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**July - 2019**

**Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District**

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## Evans Park Project Updates

The playground replacement project finally wrapped up and we are so happy to open the new play structures to park patrons! The new design features separate structures for 2-5 and 6-12 year olds and kids seem to love it so far.

The contractors have given the two - week notice on the splashpad and after almost three years since the Board first brought up the idea, we are now preparing to open this wonderful new amenity to the community. As the weather continues to warm up, Evans Park will be your new destination for cooling off. Watch for an announcement on the ribbon cutting and grand opening party to come out soon and koin us for the fun!.



## Fall Sports Registrations Ending Soon!

### Adult Kickball

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

Youth Tackle Football This is an 8vs8 tackle football program for youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade                      5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **YOUTH SOCCER AND FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 26 - AVOID LATE FEES – REGISTER NOW**

### 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

### 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.

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

# July is Park and Recreation Month

- Since 1985, Americans have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote the importance of parks and recreation in health and wellness, conservation and social equity, and to recognize the thousands of park and recreation employees that maintain our nation's local, state and community parks
- According to a study conducted by the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University and the National Recreation and Park Association, America's local park agencies generated more than \$154 billion in economic activity and supported more than 1 million jobs from their operations and capital spending alone in 2015.



NRPA'S PARK AND RECREATION MONTH - JULY 2019

- Park and recreation services are vital for our communities — from protecting open space and natural resources, to helping fight obesity and providing activities and resources for all walks of life — Park and Recreation Month encourages everyone to reflect on the exponential value parks and recreation brings to communities.
- Living close to parks and other recreation facilities is consistently related to higher physical activity levels for both adults and youth.
- July is the perfect time to get out and see the great things happening at your local parks and recreation centers and meet the people who make it all happen.
- The nation's park and recreation facilities are on the frontline in the battle against the obesity epidemic and other chronic health issues.



Charles Gotschall, Parks Manager

## Staff Member Profile

Charles Gotschall joined the District in December of 2017 as the Parks Manager and quickly raised the bar on the District's maintenance operations. His experience, skills, knowledge, and commitment is truly appreciated!

**Tell us a little about yourself:** *I grew up in Arizona for most of my life , then relocated to Las Vegas for about 15 years , I moved to Colorado in 2006, it was the best move I ever made . I Love the outdoors so it was a prefect fit for me , I am a avid outdoorsman and love to hunt and fish. I am a proud father of three boys and one daughter and I am a grandpa to two great grandkids that I try and spend as much time as I can with when possible.*

**What is the favorite part of your job?** *I have worked in the maintenance field for about 35 years now and I really like being outside in the weather, not stuck inside in an office.*

**What do love about the Elizabeth Community?** *I really enjoy the open spaces that The Elizabeth Community offers. I lived in the community for about 3 years but live in South Aurora now and hope to move back to the community in the future.*

## Quote of the Month

“If bread is the necessity of life, recreation is a close second”

- Edward Bellamy-