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New Playground for Evans Park

*After reviewing proposals, Board
makes selection*

At their January Meeting, the Board was presented with 11 designs for a playground to replace the existing playground in Evans Park. The existing playground has deteriorated over the years from heavy use and impacts by sun and weather. Staff has made repairs to the structure over the last year, though it now needs to be replaced. The Board selected a design by Summit Recreation featuring 2 Kompan play structures, one for 2-5 year olds, and one for 6 and up. The project cost is \$60,000 and installation is expected to be completed this Spring!



Message from the Director

Winter Season is here – Don't let it keep you from playing!

It sure seems like it has been a few years since we have had a full winter experience in Elizabeth and I for one am happy it returned for at least a visit this year. Though there has certainly been plenty of cold spells and an occasional snowfall over the last 3 years, I can't recall the last time we had plenty of snow on the ground and cold temps for an extended period as we have now. While it is easy to stay in the house and enjoy the scenery through a window, I really encourage you to get out, visit a park, and play in the snow like a kid.

The wintry landscape creates fun and unique opportunities to play in the parks, so put on that snowsuit, grab a thermos of hot chocolate, and come on out. The hillside down to the lower soccer field in Evans Park is perfect for sledding and tubing, and even features a variety of jumps for those looking for extra thrills. If you have a pair of Nordic / cross country skis laying around, Evans, Casey Jones, and Cimarron Parks all offer plenty of open spaces and trails for a great outing. Playing a round of disc-golf at Evans Park is also a great way to venture through the park in the Winter.

One of my favorite current activities is to hike or snowshoe through the wooded area in Evans Park. The snow offers fun off-trail exploration opportunities to seek and view wildlife, identify animal tracks, and just breathe in the cold and still silence of the winter landscape. Regardless of how you play in the Winter, just remember to keep doing it, and don't fall into the trap of hiding indoors!

The Big Game Day 5K Fun Run / Walk

The Elizabeth Park and Recreation District is partnering with The Cardinal Club to host an adventurous fun run and walk to help support scholarships for Elizabeth High School student athletes.

This event will be taking place on currently snow covered trails and terrain within Evans and Casey Jones Parks. Please be prepared for challenging course conditions. This is not a push the stroller along type course. Participants may opt to wear snowshoes if they desire.



Date: February 3, 2019

Time: “Day of” Registration 9:00am-9:45am at Evans Park

Event Start - 10:00am at Evans Park

Pancake Breakfast – Starts at 11:00am at Casey Jones Pavilion (free for participants)

Register: www.elizabethpr.com



Permit the Casey Jones Pavilion for your next event

The District owns and manages a number of public amenities that are available for your private use through our permit system. Our most popular amenity is the Casey Jones Pavilion which has a history of being used for over 100 years for community events and private functions. A number of improvements have been made to the facility over the last year including refinishing the wood floors, installing an evaporative cooler, painting of the rest-rooms, and improvements to the bar area. New tables and chairs have also been purchased. The facility can accommodate groups up to 99 people. Call the Park Office or check our website for rates.



Question of the Month

What is the most important improvement that needs to be made to the park system?

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