



Elizabeth Park and Recreation District

Enhancing our community through parks, programs, and service



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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Casey Jones Park Pickleball Courts - Project Managed by Capital AE

TO OUR RESIDENTS

A Message from Elizabeth Park & Recreation District Board of Directors

2025 was a pivotal year for the Elizabeth Park & Recreation District, marked by thoughtful planning, strong community engagement, and meaningful progress toward shaping the future of recreation in Elizabeth. We're proud to share the strides we've made alongside our residents this past year.

A major focus in 2025 was our commitment to **strategic planning**, highlighted by the completion of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails (PROST) Master Plan. This collaborative effort with the Town of Elizabeth and Elizabeth School District established a clear, long-term vision for parks, trails, and recreational amenities across our growing community. Just as important, the process was driven by community input—ensuring that the plan reflects the priorities and values of the people we serve.

Building on that work, we expanded our outreach through **public polling**, giving residents another opportunity to weigh in on the future of recreation in the district. The feedback we received was both strong and clear, helping guide the Board in evaluating long-term investments and opportunities.

As a result of this planning and community engagement, the Board took an important next step by **confirming the decision to pursue a community recreation center with voters**. This milestone reflects years of listening, learning, and planning—and represents an exciting opportunity to create a central space dedicated to health, wellness, and connection for residents of all ages.

While much of 2025 was focused on planning for the future, we remained committed to maintaining and enhancing the parks, programs, and spaces our community relies on every day. Each decision continues to be guided by our responsibility to serve Elizabeth through thoughtfully balancing current needs with long-term vision.

Looking ahead, we are energized by the direction set this year. The work completed in 2025 has positioned the District to move forward with clarity and purpose, and we are excited to continue partnering with our community as we take the next steps together.

As always, we thank the Elizabeth community for your ongoing support, input, and involvement. Your voice is at the center of everything we do.

The future of recreation in Elizabeth is a shared effort, and we encourage all residents to take part in the upcoming election. Your voice matters, and your vote helps guide the direction of our community.

With appreciation,

Kelly Moffatt, President

YEAR IN REVIEW

The focus of the Board and District's work for much of 2025 was on gaining a fuller understanding of resident needs and desires and furthering master planning efforts. The year began and ended with public outreach efforts as the District held open houses and conducted surveys during the winter to help develop the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails (PROST) master plan in cooperation with the Elizabeth School District and Town of Elizabeth. In November, the District engaged polling firm Magellan Strategies to directly assess voter interest in funding a recreation center and found that a majority of registered voters (54%) indicated support, creating a new priority for the Board heading into 2026. The Board intends to present the issue to voters on the ballot in November of 2026.

The Board continued to sharpen its focus on proposed developments within the community in 2025 and participated in the County's plan review process for Miller Ranch (Blue Sky Ranch), Cresence, Fox Haven, and other proposed / planned developments that include park and recreation elements. With the completion of the PROST Master Plan in July, the Board now has a document to help guide the future development of parks and recreational amenities within the district. This master plan will serve to assist the current and future board members with prioritizing needs, improving equitable access to parks and facilities across the district, and in working with developers to ensure new neighborhoods include park and recreation elements that align with resident needs and desires and complement the master plan rather than just offer small sporadic tot lots.

The District continued to serve as a central hub for sports and athletics in the community, offering a variety of youth and adult sports throughout the year and working with community partners to support their programs and events. Kids Club childcare programs gained a new coordinator in September and continued to expand offerings and see participation levels increase throughout the year at both Running Creek and Singing Hills Elementary Schools.

Several park system improvements were completed in 2025 to improve the visitor experience, improve operational effectiveness and efficiencies, improve safety and mitigate risks, and replace equipment.

District finances remained healthy through 2025 as revenues exceeded operational expenditures and the District finished the year with a cash balance of just over \$700,000.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Elizabeth Park and Recreation District is a Special District tasked with developing and managing public spaces, coordinating and facilitating recreation programs and special events, and more recently, providing childcare services within the Elizabeth Community. As a Special District, it collects a mill levy of 2.466 from properties located within the district. The District is committed to being fiscally responsible with your tax dollars and being transparent in its finances. We hope the following financial summary will help you understand how tax dollars were spent.

- \$1,021,465 in total tax revenue
- \$803,716 in non-tax revenue (programs, permits, services, Conservation Trust Funding)
- \$606,677 in capital improvements
- \$1,143,534 in operating expenses
- \$707,366 cash on hand at the end of the year

General Fund

Revenues	Budgeted	Actual
Property Taxes	\$918,964	\$901,190
Specific Ownership Taxes	\$115,220	\$120,275
Development Fees	\$73,225	\$96,591
Conservation Trust Funds	\$105,750	\$98,015
Grant Funding	\$0	\$3,922
Misc. Income	\$1,275	\$4,583
Interest Income	\$16,890	\$19,099
Expenses	Budgeted	Actual
Accounting and Auditing	\$21,810	\$22,200
Board Member Stipends	\$6,500	\$6,900
Property and Liability Ins.	\$43,000	\$31,150

Legal Services	\$22,600	\$13,687
Misc. Expense	\$725	\$705
Office Supplies	\$1,850	\$1,465
Cleaning Supplies	\$3,877	\$5,044
Payroll	\$303,649	\$307,679
PERA	\$123,786	\$125,952
Health Ins.	\$91,125	\$69,163
Professional Services	\$41,250	\$30,204
Repairs and Maintenance	\$21,678	\$24,145
Internet / Phone	\$1,600	\$1,725
Printing / Copier	\$1,575	\$1,339
Utilities	\$78,350	\$74,295
Gas and Oil	\$4,530	\$5,520
Training and Development	\$5,200	\$0
Treasurer's Fees	\$32,164	\$27,037
Capital Outlay	\$667,876	\$606,677

Enterprise Fund

Revenues	Budgeted	Actual
Programs	\$362,060	\$315,323
Concessions	\$7,100	\$7,786
Event Permits	\$55,430	\$54,552
Campground Permits	\$265,400	\$197,221
Advertising and Sponsorships	\$4,500	\$6,400
Misc. Income	\$1,500	\$227

Expenses	Budgeted	Actual
Concession Costs	\$5,100	\$8,964
Contract Labor	\$18,000	\$3,954
Payroll	\$212,125	\$209,191
Misc. Expense	\$500	\$1,045
Sales Tax	\$650	\$681
Program Supplies	\$38,980	\$36,963
Maintenance Supplies	\$48,000	\$46,474
Facility Rental Fees	\$1,200	\$2,408
Professional Services	\$45,880	\$58,566
Program / Coaching Refunds	\$12,250	\$8,400
Permit Refunds	\$13,500	\$7,802
Recreation Equipment	\$4,500	\$3,981
Tools and Small Equipment	\$2,500	\$3,533
Facility Furniture and Fixtures	\$4,500	\$3,981
Training	\$2,250	\$22
Memberships and Assoc.	\$1,500	\$445



Missoula Children's Theatre Camp 2025

PARK MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

The District's Maintenance Team, comprised of Parks Manager Ryan Staley and Park Technicians Mike Burns, Cameron Burrow, and Daniel Emig were responsible for completing routine tasks and special projects to keep your parks safe, aesthetically pleasing, and ready to meet your recreation / leisure needs. The crew maintained over 20-acres of irrigated turf, mitigated fire risk in over 50 -acres of natural woodlands, prepared fields for over 150 games, serviced a fleet of equipment, cleared leaves and snow as needed in the fall and winter, managed the splashpad and performed daily inspections, made repairs to park amenities as needed, led the work of contractors, cleaned restrooms, and so much more. The crew worked hard to ensure you are satisfied during your visit to the parks and take great pride in their contributions to enhancing our community.

Projects completed in 2025 included:

Evans Park

- The walking trail near the pond was re-graded and resurfaced and work was completed to mitigate erosion
- Concrete jacking and continued replacement of cracked and shifted sidewalk sections
- Re-built Janet's Garden bed in front of park office
- Installed warm up nets on disc-golf course
- Replaced lighting fixtures on park office building
- Oversaw coating and painting of parking lot
- Painted north picnic shelter
- Installed 2nd basketball hoop to create full-court option
- Resurfaced skateboard halfpipe
- Assembled and installed 2 memorial benches
- Fire mitigation and removal of 2 dead / beetle impacted trees
- Replaced irrigation pump control system
- Updated security camera system and added coverage

Casey Jones Park

- Re-graded campground and park roadways
- Installed new lights in pavilion
- Installed supplemental heaters in campground restrooms
- Replaced / repaired picnic tables throughout park
- Oversaw installation of net safety system on artificial turf field
- Installed handrail on ramp entry at the pavilion
- Installed culverts to improve site drainage in overflow parking area
- Oversaw paving of roadway for pickleball courts / artificial turf field
- Oversaw milling and re-grading park entryway north of church
- Graded and graveled parking area for dog park
- Installed a water hydrant at the dog park
- Rebuilt stairs off first tee of disc golf course
- Installed new directional park entrance signage
- Built bullpens for artificial turf field
- Repainted maintenance garage and snack shack
- Conducted fire mitigation and removed 10 dead / beetle impacted trees
- Installed security cameras at pickleball courts and artificial turf field

Cimarron Park

- Installed new park sign
- Re-graded parking area



Sponsorship banners on fence at The Nest

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

The District's Programming and Special Events Division is led by Rebecca Kreiling, Programs and Special Events Coordinator, and facilitated through a diverse team of part-time Site Supervisors, Sports Officials, Recreation Instructors, and volunteers. This team is responsible for coordinating and facilitating a variety of activities and events for individuals of all ages. These activities and events are focused on the categories of sports & fitness, arts & culture, outdoor recreation, and social enrichment. The Programs Division is committed to being responsive to program requests from residents and to consistently identifying ways to improve the participant experience. Surveys are completed after each program to assess program quality and learn how improvements can be made. The division also recruits and partners with individuals in the community who develop / facilitate recreation and leisure programming such as with Canine Capers and Little Dudes Soccer. The chart below shows the activities and events offered in 2025 and the number of individuals / registrations that were recorded:

PROGRAM / EVENT	2025 Participation	2024 Participation
Youth Basketball	136	161
Yoga	35	28
Youth Spring Soccer	22178	292
Youth Baseball	205	161
Adult Co-ed Softball	150	140
Youth Volleyball	52	59
Adult Kickball	80	60

Youth Fall Soccer	165	194
Youth Flag Football	92	78
Little Dudes Soccer	52	26
Pickleball Programs	213	199
Dog Training	80	87
Adult Volleyball	100	64
Youth Theatre Camp	41	49
Adult Flag Football	60	0
An Elizabeth Christmas	200	120
Halloween Haven	175	170



Splashpad at Evans Park

KIDS CLUB CHILDCARE PROGRAMS

The District’s Childcare Programs Division provides services at both Running Creek (RC) and Singing Hills Elementary (SHE) Schools and is led by Madeline Dennis, Childcare Programs Coordinator. Her team includes Cheryl Hoffman, the Site Director at Singing Hills, as well as a dynamic team of part-time Lead Teachers and Program Assistants. Programs offered include before and after school care, day camps during school breaks, Parent Night Out events, Toddler Play Days, and more. Kids Club Childcare programs are licensed by the state of Colorado and require strict staff background checks, well -defined staff to youth ratios, compliance with licensing rules and regulations, and subjection to regular inspections. Kids Club programs provide a valuable service for families that may need affordable childcare before or after school and / or during school breaks and over the summer. These programs are eligible for parents utilizing CCAP for childcare assistance and the District provides discounts for EPR District and School District employees. Kids Club programming is the result of a cooperative partnership with the Elizabeth School District. The chart below shows the programs offered in 2025 and prior year and the number of registrations that were recorded:

PROGRAM / EVENT	2025 Participation	2024 Participation
Spring Break Camp - RC	32	0
Spring Break Camp - SHE	44	0
Summer Camp - RC	1151	0
Summer Camp - SHE	1104	1150
Fall Break Camp - SHE	74	13
Winter Break Camp - SHE	40	0

Before School Care – RC	394	0
Before School Care - SHE	445	477
After School Care - SHE	2403	903
After School Care - RC	1775	0



Kids Club after school care at Running Creek Elementary

CASEY'S RV HIDEAWAY CAMPGROUND

The District owns and manages the only public campground within the District's boundaries in western Elbert County. The campground has 22 full-service sites (water, electric, sewer), 2 electric and water only sites, and one tent site. The campground serves travelers from all over the country and provides some lodging for friends and family of residents while they happen to be in town. More recently, the campground is also serving as temporary lodging at times for workers in the area for local construction projects.

Campground reservations were down from year prior in 2025 as we continued to see demand steadily decreasing since the pandemic related surge in camping. The District issued 3,034 daily camping permits during the year with an average of 8.3 sites occupied per day. Revenues were down \$66,000 (26%) from prior year totaling \$197,221. Direct expenses including refunds, repairs, and utilities for the campground in 2025 totaled \$22,170.



VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS, AND PARTNERS

The District collaborates with a variety of community partners to accomplish its mission and serve Elizabeth Community residents and visitors. The District serves as a community hub for all types of play, recreational pursuits, events, and health initiatives and we greatly value the efforts and contributions of everyone that helps make Elizabeth an even greater place to live. We do certainly apologize if we have left anyone off the list.

VOLUNTEERS

A tremendous shout out to all of the Youth Sport Coaches that make our community programs possible and help keep participation costs low. We could not do it without these local heroes that generously give their time to support local youth. Friends of Prickly Pines Disc-Golf Course also deserve recognition for their tireless effort to help maintain and improve the course as one of the best in the state.

PARTNERS



Town of Elizabeth



Elbert County



Elizabeth Fire Protection District



Elizabeth School District



Elizabeth Library



Elbert County Wranglers



Elizabeth Stampede



Elizabeth Celtic Festival



Elbert County Marketplace

SPONSORS

