



Elizabeth Park and Recreation District



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Mike Burns, Parks Technician	Cameron Burrow, Parks Technician
Cheryl Hoffman, Singing Hills Kids Club Site Director (Part Time)	
Lisa Rustad, Running Creek Kids Club Site Director (Part Time)	
 The District also employed over 25 part-time and seasonal staff in 2024 in the areas of maintenance, program instruction, sports officiating and supervision, and childcare.	

TO OUR RESIDENTS

A Message from Elizabeth Park & Recreation District Board of Directors

2024 was a landmark year for the Elizabeth Park and Recreation District, and we're excited to share some of the progress we've made with our community. This past year saw the completion of two major capital projects that have already begun transforming the way our residents play, gather, and stay active—the installation of a state-of-the-art artificial turf field and the construction of our brand-new pickleball courts.

These improvements reflect more than just construction milestones—they represent our commitment to creating quality, accessible spaces where the community can thrive. The artificial turf field extends playable seasons for a wide variety of sports, while the pickleball courts quickly became a hub for all ages, reflecting the growing popularity of the game in our town and beyond.

Each decision we make as a board is guided by a deep sense of responsibility to the people we serve. We listen closely to the voices of our residents, weigh the long-term impacts of every investment, and constantly ask ourselves how we can enhance the quality of life in Elizabeth. Our goal is to create not just more park land or new facilities, but better experiences—ones that foster health, connection, and community pride.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to be in the midst of a comprehensive master planning process. This initiative is designed to take a close look at how our parks, amenities, and programs serve the community today—and how they can evolve for tomorrow. A key focus of this effort is equity: ensuring that every resident, regardless of where they live in the district, has access to safe, welcoming, and enriching outdoor spaces.

As we reflect on the successes of 2024 and look forward to what's next, we want to thank the Elizabeth community for your continued support and engagement. It's your feedback, participation, and enthusiasm that fuel our mission—and we're just getting started.

With appreciation,

The Elizabeth Park & Recreation District Board of Directors

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Elizabeth Park and Recreation District is a Special District tasked with developing and managing public spaces, coordinating and facilitating recreation programs and special events, and more recently, providing childcare services within the Elizabeth Community. As a Special District, it collects a mill levy of 2.466 from properties located within the district. The District is committed to being fiscally responsible with your tax dollars and being transparent in its finances. We hope the following financial summary will help you understand how tax dollars were spent.

- \$1,023,915 in total tax revenue
- \$728,619 in non-tax revenue (programs, permits, and services)
- \$2,437,659 in capital improvements
- \$801,626 in operating expenses
- \$571,228 cash on hand at the end of the year



PARK MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

The District's Maintenance Team, comprised of Parks Manager Ryan Staley and Park Technicians Mike Burns and Cameron Burrow, is responsible for completing routine tasks and special projects to keep your parks safe, aesthetically pleasing, and ready to meet your recreation / leisure needs. The crew maintains over 20-acres of irrigated turf, prepares over 150 game fields per year for play, maintains a fleet of equipment, clears leaves and snow as needed in the fall and winter, performs daily checks and inspection of the splashpad throughout the summer, makes repairs to park amenities as needed, leads the work of contractors, mitigates open space fire risk, cleans restrooms, and so much more. They work hard to ensure you are satisfied during your visit to the parks and take great pride in their contributions to enhancing our community.

Projects completed in 2024 include:

Evans Park

- Installed picnic shelter at 1st tee of disc-golf course and improved course entrance and trail to the pond
- Seal-coating and striping of parking lot
- Installed new net spinner in playground
- Re-surfaced half-pipe in skatepark
- Built new dumpster enclosure

Casey Jones Park

- Constructed 4-court pickleball complex
- Constructed artificial turf softball field and added new roadway entrance and parking
- Relocated and improved dog park
- Refinished concrete floor in pavilion
- Built new dumpster enclosure
- Built new restroom enclosure

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

The District's Programming and Special Events Division is led by Rebecca Miller, Programs and Special Events Coordinator, along with a large team of part-time Site Supervisors, Sports Officials, and Recreation Instructors. This team is responsible for coordinating and facilitating a variety of activities and events for individuals of all ages. These activities and events are focused on the categories of sports & fitness, arts & culture, outdoor recreation, and social enrichment. The chart below shows the activities and events offered in 2024 and the number of individuals / registrations that were recorded:

Youth Basketball	161
Yoga	28
Sports Official Training	32
Singing Hills Fall Break Camp	13
Singing Hills Before School Care*	477
Singing Hills After School Care*	903
Adult Kickball	60
Youth Fall Soccer	194
Youth Flag Football	78
Little Dudes Soccer	26
Singing Hills Summer Day Camps**	242

Zumba	28
Youth Baseball	161
Adult Co-ed Softball	140
Youth Theatre Camp	49
Dog Training	87
Pickleball Programming	199
Adult Volleyball	64
Youth Spring Soccer	292
Youth Volleyball	59
Easter Eggstravaganza	275
Halloween Haven	170
An Elizabeth Christmas	120

* Total number of daily registrations for the entire semester (Aug – Dec 24)

** Total number of weekly registrations for the summer

SPONSORS AND PARTNERING AGENCIES

The District works with a variety of community partners to accomplish its mission and serve Elizabeth Community residents and visitors. The District serves as a community hub for all types of play and recreational pursuits, and we greatly value the efforts and contributions of everyone that contributed to making Elizabeth an even greater place to live. We certainly apologize if we have left anyone off the list.

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Town of Elizabeth



Elbert County



Elizabeth Fire Protection District



Elizabeth School District



Elizabeth Library



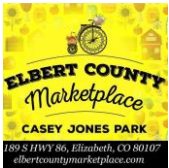
Elbert County Wranglers



Elizabeth Stampede



Elizabeth Celtic Festival



Elbert County Marketplace

- Friends of Prickly Pines Disc-Golf Course

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