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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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Are e-Bikes Allowed in the Parks?

As the use of e-bikes (electric bikes) continues to grow, we wanted to take a few minutes to share our thoughts on the topic and explain the District's rules regarding their use within the parks. While the Board supports the great value of this growing technology in making bicycling more accessible to people and getting them outside to ride and recreate, it also recognizes that e-bikes and other electric devices such as scooters and one-wheels present new challenges in park management. The District's stance on this matter attempts to balance allowed usage of some e-bikes within the parks with the safety of all park users.

Not surprisingly, there are several different types of e-bikes and other electric conveyances, and this certainly creates some confusion. Typically, e-bikes are divided into one of 4 classes based on their design, speed, and motor size. Class 1 e-bikes utilize a pedal assist system and have a top speed of 20 mph. Class 2 e-bikes also utilize a pedal assist system but also include a throttle and have a top speed of 20 mph. Class 3 e-bikes are similar to Class 2 though can attain a top speed of 28 mph and may or may not have a throttle. Class 4 e-bikes have a motor with wattage over 750W and a top speed of 28 mph or higher.

In order to minimize the potential for injury to park users, the District does not allow any Class 2 or Class 4 e-bikes to be ridden on park walkways, trails, or within the skatepark. All Class 1 e-bikes, as well as Class 3 e-bikes without throttles however are permitted to ride on park trails, walkways, and within the skatepark. So essentially, if your or your child's e-bike has a throttle, it can only be ridden on park roadways or in parking areas. If it does not have a throttle, you are all good to cruise through the parks anytime you desire. Please use best judgement, limit your speeds, and give all individuals that are walking the right of way. If you are on a bike, the pedestrian always has the right of way.

For those that ride electric scooters, skateboards, one-wheels, and other electric conveyances, the District will use the same basic standard. If the device has any type of throttle, it may not be used on park walkways and trails.

Thanks for your cooperation in adhering to park rules for the safety of all park users. Park staff will be addressing violations and helping park users understand the rules going forward. Be sure to also talk with your children about e-bike rules and safety if applicable to understand the potential dangers of these faster and heavier new bikes.

Kids Club Camp Offers Childcare Options During Thanksgiving Break

Do you need childcare during the upcoming Thanksgiving break from school? Just looking for some activities to engage your children during the week? Either way, EPR District Kids Club has you covered. We will be holding a day camp at Singing Hills Elementary school between November 24-26. Camp starts as early as 7am and all children must be picked up by 6pm. Camps are open to all youth between 5-12 years of age and youth do not need to attend the school to attend camp. As a state licensed childcare program, a registration packet must be completed and submitted if a child is not currently attending other Kids Club programming. Registration packets can be downloaded from our website. Cost for camp is \$55/day. Camp activities include outdoor play, crafts, games, and much more. Call us at 303.646.3599 with any questions or visit www.elizabethpr.com to learn more about Kids Club programs and sign your kiddos up today.

Intro to Pickleball Classes

Get off the sidelines and come learn how to play the funnest game out there. Our instructor, Lynne Watts will teach you the game and help develop fundamental skills in a fun non-threatening environment. Class consists of 3-sessions and is held at the former Frontier School gym.

- November 10-12 from 10:30am – Noon

Cost is \$60

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 schools. 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 10th. Teams practice 1 time per week and play games on Saturday through March 7th. 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.

EPR Annual Adult Flag Football Tournament

Saturday, November 8th - Evans Park

Gather your team and get registered now for the opportunity to be crowned Elizabeth's Champs of the Gridiron for 2025.

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.

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

With growing demand, we are now offering a lower and an upper division for the 2026 Winter Season. Whether your crew are seasoned veterans or just a group of friends looking for some Friday night fun, we've got you covered. Games are played on Friday evenings and run from January 23rd through March 6th. 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. Register at www.elizabethpr.com or call us at 303.646.3599 with any questions.