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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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Park Improvements

The Maintenance team has been busy making some park improvements and planning for other projects to come. With Winter not making an appearance this year, the crew was unable to execute planned burns and had to chip slash piles from fire mitigation efforts. The crew also recently gave some attention to the area around the splashpad and upgraded the landscaping. Irrigation was initiated a bit earlier than in the past due to the lack of moisture and higher than normal temps. The District is pursuing water saving measures such as limiting irrigation to overnight hours, utilizing wetting agents to help the soil maintain moisture longer, and fine-tuning sprinkler heads to maximize efficiency.

In other areas, the crew is planning for a shade shelter to be installed near the pickleball courts after presenting the Board with several options. Work should begin soon. Work will also begin soon on the continued replacement of cracked sidewalks in Evans Park. On the disc-golf course, the crew will be working with volunteers to pour concrete tee-pads, helping to reduce erosion and improve the player experience.

Message from the Director

As Spring has arrived and the parks fill with activity, it's time to send out our annual plea for everyone to respect park rules and property and assist in ensuring your parks remain clean, safe, and enjoyable for all. While dogs are welcome in the park, they must be leashed at all times, kept off of athletic fields, and owners must pick up all dog waste. Nobody wants to see, smell, or step / fall in dog poop, so please be responsible when bringing your dog to the park and show respect for other park users. There is a dog park in Casey Jones Park for those that want an off-leash experience.

When visiting the park, please also make sure that all your trash makes it into a trash receptacle. Staff work hard to ensure the parks are litter free, so your attention and assistance in keeping the parks clean is always appreciated. In addition, please teach / remind your children to avoid breaking branches on trees / shrubs, avoid throwing pea gravel out of the playground pit, and avoid sitting / leaning on pickleball nets which can bend the poles.

Please also know that per District policy, electric / motorized vehicles are not permitted on park trails and sidewalks. E-bikes that utilize pedal assist are permitted. A bike with a throttle that can move without pedaling may not be ridden on park trails or sidewalks for the safety of all park users.

Most importantly, be kind to other park users. Treating others with respect and dignity goes a long way in building a strong and healthy community.

Thanks for doing your part to help manage and protect your parks.

Upcoming Programs and Special Events

Easter Egg-Stravaganza

April 4th – 3pm – Evans Park

Join the fun at our annual Easter egg hunt events.

Youth from infant through 12 are invited to participate in unique egg gathering activities. Prizes will be randomly awarded throughout each age group, with eggs a plenty for all. The Easter Bunny will also be on site for pictures, high-fives, and hugs.

Adult Co-Ed Softball

Registration is now open for the Elizabeth adult co-ed softball league. Games are played on Friday evenings at Casey Jones Park and the season begins June 12th. There will be a season ending tournament on July 25th. Space is limited, so register today at www.elizabethpr.com - \$680 / team.

Summer Day Camp

Whether you need childcare this summer or just want to get your kids engaged in fun summer programming, check out our state licensed summer day camps being offered at Running Creek and Singing Hills Elementary Schools. Camps will run weekdays from June 1 through August 7. Sign up for a couple days per week or the entire summer. It's your call as our flexible registration system allows registration by the day.

All youth between 5-12 are welcome to participate and do not need to regularly attend the school to participate in camp. Our creative and caring staff will engage your child(ren) with fun activities, regional field trips, local outings, and educational opportunities.

Check out our website at www.elizabethpr.com or call us at 303.646.3599 for more information.

Missoula Children's Theatre Camp July 13-18

The District is excited to bring back the MCT Summer Camp for 2026 and offer local youth a unique theatre experience. Youth between the ages of 6-18 are invited to register and be a part of a local production of *The Little Mermaid* this summer. Participants will work with professional actors from MCT throughout the week and rehearse their roles before giving two live performances on Saturday July 18th for the Elizabeth Community. Activities take place at Elizabeth Middle School. Registration opens 4/1 on our website at www.elizabethpr.com

Adult Pickleball

Sign up now for our Intro to Pickleball class (ages 15 and up) from April 27-29 to learn the game and develop basic skills of play. Already a seasoned player? Check out our Women's, Men's, and Mixed Doubles leagues starting the week of April 13th. All activities take place on the Casey Jones Park pickleball courts.

View program schedules and get more details on our website at www.elizabethpr.com or call us at 303.646.3599.

Adaptive Yoga

Join our dynamic instructor Sheila Zuscsek for *Gentle* or *Chair* Yoga classes in the Casey Jones Pavilion. Classes are low impact and emphasize strength, balance, and stability for those seeking continued health and physical movement.

Chair Yoga is held on Thursdays at 9:30am and *Gentle Yoga* is held on Fridays at 10am. Classes start April 23/24. Sign up at www.elizabethpr.com

Culinary Arts Summer Camp

This partnership with Sticky Fingers Cooking offers unique culinary experiences for youth between 5 and 15. In the *Global Taste Buds* program, youth will learn basic cooking skills, try new dishes from around the world, and see how much fun can be had in the kitchen. In the *Kids Cooking Showdown*, youth will take on fun culinary challenges inspired by popular cooking shows. Camps start the week of June 8th and run through July 10th. Camp held at the Casey Jones Pavilion. Learn more and register at [Culinary Arts Summer Camp - Elizabeth Park & Recreation District](http://www.elizabethpr.com)