

Parks & Recreation News

October 2019

Alabaster Parks and Recreation offers a variety of youth sports and a couple of adult programs, along with several community events throughout the year. Additionally, they oversee pavilion rentals for all City parks.

The Parks and Recreation Office is located at 7305 Hwy. 119, Alabaster.
Hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

If you would like more information concerning Parks and Recreation programs, please contact the Office at 205-664-6840 or parksandrec@cityofalabaster.com.

STAY INFORMED THRU EMAILS

If you would like to receive 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. The only required information is your name and email address.

NOTE: We cannot accept Checks as a method of payment. Please be prepared to pay for any fees with Cash, Debit, Visa, Master Card, or Discover.

BARK IN THE PARK: Saturday, Oct. 5

- The 13th 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 trucks, vendors selling everything from dog bones to t-shirts, children's activities, low cost vaccine and microchip clinic, and more. There will also be adoption booths where you can find adorable dogs looking for new homes.
- Please contact the Shelby Humane Society with any questions at 205-669-3916 or info@shelbyhumane.org.

FALL FEST on BUCK CREEK TRAIL: Saturday, Oct. 26

- The 11th annual Fall Fest will be held at Buck Creek Trail from 9:30 AM until 3:00 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, children's carnival style swings, and hay rides.
- All activities will be located behind the Alabaster Senior Center.
- Parking will be available at...
 - Alabaster Administrative Building and Alabaster Senior Center; both located off 11th Avenue SW.
 - Buck Creek Park, located at 701 6th Avenue SW, with shuttles running to the trail.

CHRISTMAS PARADE REGISTRATION

- **On-Line Registration:** Begins at 8 AM on Oct. 14 and ends at 11 PM on Nov. 1. Available at www.alabasterparks.org
- **Walk-in Registration:** Oct. 14 thru Nov. 1 – weekdays only from 8 AM until 5 PM at the Parks and Rec Office located at Veterans Park.
- **Cost:** Free; however, you are required to register in order to participate.
- **Participants:** All participants are strongly encouraged to decorate even if their entry is not a “float”.
- **Theme:** The 2019 theme will be “A Storybook Christmas”.
- **Event Date:** The Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 10 AM, on Highway 31 South.

FALL SPORTS PROGRAMS

- Our athletic fields are quite busy with Fall Sports underway. We currently have 970 participants in our youth programs which include Football, Cheer, Flag Football, Soccer, Girls’ Softball, Baseball, and Start Smart Soccer.
- 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** – 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 ensure 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.
