November 2015
Parks & Recreation Newsletter Information

Closed for Holidays

The Parks and Recreation Office, and Veterans Skate Park will be closed on the following dates:
- Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day.
- Thursday & Friday, Nov. 26 & 27, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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CHRISTMAS PARADE

- The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 10 am on Highway 31 South.
- The 2015 theme will be posted on our web site as soon as it's announced.
- **On-Line Registration**: Available at www.alabasterparks.org beginning at 8 am on **Oct. 12** and ending at 11 pm on **Nov. 13**.
- **Walk-in Registration:** Available at the Depot between 8 am and 5 pm, weekdays only, from **Oct. 12 thru Nov. 13.**
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Who:** Anyone wishing to participate in the Parade is required to register.
- **Decorations:** All participants are strongly encouraged to decorate even if their entry is not a "float".
- *The City of Alabaster reserves the right to refuse any Person/Organization participation in the 2015 Christmas Parade.*

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BASKETBALL

- Youth Basketball practice will begin the first week of November.
- Games are scheduled to begin after Thanksgiving; break for the Christmas holidays; and then resume play after the first of the year.
- Pictures are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6, at Thompson Intermediate School.

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SOCCER

- Our Fall Soccer season is about to conclude with 39 teams participating.
- We would like to say "Thank You" to all of the volunteer coaches and team moms for your dedication and time spent working with the players.
- Please watch for future postings of Spring Soccer Registration which will occur in early January.

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FOOTBALL and CHEER

- We had another successful year with 175 Football players and 151 Cheerleaders.
- We will have several teams in the playoffs, and hope to bring home a championship.
- The JSYFL Championship games will be played on Nov. 21. The games will begin at 8:30 am and run all day. Please come out and support our teams. Location TBA.

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FLAG FOOTBALL

- In its second year, Flag Football, had 51 participants.
- We interlocked with Helena.
- We will be hosting our Flag Football Championship Day on Oct. 17 at Veterans Park starting at 9:00 AM.

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FALL BASEBALL

- Fall Baseball had 157 participants who interlocked with Calera, Helena, Montevallo, and Pelham.
- We would like to say "Thank You" to Coach Hamrick and his staff from Thompson High School for conducting this program.
- Please watch for future postings of Spring Baseball registration which will occur in early January.

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GIRL'S SOFTBALL

- Girl's Fall Softball had five teams playing in Alabaster as well as the surrounding communities of Calera, Montevallo, Helena, and Pelham.
- "Thank you" to all the coaches and parents who supported our Fall program.
- Please watch for future postings of Girl's Spring Softball registration which will occur in early January.

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PAVILIONS FOR RENT

- **Outdoor Rental Facilities:**

  o **On-Line Pavilion Rentals** – available at www.alabasterparks.org
  o 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.
  o 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.
  o 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.
  o All open picnic tables (those not under a covering) are available free of charge on a first come, first served basis.

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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.

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