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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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Proposed 2022 District Budget

The Board of Directors adopted the 2022 annual budget at its December Board meeting on the 7th. Budget priorities include a continued focus on improving park maintenance and groundskeeping, adequately compensating and retaining staff, and enhancing community programming and special events. The Board also included funding for the election of Board Members and a potential ballot initiative to fund park improvements and recreation center construction in May.

Capital projects identified in the budget amount to \$739,102 and include the continued planning and engineering for Casey Jones Park improvements identified in the master plan, the realignment / replacement of perimeter fencing around Casey Jones Park, an expansion of the campground, and water system improvements at Evans Park.

General Fund revenues are projected to be \$951,851 and expenses are projected at \$665,882. Within the Enterprise Fund, revenues are proposed of \$400,688 and expenses of \$200,075.

2021 in Review

- planning for the future -

The past year consisted of a lot of planning and preparation for the District as future system enhancements were envisioned. With the acquisition of 91-acres of property around Casey Jones Park in 2020, the Board and staff has spent much of 2021 working with the community to create a vision for the park and plan for a recreation center. The District also hired a consultant team to transform the community vision into a master plan and recreation center design. The Casey Jones Park Master Plan and recreation center design is now near complete and will be delivered to the Board and the community in January of 2022.

The District also completed several projects over the last year that have improved parks and enhanced recreational amenities for park visitors. In Evans Park, pickleball courts were installed, concrete rec paths were added and damaged areas replaced, and old wire fencing was removed in areas of the park. At Casey Jones Park, a new campground restroom / shower building was constructed.

Within the Programs and Special Events Division, the District had over 840 registrants for youth sports, over 325 registrants in adult sports / activities, hosted 4 special events, each attended by hundreds of residents, and employed dozens of local high school students as sports officials. The District also moved to a new customer interface and registration system, improving the online experience for residents.

Upcoming Programs & Special Events

Elbert County Marketplace

Local Farmer's Market, Artisans, and Crafters

Casey Jones Pavilion 9am-2pm

December 11 – *Last Market of the Year*



Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

Register Now - Season Starts Jan 28, 2022

Get your team together and get signed up for this fun weekly night out to play. Teams can roster up to 12 players age 16 and up with 6 on the floor at a time. Games are played on Friday evenings. Teams play two matches each Friday evening during the season. Cost is \$300 per team. All games played at Elizabeth Middle School.

Register at www.elizabethpr.com

Or call 303.646.3599



Christmas and Caroling with Santa

Saturday, Dec 18

1-3pm

Casey Jones Pavilion

Come join District Board Members and staff for some holiday cheer! Santa and his reindeer will be on hand for pictures and last minute gift requests, and we will have crafts, snacks, and warm drinks for all.

Let's all be merry this Christmas!

Casey Jones Park Master Plan and Recreation Center Design – Update

The consultant team hired to develop the Casey Jones Master Plan and recreation center design is wrapping up their work and will be presenting the final report to the Board in January. The Board anxiously awaits the final report and design graphics and eagerly looks forward to presenting the plans to residents. The master plan details a comprehensive vision for Casey Jones Park that includes a community recreation center with gym and pool, new grandstands and other improvements for the rodeo / event arena, an expansion of the campground, a new dog park, an event / athletics fieldhouse, new ballfield, and the future Homestead Education Center being pursued by the Elbert County Agricultural Alliance. Once available, the master plan and recreation center design will be shared on the District's website and at open house events in January and February. The Board is assessing the possibility of asking voters to fund portions of the improvements in May of 2022.

