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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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Cardinal Club Fundraiser

On February 3rd, the Cardinal Club partnered with the District to host a fun run / walk that spanned both Evans and Casey Jones Parks. Over 90 people registered for the event that took place Sunday morning before the big football game and all that participated appeared to enjoy their journey through the parks followed by a great pancake breakfast in the Casey Jones Pavilion. The event raised over \$2000 which the Cardinal Club will use to support scholarships for Elizabeth High School student athletes. If you have an idea for a community event or fundraiser and want some support, give us a call!



Message from the Director

Get involved in current planning efforts

The Town of Elizabeth is currently in the process of envisioning what the community should look like 20 years from now and developing a comprehensive master plan to get us there. This is an open public process, and I strongly encourage all residents to ensure your thoughts are shared with decision makers as that vision is developed.

As the growth of the community accelerates, it is imperative that we actively plan for expanded parks and recreation resources that will enhance the quality of life for ourselves and the many new residents that will call Elizabeth home. While transportation, water and sewer systems, and other public improvements are all critical elements that must be addressed in the comprehensive plan, I would argue that none are as directly linked to the quality of life as parks, open space, trails, and other recreational resources.

If we as a community are to have the standard recreational amenities such as a pool and recreation center of other nearby communities, which so many of you are expressing a desire for, this comprehensive planning effort presents a great opportunity. Through collaborative efforts, I truly believe the County, Town, and District can provide the types of parks and recreational amenities that the community desires and deserves.

Please join me on March 13th for a public open house at Elizabeth Town Hall from 6pm-8pm and make sure elected officials understand your vision and priorities for the Elizabeth Community. Learn more at www.townofelizabeth.org

How does the District Determine the Fees for a Program?

Determining how much it costs to register for a program is calculated through a process we call cost-recovery analysis.

First, we project all the total direct expenses of the program (staffing, supplies, coach discounts, etc..).

Then we project the number of participants that we believe will register for the program and adjust the fee to meet cost-recovery goals.

For youth programs, the District's cost-recovery goal is 150% of direct expenses. For adult programs, the cost-recovery goal is 200%.



Example

Program: Youth Soccer

Direct Expenses:

Uniforms	\$2000
Coach refunds	\$1276
Trophies / Awards	\$1200
Officials	<u>\$3524</u>

TOTAL EXP \$8000

$$\$8000 \times 150\% = \$12,000$$

$$\$12,000 / 200 \text{ participants} = \$60$$

Cost -Recovery = 150%



Question of the Month

What is the best thing about living in the Elizabeth Community?

Click below to answer

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/23VSNNB>

Need to add some fun and excitement to your next event?

Nothing entertains guests like an inflatable!

The District owns three inflatables that may be permitted for use by District residents either at an event within a park, or in your back yard at home. The Jungle Bounce House is perfect for entertaining young children through adults with hours of joyful jumping. The 5 in 1 features a slide, climbing wall, basketball hoop, bounce room, and punching bags and is best suited for older kids and adventurous adults. Lastly, the Gladiator Arena is best suited for teens and adults looking for an opportunity to grab a partner and battle it out! Birthday packages are available. Inflatables are also used at a variety of District events.



Call the Park Office or visit our website for rates and more info