

October 2021

Parks & Recreation Newsletter Information

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.

IMPORTANT: The Parks and Recreation Office is located at **200 Depot Street**, 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: Please be prepared to pay for any fees with Cash, Debit, Visa, Master Card, or Discover. We cannot accept Checks as a method of payment.

DOG PARK MAINTENANCE

- **The Dog Park** at Veterans Park will be closed on Wednesday, **Oct. 6**, for maintenance.
- If needed, the Rain-Out date will be the following Wednesday, Oct. 13.

CHRISTMAS PARADE REGISTRATION

- **On-Line Registration:** Begins at 8 AM on Oct. 4 and ends at 11 PM on Oct. 22. Available at www.alabasterparks.org
- **Walk-in Registration:** Oct. 4 thru Oct. 22 – weekdays only from 8 AM until 5 PM at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 200 Depot Street.
- **Cost:** Free.
- **Requirement:** All participants are required to register!
- **Participants:** All participants are strongly encouraged to decorate even if their entry is not a “float”.
- **Theme:** The 2021 theme will be “A Beary Special Christmas”. For those who would like to donate their Teddy Bears to a worthy cause after the Parade, look for details on the Parks and Recreation website in the near future and in the November Newsletter
- **Event Date:** The Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 10 AM, on Highway 31 South.

FALL FEST on BUCK CREEK TRAIL: Saturday, Oct. 30

- The 13th annual Fall Fest will be held at Buck Creek Trail from **10:00 AM until 3:00 PM** with **FREE** admission.
- This growing community event always makes for a great family outing with live music, inflatables, Trick-or-Treat Trail, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, children’s carnival style swings, Pumpkin painting, and hayrides.
- 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.

FALL SPORTS PROGRAMS

- Our athletic fields are quite busy with Fall Sports underway. We currently have 1,130 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 greatly appreciate every volunteer!

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 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.
