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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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Ballfield at Cimarron Park to be Renovated by Resident Volunteers

The District was recently approached by an individual interested in seeing the ballfield at Cimarron Park (Field) being rebuilt to help meet the growing demand for athletic fields. Resident Taton Taylor recalled the nostalgia of playing on the field as a youth, and together with other fathers, wants to watch their children relive the sandlot glory. He and a group of volunteers have committed to taking on the project. As the District is challenged with providing sufficient athletic fields to meet demand, bringing another field online will certainly provide some help. Though no water access currently exists in the park to support irrigation of turf grass, the plan is to create a large skinned infield area that can host practices for teams with younger players, as well as infield practice activities for older players. New dugouts will also be installed as a part of the project as well as a refurbishment of the storage shed, which will house field grooming equipment. Thanks Taton and crew!

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 8th – 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.

Girls Softball

**REGISTRATION
ENDS APRIL 24**

Girls between the ages of 10-12 will practice in Elizabeth and play games in Parker on Saturdays. Registration fee is \$105. Season begins May 19. Register at www.elizabethpr.com

Adult Paint and Sip Social April 21 / 6:30-9pm

Join local artist Courtney Tice for a fun evening of guided acrylic canvas painting. The theme for the evening will be goats. Participants are welcome to bring snacks and adult drinks to share pot-luck style with other participants if desired. Program is held in the Casey Jones Pavilion and all art supplies and materials are provided. Registration fee is \$35. Space is limited and these classes fill quickly, so register today at www.elizabethpr.com

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 9th. There will be a season ending tournament on July 22nd. Space is limited, so register today at www.elizabethpr.com. \$650 / team.

Youth Fishing Clinic June 10 – Evans Park

Youth ages 8- 14 are invited to join District staff for this intro to fishing activity, where each participant will receive a free rod and reel. Instruction on rigging a pole, casting, and hopefully removing a fish from the hook, will be covered. Activities will begin at 9am. Fee is \$5. Register at www.elizabethpr.com

Missoula Children's Theatre Camp July 24-29

The District is excited to bring back the MCT Summer Camp Experience for 2023 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 *The Secret Garden* 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 29th for the Elizabeth Community. Register today at www.elizabethpr.com

Tai Chi – Free Workshop (all ages) April 19, 7-8pm

Join acupuncture and Chinese medicine expert Dr. Avi Ginsberg for this free workshop on the practice of Tai Chi in the Casey Jones Pavilion. Bring your yoga / stretching mat and a water bottle. Pre-registration is required as space is limited, so register now at www.elizabethpr.com or call the Park Office at 303.646.3599



Help Keep Parks Poo Free

People who cannot find time for recreation are obliged sooner or later to find time for illness.

-John Wanamaker-

Message from the Director Spring hasn't quite sprung, but hoping we're close

It certainly seems like a long and cold Winter has extended into Spring, but I sure look forward to consistently warmer temps, longer days, and increased park visitation that is to come. The much appreciated precipitation over the last several months has certainly helped trees and other flora, and it won't be long before the wheat colored athletic fields turn to a pretty kelly green. Watching the park come to life after being snow-covered and colorless through a hard winter is a wonderful display, and I am so fortunate to be able to watch it out my office window. I'm just a little frustrated by the pace this year.

As sure as the beautiful Colorado weather we all love will soon return, so will the issues associated with increased park visitation. Please help conserve your parks and keep them clean and safe by following park rules, leashing and picking up after your dog, ensuring your children do not break limbs off trees, avoiding littering, and being respectful to District staff and other park visitors. If we can all commit to these simple requests, it will go a long way in improving everyone's park experience.