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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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Master Plan Community Workshop – April 16th

The District will be hosting a community workshop on April 16th at Elizabeth High School from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and encourages you to add this important event to your calendar. This workshop will include a presentation on master plan findings / recommendations to date and offer another opportunity to gather input and feedback from residents on what they want from a community system of parks, recreational amenities, open space, and trails. Resident input is critical to developing a master plan that genuinely reflects community desires and priorities, and we just cannot complete this plan without you. Food will be served, and childcare will be provided on site during the workshop.

The master plan is a combined effort between the District, the Town of Elizabeth, and the Elizabeth School District to inventory public park, recreation, open space, and trail assets, identify current and future needs, assess opportunities for collaboration, and prioritize future improvements. The plan is primarily being funded through a GOCO planning grant.

Highlighting District Facilities / Amenities and Permitting Opportunities

The District offers residents the use of a variety of facilities and amenities for your private events through our permitting process. When you need a space for your event or activity other than in your home or yard, consider permitting space through us. When you are looking to host a birthday party, a dance, baby shower, or other indoor gathering of 99 people or less, consider the Casey Jones Pavilion. With over 1800 square feet of space, a bar area, a stage area, and restrooms, this historic space that has been serving the Elizabeth Community for over 100 years provides an affordable local option. While the pavilion is currently the only indoor space that is available for residents to permit, the District does offer a variety of outdoor shelters in the parks. Small event shelters that can accommodate groups up to 12 are located near each ballfield in Evans Park and are ideal for youth birthday parties in the park. The wooded and naturally shaded Picnic Area within Casey Jones Park can be permitted for larger outdoor events and contains picnic tables that can seat groups up to 30.

If it is an athletic activity or larger event that you are planning, the District also permits athletic fields, the rodeo arena, the Prickly Pines Disc-Golf Course, and large open space areas that can accommodate a variety of uses such as car shows, carnivals, and other similar events. Complement your special event in the park by also permitting one or more of the District's inflatables, which always add great bouncy fun for event attendees. The last touch of course is permitting the District's digital sign board at the corner of 86 and 17 and advertising your event for all to see. Learn more about facility permitting and rates on our website, or just give us a call.

Upcoming Programs and Special Events

Easter Egg-stravaganza

April 19th – 2pm

Join the fun at Evans Park for our annual Easter egg hunt events. Youth from infant through 12 years are invited to participate. Prizes will be randomly awarded throughout each age group, with eggs a plenty for all.

The Easter Bunny will also be on site for pictures, high-fives, and hugs.

Summer Day Camp

Whether you need childcare this summer or just want to get your kids engaged in fun summer programming, check out our state licensed summer day camps being offered at

Running Creek and Singing Hills Elementary Schools.

Camps will run weekdays from June 2 through August 9 (no camp on 7/4). Sign up for a couple days per week or the entire summer. It's your call as our flexible registration system now allows registration by the day.

All youth between 5-12 are welcome to participate and do not need to regularly attend the school to participate in camp. Our creative and caring staff will engage your child(ren) with fun activities, regional field trips, local outings, and educational opportunities.

Check out our website at www.elizabethpr.com or call us at 303.646.3599 for more information.

Adult Co-Ed Softball

Registration is now open for the Elizabeth adult co-ed softball league. Games are played on Friday evenings at Casey Jones Park and the season begins June 13th. There will be a season ending tournament on July 26th. Space is limited, so register today at

www.elizabethpr.com - \$660 / team.

Missoula Children's Theatre Camp July 21-26

The District is excited to bring back the MCT Summer Camp for 2025 and offer local youth a unique theatre experience. Youth between the ages of 6-18 are invited to register and be a part of a local production of *Treasure Island* this summer. Participants will work with professional actors from MCT throughout the week and rehearse their roles before giving two live performances on Saturday July 26th for the Elizabeth Community. Activities take place at Elizabeth Middle School. Registration opens 4/1 on our website at www.elizabethpr.com

Adult Pickleball

Check out our pickleball programming and get in on the game that continues to grow. For those wanting to check it out for the first time, sign up for our Intro to Pickleball classes starting 4/14. For those with experience, join one of our leagues which begin play the week of 4/14.

View program schedules and get more details on our website at www.elizabethpr.com or call us at 303.646.3599.

Message from the Director

As Spring has arrived and the parks fill with activity, it's time to send out our annual plea for everyone to respect park rules and property and assist in ensuring your parks remain clean, safe, and enjoyable for all. While dogs are welcome in the park, they must be leashed at all times, kept off of athletic fields, and owners must pick up all dog waste. Nobody wants to see, smell, or step / fall in dog poop, so please be responsible when bringing your dog to the park and show respect for other park users. There is a dog park in Casey Jones Park for those that want an off-leash experience.

When visiting the park, please also make sure that all your trash makes it into a trash receptacle. Staff work hard to ensure the parks are litter free, so your attention and assistance in keeping the parks clean is always appreciated. In addition, please teach / remind your children to avoid breaking branches on trees / shrubs, avoid throwing pea gravel out of the playground pit, and avoid sitting / leaning on pickleball nets which can bend the poles. Please also know that per District policy, electric / motorized vehicles are not permitted on park trails and sidewalks. E-bikes that utilize pedal assist are permitted. A bike with a throttle that can move without pedaling is not permitted on park trails or sidewalks for the safety of all park users. Thanks for your attention to and help with these matters.