

October 2015 Parks & Recreation Newsletter Information

STAY INFORMED THRU EMAILS

If you are not receiving emails from Parks and Recreation regarding registrations and events, you can sign up by going to www.alabasterparks.org and scrolling down the page to the SIGN UP link. All you have to enter is your name and email address.

BASKETBALL

On-line Registration: Ends at 11 pm on Oct. 3. Available at www.alabasterparks.org

Walk-in Registration: Ends at 5 pm on Oct. 2 at the Depot.

Cost: \$85.00 (10% additional fee for non-residents)

Open to: BOYS: Kindergarten through 9th grade. GIRLS: Kindergarten through 6th grade.

***IMPORTANT:**

- **9th graders** who turn 15 before September 1, 2015 are not eligible.
- **Kindergarteners** have to turn 5 before September 1, 2015 to be eligible to play (**no exceptions**).

BARK IN THE PARK on Saturday, Oct. 3

- The 9th annual Bark in the Park will be held at Veterans Park (7305 Hwy. 119, Alabaster) from 9 AM until 2 PM.
- This event is hosted by the City of Alabaster and the Shelby Humane Society.
- Admission is FREE for a fun filled day that celebrates the bond between people and their dogs. There will be music, food, vendors selling everything from dog bones to t-shirts, children's activities, dog contests, etc. There will also be adoption booths where you can find adorable pups looking for new homes.
- Please contact the Shelby Humane Society with any questions at 205-669-3916 or info@shelbyhumane.org.

FALL FEST AT BUCK CREEK on Halloween - Saturday, Oct. 31

- The 7th annual Fall Fest will be held at Buck Creek Trail from 9 AM until 3 PM with FREE admission.
- This will be a great family outing with live music by 2BLU and the Lucky Stiffs, inflatables, Trick-or-Treat Trail, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, and hay rides. Plus there will be a one day Farmers Market.
- All activities will be located behind the Alabaster Senior Center. Parking will be available at Buck Creek Park with shuttles running to the trail; Alabaster Senior Center; and Alabaster City Hall.

- **Vendor Applications:**
 On-Line Registration: Ends at 11 pm on Oct. 9. Available at www.alabasterparks.org
 Walk-in Registration: Ends at 5 PM on Oct. 9 at the Depot.
 Cost: \$30.00 for 15x15 booth. (You must provide your own table and chairs.)
 No duplicate business vendors (i.e. Avon, Scentsy Candles, 31 Products, etc.) allowed.
- All vendors must purchase a City of Alabaster business license through City Hall. Purchase price is \$35, cash or check only. If you are exempt, you must contact City Hall at 205-664-6800 so they can verify this information through the State Exemption Records.

CHRISTMAS PARADE REGISTRATION

On-Line Registration: Begins at 8 am on Oct. 12 and ends at 11 pm on Nov. 13. Available at www.alabasterparks.org

Walk-in Registration: Oct. 12 thru Nov. 13 – weekdays only from 8 am until 5 pm at the Depot.

Cost: Free

Participants: All participants are strongly encouraged to decorate even if their entry is not a “float”.

Event Date: The Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 10 am on Highway 31 South.

FALL SPORTS PROGRAMS

- Our athletic fields are quite busy with Fall Sports underway. We currently have 1,028 participants in our youth programs which include Football, Cheer, Flag Football, Soccer, Girls’ Softball, Baseball, and Start Smart Soccer. We also have a Fall Adult Softball program.
- As always, our programs depend on volunteers who selflessly give of their time and experience to work with our youth. We would like to say “Thank You!” to each of you. You may be the one person who makes a difference in the life of a child.

PAVILIONS FOR RENT

- **Outdoor Rental Facilities:**
 - **On-Line Pavilion Rentals** – now available at www.alabasterparks.org
 - Several of our City Parks offer pavilions for events such as picnics, family reunions and birthday parties. The best way to assure your event happens at the location of your choice is to reserve it early.
 - Please do not send out invitations listing one of our parks as the event location before you have secured a pavilion through Parks and Recreation. The pavilion you plan on using may not be available.
 - Pavilions are available for use by permit only. There is a **\$40 rental fee (no checks accepted)** which must be paid before your reservation is complete.
Note: Inflatables, charcoal grills, and piñatas are not allowed in any of the City parks. Please see our web site for a complete list of rules.
 - All open picnic tables (those not under a covering) are available free of charge on a first come, first served basis.
