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Fall Youth Sports Registration Ends August 8th

The deadline to register for fall youth sports is quickly approaching and we want to ensure that all interested children are signed up and able to play. Every youth that registers by August 8th is assured they will be on a team. Each sports season however, we receive numerous requests from parents / guardians who missed the deadline but want to get their child enrolled. While we always try to accommodate late requests to register, unfortunately, sometimes the logistics just prove too difficult to allow for it. Once the registration period closes on August 8th, we immediately begin to identify coaches, assemble teams, and order uniforms based on the number of youth registered. The number of players on each team are rarely equal after this process, so we always accept some late registrations to fill out team rosters. We also however at some point, always have to tell some parents that they missed the registration deadline and teams are now full. As a recreation professional, this is the worst part of the job, so please help ensure that if your child wants to play, you get them signed up on time. No child will be turned away due to inability to pay, please ask about financial assistance if it is needed.

See The Frog Prince Live

Saturday July 30 at Elizabeth Middle School
Performances at 3pm and 5pm
- all tickets sold at the door -

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) group is back in Elizabeth and has been working with local youth all week on a production of **The Frog Prince**. This group of close to 30 local youth led by professional actors from MCT, will be performing two live showings on Saturday, July 30th at Elizabeth Middle School. The performances begin at 3pm and at 5pm. There is a \$5 fee for each adult to attend and youth under 16 are free. All tickets are sold at the door. Be sure to come on out and catch some great local theatre by our youngest community stars.

Prickly Pines Disc-Golf Course Begins Pay per Play Fee System

Beginning July 29, use of the disc-golf course in Evans Park will require a \$5 per player per day fee. The fee system was put in place by the Board of Directors to cover expenses related to course maintenance, upkeep, improvements, and efforts to protect the Ponderosa Trees throughout the course from disc strikes. Residents of the District may purchase an annual pass (\$30 for the remainder of 2022) by calling the Park Office at 303.646.3599.

When in the Park, Please Follow the Rules

Few people really like rules, though in order to ensure our parks continue to be a safe place for visitors and the parks are sustainably managed, there are some things we need you to remember. Sidewalks and trails are intended for non-motorized vehicles only (electric assist bikes are allowed). Cars, golf carts, motorcycles, and ATV's must stay on roadways and in parking lots. Over the last few weeks, we have observed a variety of improper use of trails and walkways and have had to address the situation. We have also had to interact with quite a few youth breaking limbs off of trees recently. While tree climbing and tree hugging are acceptable, please help children understand that finding a stick already on the ground is always a better option than breaking a limb off of a tree, which can damage it. For those that skate / scooter / bike at Evans Park, or have children who do, we want to remind everyone that while these activities are encouraged in the park, they are not allowed on the splashpad. Potential collisions with others or objects, slippery surfaces, and a lot of small bare feet running around make use of wheeled devices on the splashpad unsafe. Please also remember that the splashpad is for humans only, no pets are allowed. We also want to remind parents that the half-pipe feature in the skatepark is not intended to be a playground feature for children. It is a wood structure held together with metal screws and is only meant for wheeled devices including bikes, skateboards, and scooters. We recently had a child receive a cut while sliding on the surface and do not want to see anyone else injured in this way. The parks are here for your enjoyment, and we do not want to overly impede on your visit and experience, though remembering and adhering to a few simple rules will make our parks safer and more fun for everyone. Thanks for your cooperation.

Program and Special Event Updates

End of Summer Bash – Saturday 8/20, 11am at Evans Park

All youth are invited to attend this fun wet and wild event to close the summer season before heading back to school. The bash will feature the giant slip-n-slide, inflatable jumping fun, a water ballon battle, games, and more. This event is free for all and a great opportunity to get out and play with your community. See you there!

Youth Photography Course

Youth between the ages of 8-14 are invited to register for this new photography class. Join Kimberly, our professional photographer instructor to master the art of selfies, portraits, and all other aspects of your mobile phone camera. You won't believe all you can do. Classes are held on Monday evenings from 5pm-6:30pm starting August 8th and ending September 12th. Registration is \$147 for the 6-week course. Register at www.elizabethpr.com

Adult Co-Ed 4X4 Grass Volleyball League

Registration closes soon for our adult grass volleyball league, so get your game in gear. Format is two female and 2 male players on the court. All matches are played on Friday evenings at Casey Jones Park beginning August 5th. \$150 per team for 6-week season.