals of the game of contact football. This program teaches the value of sportsmanship and teamwork while promoting self-esteem and confidence in a fun, safe environment.

- **Age as of 10/01/08.** Players MUST be 7 years old by 10/01/08
- Evaluation Dates: August 13, 14, & 15; evening hours will be announced.
- All players MUST attend each day of evaluations to ensure equal team distribution.
- Practices will begin the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Games will begin on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 7 game season with a single elimination tournament
- Rain-out games may be re-scheduled any day of the week, including Sundays.
- All games will be played at Pelican Park.

REGISTRATION FEES

AGE GROUP	DISTRICT	NON-DISTRICT
7/8's	\$69.00	\$119.00
9/10's	\$79.00	\$129.00
11/12's	\$79.00	\$129.00

Registration fees cover the cost of officials, a jersey, helmet decals (stripes & logos), socks, score keepers, secondary medical insurance and awards.

Player must provide a helmet, pads, cleats, and pants. An estimated purchase cost for all equipment is between \$150.00 - \$200.00 depending on the store and the quality of equipment.

FOOTBALL PARENTS  
MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

A Parent/Player Orientation will be held Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> in the Castine Center, Hall D. Players will meet with their team and parents will be given an overview of the upcoming season.

Orientation Times

- 11/12 year olds – 1:00 p.m.
- 9/10 year olds – 2:30 p.m.
- 7/8 year olds – 4:00 p.m.

ATTENTION FOOTBALL PLAYERS!!

The Football Advisory Board is conducting a **FREE Speed and Agility Clinic** for all athletes. This clinic is for potential football players who want to get in shape and are interested in playing football this season. **PARENTS** - Football Advisory Board members will be present to answer any questions about the upcoming Fall season.

Clinic Dates:

- Tuesday, July 29 and August 5
- Thursday, July 31 and August 7

**All sessions will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** and are open to all age groups on the Yellow fields (1, 2, & 3). Players need to bring a pair of cleats and athletic shoes. Parents must sign a waiver before participating. Participants may attend as many clinics as they choose.



### NFL/PEPSI PUNT, PASS & KICK COMPETITION

- ▶ **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008**, Field Location – TBD Time — 4:00 PM
- ▶ Boys & Girls: Ages 8 – 15 Participant's age is determined as of December 31 of the current year.
- ▶ This is a free competition. Participants may register the day of the event.
- ▶ All participants must provide a copy of their birth certificate or baptismal record at registration.
- ▶ NO football shoes, cleats, or turf shoes are allowed. NO bare feet.
- ▶ For more information, call 985-626-7997 or visit [www.nflyouthfootball.com](http://www.nflyouthfootball.com)



### Cheerleading Registration Information

Has your daughter dreamed of becoming a cheerleader? Then she should join our cheerleading program this Fall! Pelican Park offers a cheerleading program for all girls ages 7 to 12 designed to teach the basics of cheer, stunts, and dance. Our program teaches teamwork, improves coordination, and physical fitness. Come join the fun!



- Age Groups — 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12.
- **Age as of date: October 1, 2008.**
- Cheerleading this year will be run as a clinic style program. Diane Cabeceiras will be the head instructor for the clinic as well as volunteer instructors. Parent volunteers are essential in helping the cheer program run smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering this season, you may apply online at [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) or apply in person at the Castine Center office. Girls will be placed on squads at the first practice according to their age.
- The cheerleaders will cheer at Pelican Park football games, which begin September 13<sup>th</sup>, and will cheer for a different team each week.
- Registration fee includes royal blue and white uniform, matching poms, and participation trophy.  
**It is essential that you bring your daughter into the Castine Center office to try on a uniform to ensure the proper fit. Sample sizes and fitting rooms will be available in the Castine Center office.**
- One practice per week will be held on a weeknight beginning the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>. All registered cheerleaders will practice at the same time regardless of age.

### REGISTRATION FEES

AGE GROUP	DISTRICT	NON-DISTRICT
7/8, 9/10, 11/12	\$59.00	\$109.00



### GIRLS FALL SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

The Softball program is designed to teach the players sound softball fundamentals and promote sportsmanship within the team concept for players 7 through 16. Players are assigned to an age group based upon the age as of 1/1/09. Players must be 7 by the age determination date in order to participate in this league. Age groups must have a 4-team minimum in order to have a league.

- **Age as of date 1/1/2009**
- Practices begin the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Games will begin Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2 games per week, 1 weekday and 1 Friday night game
- 12 game season followed by a single elimination tournament

### REGISTRATION FEES

AGE GROUP	DISTRICT	NON-DISTRICT
7/8	\$59.00	\$109.00
9/10	\$61.00	\$111.00
11/12	\$65.00	\$115.00
13/14	\$65.00	\$115.00
15/16	\$65.00	\$115.00



### GIRLS FALL VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

The objective of the Pelican Park volleyball program is to provide players with the fundamentals of volleyball, teach teamwork, and build character.

- \* Age Groups – 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16
- \* **Age as of 10/1/2008** – Must be 9 by October 1, 2008
- \* Practices begin the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>
- \* Games begin Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>
- \* 2 games per week, 1 weekday game and 1 Saturday game
- \* 10 game season with a single elimination tournament.

### REGISTRATION FEES – ALL AGES

DISTRICT: \$39.00  
NON-DISTRICT: \$89.00

*PLAY UP REQUESTS MUST  
BE DONE IN THE OFFICE.*

**PELICAN PARK ADULT SPORTS TEAM REGISTRATION**

Pelican Park offers a variety of adult sports to its community. The purpose of the program is to provide an outlet for adults to continue to play their favorite sport, have fun, stay fit, and to socialize. Registration is done by team for adult sports; however, individuals may call the Park and have their name added to a list of interested players. If enough individuals call to make a team, the Park will assist them in forming a team.

**REGISTRATION DATES:**

Monday July 28<sup>th</sup> from 6PM – 8PM; July 29<sup>th</sup> –August 8<sup>th</sup> Monday-Friday from 8AM – 6PM

**TEAM REGISTRATION IS LIMITED DUE TO SPACE AVAILABILITY**

**FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE UNTIL FILLED**

*NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED BEFORE 6 PM ON JULY 28TH.*

**ADULT COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

This league is for teams who play at a competitive level. All players must be over 18 years of age. Photo identification will be required at each game.

- Games will be played on Sunday evenings, begins August 17th
- A maximum of 8 teams accepted
- 7 game season with a single elimination tournament
- Two officials and a scorekeeper will be provided
- Cost: \$455.00 per team

**JUST FOR FUN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**

The purpose of this league is for exercise, fun, and socialization. This is a very non-competitive league. Teams consist of 3 men and 3 women. This league does not have officials or keep standings.

- Co-ed – designed for fun and socialization
- Thursday night games, begins August 21st
- 10 game season
- No Officials-No Standings-No Tournament
- No spiking by men is allowed; No jump serves by men are allowed
- Cost: \$80.00 per team

**MEN'S OVER 35 BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

This league is for men over 35 years of age.

- A maximum of 8 teams accepted
- Wednesday night games / Games begin August 20th
- 7 game season with a Single Elimination Tournament
- League winners and tournament champions will receive t-shirt awards.
- 2 officials and a scorekeeper provided
- Cost: \$455.00 per team

**MEN'S RECREATION SOFTBALL**

This program is designed for players who still like to play but emphasis is put on fun, sportsmanship and socialization. This league does not keep standings but does have one official.

- Games played late afternoons/early evenings on Sunday, begins Sunday August 17th. No games August 31st.
- No tournament / 9 game season
- Minimum of 4 teams / maximum of 16 teams
- Cost: \$215.00 per team

**MEN'S COMPETITIVE SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL**

This league is designed for those possessing a high skill level and who play at a competitive level. All players must be at least 18 years old.

- Thursday night games, begins August 21st
- 7 game season with a single elimination tournament
- League winners and tournament champions will receive t-shirt awards.
- A maximum of 8 teams accepted
- This league plays according to ASA (Class B) rules with 2 officials and one scorekeeper.
- Cost: \$400.00 per team

**CO-ED COMPETITIVE CABBAGEBALL**

This league is designed for couples who want exercise, fun and socialization. The league keeps standings and has a single elimination tournament.

- Games played on Friday nights, begins August 22nd
- 7 games with a single elimination tournament
- Minimum of 4 teams / maximum of 8 teams
- This league has one official and one scorekeeper.
- League winners/tournament champions will receive t-shirt awards
- Cost: \$280.00 per team

**MEN'S COMPETITIVE MODIFIED**

**OVERHAND SOFTBALL**

This league is designed for those possessing a high skill level & who play at a competitive level. All players must be at least 18 years- old.

- Sunday afternoon games, begins August 17th, no games August 31st
- 7 game season with a single elimination tournament
- League winners and tournament champions will receive t-shirt awards.
- Maximum of 8 teams accepted
- Cost: \$400.00 per team

**CO-ED COMPETITIVE KICKBALL**

**This league is designed for couples who want exercise, fun & socialization. This league keeps standings. One official and one scorekeeper will be provided.**

- Games played on Friday nights, begins on August 22nd
- 7 game season with a single elimination tournament
- Minimum of 4 teams/maximum of 8 teams
- League winners/tournament champions will receive t-shirt awards
- Cost: \$280.00 per team

**\$\$\$\$\$ RECREATION DISTRICT #1'S NON-DISTRICT FAMILY FEE \$\$\$\$\$**

Participants that do not live within the boundaries of Recreation District #1 are required to pay an additional fee of \$50 each time they register a child in our youth sports leagues. This additional fee offsets the taxes that the Recreation District #1 residents pay each year and is charged per child, per sport, for each registration. Recreation District #1 now offers non-district families the option to pay a yearly "Family Fee" of \$200 that covers all participants of the family for all sports played at Pelican Park for one year. This fee is valid from July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. Regardless of when the fee is paid it will cover participants for all youth leagues played at Pelican Park including Mandeville Soccer Club sports. Once the Family Fee has been paid, returning players will be able to register on-line with no non-district fees incurred. **Please remember that sign up for the Family Fee must be done in the Castine Center Office ONLY and is not available on-line.** If you paid the "Family Fee" last year for the **July 1, 2007– June 30, 2008** period, your fee has expired and your records again reflect non-district status whereby you will be charged \$50 for each sport for each child that you register. Please come in to our office to sign up for your money savings again!!

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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.

**VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!**

Our youth sports leagues are dependent on volunteer coaches. Each sport offers a coaches training session that will prepare you to teach the fundamental skills and organize practices. Coaching is a very rewarding experience and makes a difference in children's lives. Our staff and sports advisory boards are more than willing to help you to become the best coach possible. Please register to coach on-line at [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) or in our office.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

The District believes 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.

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR OUR  
 UPCOMING SPORTS !!**

**Winter Basketball  
 September 22nd—October 7th**

**CLEAN AUDIT REPORT**

LaPort, Sehrt, Romig and Hand CPA recently completed an audit of the Recreation District 2007 finances. They reported a clean report with no management recommendations or problems.

**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.**

**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.