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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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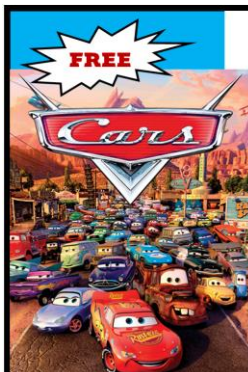


Casey Jones Park Sports Complex Grand Opening

Join us on August 10th at 10am for a grand celebration as we open new park amenities to the community. In addition to the official ribbon cutting, we will have refreshments, demos, games, bouncy houses, and opportunities to learn about the park improvements and play on the new courts / field. The new pickleball courts and artificial turf athletic field are significant accomplishments toward the pursuit of the overall park master plan. The District Board of Directors is proud to have completed this project within budget and on schedule and looks forward to decades of enjoyment from residents and visitors alike.

Do Dogs Belong in Parks?

The debate over whether dogs belong in the parks can certainly become contentious. Prior to 2016 there were periods when no dogs at all were allowed in Evans Park. From our perspective, we love dogs and want to continue to allow dogs to visit the parks with their owners, though we also need to ensure that the parks remain safe and clean for all visitors. I recently approached an individual in the park to ask him to leash his dog, and he asked if me if I had handcuffs. His eventual point was that he had no interest in following park rules or complying with my request unless I was going to arrest or handcuff him. We had another dog owner when asked to leash his dog in the park threaten a staff member and then continue to ignore the request and go about playing his round of disc-golf. In this instance a Sheriff was contacted to escort the individual from the park, and we ended up banning the individual from the property for one year. It is exactly this type of disrespect to park staff and other park users as well as the open disdain for well-posted park rules that lead park and recreation agencies to ban dogs from parks all together. We want to continue to allow park visitors to bring their dogs to the parks, though the behaviors of these types of individuals is jeopardizing that privilege for all park visitors. We simply cannot and will not allow park visitors to ignore rules and do anything they want while in the parks, and the entitlement from some who believe that should be the case is difficult to understand. If you do bring your dog(s) to the parks, please comply with park rules by using a leash, picking up your pet's waste, and keeping pets off of athletic fields. A dog park is available in Casey Jones Park for off leash play. Thanks to those following the rules and helping to keep the parks a place where dogs are welcome.



**Town of Elizabeth
Birthday Bash
Movie Night**

**SAVE
THE DATE
Sept. 21
Saturday**

Help Support Local Parks and Recreation - Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available -

Although the District was able to substantially complete the recent project in Casey Jones Park, there are some remaining site fixtures we are hoping can be added through generous support from local businesses and in some instances, perhaps individuals / families. While originally included within the project scope, the District had to remove some elements from the project such as benches and a shade shelter to keep the project within budget. Field and Court sponsorships can help the District add these elements to the site sooner than we are able to allocate funding for them. A community that plays together is a healthier and stronger one, so give us a call at 303.646.3599 to help build the park and show your support for local parks and recreation programming today.

Prime Field Sponsorship

Prime Field Sponsorship includes naming rights for the new artificial turf ballfield within Casey Jones Park. Prime Field Sponsors receive naming rights of the field on site and on the District website, as well as other District composed content. The cost for Prime Field Sponsorship is \$2500 and includes the initial cost of banners.

Prime Court Sponsorship

Prime Court Sponsorship includes naming rights for one of the four new pickleball courts within Casey Jones Park. Four Prime Court Sponsorships are available, and sponsorship covers a one-year period beginning from the date the sponsorship is purchased. Prime Court Sponsors receive naming rights of a court on-site and on the District website, as well as other District composed content. The cost for Prime Court Sponsorship is \$625 and includes the initial cost of banners.

Fans of the Field Sponsorship

Fans of the Field Sponsorships include the right to display a banner (up to 40 square feet) on the outfield fence of the new artificial turf field in Casey Jones Park. The cost for Fans of the Field Sponsorship is \$500 and includes the initial cost of banners.

Program and Special Event Updates

YOGA

These inclusive classes are designed to accommodate participants at their level and provide a great addition to your fitness routine. Register for the entire 6-week session (12 classes) for \$90 or drop-in on any class for \$10 at the door. All classes held at the Casey Jones Pavilion on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Aug 13-19 at 9am

Intro to Pickleball

Interested in learning about pickleball or developing some basic game skills? Sign up now for our intro class to teach you the basics and get you on the court. Sessions run Mon-Wed, August 12-14 on the new courts in Casey Jones Park. Choose between a morning session (8-10am) or an evening session (5:30-

Pickleball Skills-n-Drills Clinic

Join our instructor Lynne Watts for this fun and active clinic to work on your skills and meet other local pickleball players. This clinic is designed for players with some previous playing experience. Beginners should attend the Intro to Pickleball Class. The next clinic will be held on Aug 19, 5:30-7pm on the new pickleball courts in Casey Jones Park.

The Elizabeth Open Inaugural Doubles Pickleball Tournament- 9/21-9/22

Calling all local pickleball players: Save the date for our first tournament on the new courts. Divisions include women's, men's, and mixed doubles. Check our website at www.elizabethpr.com for more details.