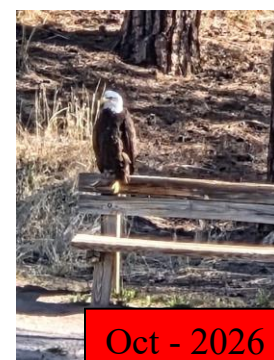


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District Board Approves 2027 Fee schedule

The Board of Directors reviewed 2027 fees and charges proposed by staff at its September meeting and approved the recommendations which will come into effect in January. Staff primarily recommended increases to non-resident permit fees though also proposed a slight increase to permit fees for the Casey Jones Pavilion overall due to increasing demand for use of the facility. The permit fee is increasing \$5/hour for residents and \$10/hour for non-residents of the district. The Board also supported a new 25% increase for non-resident program fees, with the exception of childcare fees, which are largely set by State childcare licensing rules.

Executive Director, Mike Barney explained that this new non-resident program fee will ensure that non-residents help to fund indirect program expenses that enable programming to be offered by the district. He said that this burden has been on taxpayers only until now but felt that it should be shared with non-residents as well.

Gathering Grove Offers Children New Natural Play Space

The District was recently approached by resident Elly Marquez with a proposal to develop a natural play space along the trail in Casey Jones Park. She shared her vision with the Board for an outdoor classroom / play space which could be utilized by homeschool families for various activities as well as be used by all other park visitors. She explained that she would like to purchase a variety of small play kitchens and other natural play elements, set them up, and monitor / maintain them.



The Board was supportive of the proposal and thanked Elly for her efforts to help improve the park system and add elements that provide more play opportunities for youth. The Board then offered to share the initial costs for purchasing the play equipment and instructed staff to work with Elly to identify the best location, assist with set up, and consider appropriate signage as may be needed.

It was agreed that the Gathering Grove would be set up on a trial basis and that staff would evaluate things over the next several months to ensure equipment is not being damaged or going missing. You can find the Gathering Grove along the trail east of the playground. We hope it offers a little fun for your kiddos.

Casey Jones' Haunted Halloween Haven Saturday, October 24th 6-8pm



Bring the kiddos by Casey Jones Park and join us for an evening of Halloween fun. The pavilion is being transformed into a haunted maze and there will be plenty of tricks and treats for all. Hayrides through the park will also be offered. It's all free!

EPR Annual Adult Flag Football Tournament

Saturday, November 7th - Evans Park

Gather your team and get registered now for the opportunity to be crowned Elizabeth's Champs of the Gridiron for 2026.

Format is no contact 5v5, all players eligible, and there are no rules regarding gender. Teams may roster up to 10 players, and all players must be at least 16 years old. Flags are provided during play.

Cost is \$225/team, with 1st and 2nd place teams receiving awards. Space is limited and registration will close when tournament is full. Register at www.elizabethpr.com or by calling us at 303.646.3599.

Youth Co-Ed Basketball

Do not miss out on the opportunity to register your child for our youth basketball program.

Unlike our outdoor youth sports, which are able to accommodate all youth that register within the posted registration timeframe, basketball registration will end once an age division reaches its maximum enrollment. Maximum enrollments are set based on the number of practice days / times that we are able to secure within the school gyms. If you delay too long, there may not be spots available for your child to play this coming season. It's truly unfortunate, though there are just not enough gyms in the community to accommodate all youth that want to play.

Teams begin practicing in early January with the first games scheduled on January 9th.

Teams practice 1 time per week and play games on Saturday through February 27th. Age divisions include: 6-8, 8-10, 10-12 (youth bridging two divisions should register for most appropriate division based on size and skill level). Cost is \$100/player. Volunteer coaches are needed and receive a refund for their child's fees after the season.

Fall Youth Soccer Camps

All youth between the ages of 6-10 are invited to register for our fall soccer mini-camps to keep skills sharp and stay active. During these fun sessions, Coach Luiz will lead youth through drills and scrimmages and share his passion and knowledge of the game. Sessions are as follows: Ages 8 to 10 – 10/17 and 10/24 from 9-10:30am

Ages 6 to 8 – 10/24 from 10:45am-12:15pm

Cost is \$10 per session and all sessions are held at Evans Park. Register now at www.elizabethpr.com

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

Whether your crew are seasoned veterans or just a group of friends looking for some Friday night fun, we've got you covered. Check out our co-ed adult volleyball league with an upper and a lower division.

Games are played on Friday evenings and run from January 22nd through March 5th. All games played at Elizabeth Middle School. The format is 6v6, and teams must play with at least 3 females on the court at all times. Teams may roster up to 10 players. Cost is \$400 per team. Registration opens November 1. Register at www.elizabethpr.com or call us at 303.646.3599 with any questions.

Kids Club Childcare Programs at Singing Hills and Running Creek Elementary schools

In addition to providing before and after school care throughout the school year, Kids Club will be offering full-day childcare for families in need during the upcoming Thanksgiving Break. Camp is being offered at Singing Hills Elementary School November 23-25 and on November 30. These camp days are open to all youth ages 5-12 regardless of which school they may attend. A registration packet is required for youth that are not currently attending Kids Club programming and is available on our website. Drop off for camp days starts at 7am and youth must be picked up by 6pm. Call the park office at 303.646.3599 or visit our website for more information and to register. www.elizabethpr.com