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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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Evans Park Project Updates

May snow and some mechanical challenges have delayed the splashpad installation project and we are now targeting an opening the week of July 15. We are working with the contractor to complete the project asap and look forward to hosting a grand opening celebration soon! Stay tuned for details.

The playground is currently being installed after the initial installation date was cancelled due to snow in late May, and we hope that it will be available for use by June 15th.

We apologize for these delays and hope everyone will soon enjoy these exciting new park features.



Message from the Director

Planning for the Increased Demand of Parks and Recreational Resources

As the Elizabeth Community continues to grow and change, public and elected officials are hearing the cry for increasing and improving park and recreational resources. Families are expressing that they want access to amenities such as trails, aquatic facilities, and recreation centers here in their community, rather than having to travel to other communities to utilize these amenities. The District has recognized the need for additional athletic fields to support growing participation. The single skatepark in the community is very heavily used on a consistent basis and an expansion or creation of additional skate spots needs to be considered. The District Board is also interested in improving existing and developing new park and recreation infrastructure that draws visitors to the Elizabeth Community such as the recently completed Prickly Pines Disc-Golf Course, the proposed development of a Homestead Education Center by the Elbert County Agricultural Alliance, and further development of the rodeo grounds / event space within Casey Jones Park. There is certainly no shortage of ideas or needs that have been identified or expressed, though there is certainly limited resources available to make it all happen.

The District may be on the verge of some historic achievements in the very near future that will enable the pursuit of many of these goals, and the Board will need public input to ensure we are pursuing the right goals in the right order. Stay tuned for opportunities to share your opinions and get involved at the level of your interest. It's your park system, we just manage it.

Fall Sports Registrations

Adult Kickball

Returning for its 2nd season, adult kickball is all the rage! Gather your team and join the fun this fall. Teams play on Friday evenings beginning August 2nd and ending on September 20th at Evans Park. Cost is \$250 per team. Teams must have a minimum of 3 female players for each game.

Youth Soccer

This is a recreational level soccer league. All games and practices are held in Elizabeth. Teams practice 1-2 times per week and play a game on Saturday mornings. Games begin 9/7 and tournament is on 10/26. Cost is \$60/player. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Divisions: 4-6, 6-8, 8-10, 10-12

Youth that overlap two divisions should choose the division that best suits their skill level

Youth Tackle Football

This is an 8vs8 tackle football program for youth in 3rd – 6th grade. Teams practice up to 3 times per week and play games on Saturdays, travelling to other communities for away games and playing home games in Elizabeth. Games begin in early September and continue through October. Cost is \$100.

Divisions: 3rd - 4th Grade
5th - 6th Grade

Youth Flag Football

This is a recreational level league. All games and practices are held in Elizabeth. Teams practice 1-2 times per week and play games on Saturday afternoons. Games begin 9/7 and tournament is on 10/26. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Divisions: 4-6, 6-8, 8-11
Youth that overlap two divisions should choose the division that best suits their skill level

Adult Flag Football Tournament

Our annual 5vs5 flag football tournament for the big kids will be on Nov 2. Gather your team and join us for a fun and competitive day of play. Players must be at least 16 years old. No gender specific rules apply. Format is double-elimination. Cost is \$200 per team



Quote of the Month

“If you are losing your leisure, look out! - It may be you are losing your soul.”

- Virginia Woolf -

Elbert County Agricultural Alliance Installing Pollinator Display Garden in Evans Park

Diane Cribley, President of the Elbert County Agricultural Alliance, along with members and high school student volunteers recently began converting an unused landscaping bed into a pollinator garden in Evans Park. The garden bed was designed with sustainability in mind as the group layered cardboard, mulch, compost, and natural fertilizers to create a dynamic garden floor that will support the soon to be planted flora that will attract the pollinators. We look forward to the garden’s completion in the near future and the beauty it will add for park visitors.

The garden will help to inform the community about the mission of the developing Elbert County Agricultural Alliance. www.elbertcountyagalliance.org