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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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Pickleball and Artificial Turf Ballfield Project Update

The District is completing and will soon release a Request for Proposals for the construction of 4-pickleball courts and an artificial turf ballfield within Casey Jones Park. The project builds off of the Casey Jones Park master plan which included the relocation and improvement of the park access / roadway from County Road 17 as well as the addition of the artificial turf ballfield. The addition of the 4-pickleball courts, while not initially identified in the master plan, was the result of a request from residents to develop a pickleball facility in Elizabeth. The project will also include a shared parking lot for the two new amenities which will be located just south of the LDS Church, where the temporary dog park is currently located. Per the Casey Jones Park master plan, District staff are in the process of enlarging and relocating the dog park to an area just east of the LDS Church, and west of the ballfields. This project is proudly being funded through the District's existing budget and financial resources as we continue to serve residents within our current means. We really look forward to opening these new community amenities as soon as we can and continuing to make the Elizabeth Community an even greater place to live.

2023 in Review - Building Upon Our Foundation -

Although the year sure has flown by as we enter December, it is always important to take a moment and reflect upon the past year's challenges and successes. As the year began, we sadly learned of the passing of Janet Turbett, our recently retired Office Attendant. The Board moved to honor her service to the community by dedicating a flower garden near the park office as "Janet's Garden" and an engraved stone was installed in her memory.

The year certainly improved from there however as the District began working with residents to plan for a new pickleball complex and selected a contractor to complete the campground renovation project, which wrapped up in September. The completed project has significantly improved the campground which serves an an important revenue generator for the District.

The District also partnerd with a group of volunteers to bring the ballfield at Cimarron Park back to life. Through the efforts of these volunteers who rebuilt the field, the park has now experienced a slight resurgence as youth utilized the field for practice activities throughout the Spring and early Summer. The activation of the ballfield, along with severe flooding, has led to other small park improvements as well and we look forward to even more improvements on the site in the future.

Within the area of programming and special events, the District saw increased registrations above the previous year in most programs and introduced new pickleball programming, which we hope to expand as new courts are constructed in 2024.

Lastly, long-time Board Member JC Cook decided to hang it up this past year, and we are so grateful for all his contributions and service to the community over his tenure.

Upcoming Programs & Special Events

Mayor's Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 2nd
3-6pm – Santa's Village

Canned Food Drive – donations welcome
Tree Lighting at 5pm
Main St and Broadway - Elizabeth

Youth Volleyball

Ages 6-10 / Co-Ed

Registration Opens January 1st
Season Starts - March 25th

The District is happy to offer this new co-ed program for youth interested in learning and playing volleyball.

Practices will be held 1 to 2 times per week with games played on Saturday afternoons at Elizabeth Middle School. Two divisions are offered: 6-8 and 8-10. Players 8 years of age should select the division that best matches their skill level and physical size. Fee is \$65 per player. Register at www.elizabethpr.com or call the Park Office at 303.646.3599



Boys 12-14 Basketball

Register Now

Get signed up now for our Elizabeth boys basketball team that will be playing in the Parker Parks and Recreation league. Practices will be held in Elizabeth with all games played on either Friday evenings or Saturday afternoons at the Parker Fieldhouse. Games begin January 12th. Space is limited. Register online at www.elizabethpr.com or call the Park Office at 303.646.3599.

An Elizabeth Christmas

Saturday, Dec 16th - 1-3pm

Casey Jones Pavilion

Come join friends and neighbors for some holiday cheer! Santa will be on hand for pictures and last minute gift requests, and we will have crafts, snacks, and warm drinks for all. Also enjoy a horse drawn carriage / sleigh ride through the park.

District Seeks Additional Staff to Serve the Community

The Elizabeth Park and Recreation District is currently looking to add a few stars to our team. Check out the opportunities below:

Full-Time Park Technician

This is a full-time position within our Maintenance Division assisting with a wide variety of park maintenance and custodial tasks. Working under the supervision of our Parks Manager, the ideal candidate will have experience in landscaping, construction, irrigation system maintenance, and / or other trades related work. Shifts are Monday through Friday from 7am to 4pm with some evening / weekend work needed on occasion. Pay starts at \$17/hour. Benefits include earned time-off, 11 paid holidays per year, health care coverage, and retirement benefits. Forward resumes to mike@elizabethpr.com or call the office at 303.646.3599 for more information.

Part-Time Aquatics Coordinator

The District has been offered a unique opportunity to coordinate aquatics programming utilizing the pool within the Independence neighborhood this coming Summer and is seeking an Aquatics Coordinator to lead this exciting new venture. The ideal candidate must be lifeguard certified, have experience coordinating and facilitating youth swim lessons, and be able to work a flexible summer schedule that may include morning, mid-day, and / or evening programming. Interested candidates should forward resumes to mike@elizabethpr.com or call the office at 303.646.3599 for more information.

Part-Time Events Coordinator

The District is seeking an individual to coordinate special events for the community on a part-time basis. The ideal candidate will have experience planning, marketing, and facilitating a variety of events for diverse populations including youth, teens, seniors, and special needs groups. Interested candidates should forward resumes to mike@elizabethpr.com or call the office at 303.646.3599 for more information.