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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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Recreation Center Design Committee Update

The recreation center design committee has been meeting over the last couple months and is making great progress. A community survey was conducted to learn resident desires and preferences and over 950 responses were received. Over 94% expressed general interest in an Elizabeth Recreation Center, over 65% expressed a willingness to consider a temporary increase in their taxes to help fund construction, and over 80% indicated they would support a tax increase of up to \$250 annually to fund the construction. This valuable input is helping the citizen committee to develop a budget and vision for the facility and guide the architect in the design.

A draft design is expected later this summer and the committee looks forward to sharing it with the community and seeking further feedback. The District Board of Directors has expressed a desire to present voters with a funding initiative in May of 2022 to build the facility based on the survey which indicated such a high level of community support. Let's get this done Elizabeth!

Youth Summer Camps

Theatre – Soccer - Art

EPR is offering a variety of youth summer camp opportunities and registration is now open. The action kicks off the week of June 14th with our *All Things Pokemon Art Camp*. Horses is the main theme the week of June 28, and our *Cartoon Academy* will be featured the week of July 19. *Zoo Train* completes the series the week of July 26. Art Camps are offered as either morning (8-11am) or afternoon (3-6pm) sessions and are held in the Casey Jones Pavilion. Our instructor, Ms. Courtney is a gifted artist that excels in sharing her passion and joy of art with others.

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) is coming to Elizabeth the week of July 12 to lead our local youth in a production of *Sleeping Beauty*. Youth will learn and rehearse the script throughout the week under the guidance of MCT staff and then put on 2 public performances for the community. All youth ages 6-18 are open to register and each youth will play a part in the production. Sign up your family's star now.

If sports are more your child's thing, register them for our Challenger Sports Soccer Camp. Camp takes place the week of July 13 at Evans Park. Challenger Sports combines elements of British Soccer with TetraBrazil to teach and develop soccer skills to youth and utilizes an enthusiastic international coaching staff. Camps are offered for youth between the ages of 3-14. Help your child raise their game this summer.

REGISTER AND MORE INFO AT WWW.ELIZABETHPR.COM



Splashpad to Open Memorial Day Weekend

The Evans Park Splashpad is scheduled to open for the summer on Memorial Day weekend. It will be operational from 9am-7pm daily for drop-in use. Please read all signage on site, follow all rules, and be kind to others to ensure a safe and enjoyable play experience for all.

Visiting the Parks this Summer

As summer arrives and more people flock to the parks to picnic and play, it is important to remember to be a good park steward. Our parks are better when we all pitch in to care for them and we need your help. If you bring your dog, please use a leash at all times, unless in the dog park, and pick up your dog's waste. Nobody likes to step in a pile of it. Please be sure to deposit any and all trash in a garbage can and not on the ground. Teach children that breaking the limb of a tree is not good for the tree if you see it happening. If you are on a trail, stay to the right and always allow for a bike or runner to pass on your left. Despite the heat, do not swim, or allow children to swim in Dragonfly Pond. It's not safe for a number of reasons. For the sake of skaters, remember that the half-pipe is meant for riding, and is not a playground element for small children. If a skater / biker / scooter rider wants to ride it, they have priority. Know that no motorized vehicles are allowed in the parks or on the trails, other than roads and parking areas. E-bikes however are excepted. Lastly, please respect park property and other park users and always be sure to stop and smell, but not pick, the flowers. Thanks for your cooperation, and we really look forward to seeing you soon in the parks.

News not to Miss

The rodeo is coming to Casey Jones Park as the Elizabeth Stampede kicks off with a concert on June 3rd. Rodeo Performances to be held June 4-6. Food, beer, vendors, and much more. More info and tickets at www.elizabethstampede.com. The community rodeo will be held June 19th. Hope to see you there!

Adult Softball Season is right around the corner. Gather your team and get signed up now. Co-Ed League plays on Friday evenings at Evans Park.

The Park District is offering advertising opportunities to local businesses on the new digital display board near the corner of 86 & 17 in Casey Jones Park. Proceeds help fund District programs and events as well as park improvements. Call the park office at 303.646.3599 to request more information and get your message or advertisement seen.

The District's *Transplanting the Pines* program is presently not accepting any further participants. We have had immense interest and are working with our tree contractor to facilitate tree orders as quickly as we can. We apologize for the limited capacity to keep up with the demand and are assessing all options to better serve all interested parties.