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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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Transplanting the Pines

Interested in adding some Ponderosa Pine trees to your property? As the District plans for improvements within the recently expanded Casey Jones Park, we have identified areas where some trees will need to be removed to accommodate future park development plans. Our hope is to re-plant as many of these trees as possible either within the park or the community, so we are offering District residents an opportunity to purchase trees which we will have moved to and planted on your property. All trees are Ponderosa Pine and have a very high survival rate when regularly watered during the first year. Trees are available in a wide variety of sizes and heights and are being offered to District residents at significantly reduced cost. Cost is determined by the circumference of the trunk with a trunk of 5½ inches or under costing \$450, and a trunk between 5½ - 12 inches costing \$600. Call the Park Office at 303.646.3599 to order your trees today.

Event & Program Updates

Adult Kickball 2020

Gather your crew and sign-up now for our fun fall adult co-ed kickball league. Games are played in Evans Park on Friday evenings. Cost is \$250 per team. Register online or call the park office for assistance.

End of Summer Bash

The Annual *End of Summer Bash* event for youth scheduled for August 15th in Evans Park is currently being assessed to determine if we can safely offer it this year. The need for continued social distancing certainly adds significant challenges and we are reviewing options for alternative activities to what are normally presented at this event. Watch our website for an update next week.

Fall Youth Sports Registration Closes August 11

Youth Soccer

Our soccer program is co-ed and serves youth between the ages of 4-12. Games are played on Saturday mornings and practices occur during the week. Season starts September 5th. Check website for registration info.

Youth Flag-Football

Our flag football program is co-ed and serves youth between the ages of 4-12. Games are played on Saturday afternoons and practices occur during the week. Season starts September 5th. Check website for registration info.

Covid-19 District Response Plan Updates

nrpa.org/Coronavirus

COVID-19: PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS



Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms.

Share the trail and warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass.

Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.

Observe CDC's minimum recommended physical distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.

Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trails.

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The District continues to encourage the practice of social distancing within the parks and recommends that masks be worn when individuals cannot maintain 6 foot distance from others. Many sport activities continue on District fields, and at this time, all of these activities are private permitted events, not District programs. The District does plan to begin the fall youth sports season on Saturday, September 5th at this time, though an actual start will be dependent upon the conditions at that time as well as whether we have sufficient registrations. At this time, registrations are very low with one week remaining, which may indicate continued parental concerns with youth sport participation during such uncertainty. If the season is cancelled for any reason, full refunds will be given either as an account credit or as a refund for those that request it.

The Park Office remains physically closed to the public, though staff are available to serve you on the phone or by email 9-5, Monday through Friday. The Splashpad will continue to be operated on a reservation based system until further notice. This is due to our concerns with maintaining social distancing in an area where masks should not be worn. Our inability to control the number of people on the splashpad without reservations creates unique risks to park patrons that would utilize the splashpad.



Message from the Director

Envisioning the Future of Our Park System

As the Board of Directors and District staff continue to coordinate the effort to plan for the future of parks and recreation in our community, we are truly excited about the potential. The recent acquisition of the property around Casey Jones Park provides a potentially perfect site for a future community recreation center as well as allows for other park improvements. Discussions with Elbert County offer unique opportunities to improve existing open spaces throughout the District and expand park and recreation amenities. There are certainly no shortage of opportunities we are currently assessing, though we do want to ensure that we are not missing anything. While we know from feedback we receive that a recreation center is on the list of many families in the District, are there other park and recreation amenities that we should be focused on? Where do you believe our efforts and resources should be focused as we pursue improvements and potential park developments?

If you have thoughts or ideas about what park and recreational amenities are most needed in the community, please do reach out and let us know. While we use our knowledge, experience, and understanding of the community as best we can to manage your park system, we do want to hear your opinions on how we can make it better. If you have an idea, let us know. Thanks for your continued support.

"I like to take walks in the park by myself, where no one can bother me and I can think."

– Magic Johnson