

**December 2014**  
**Parks & Recreation Newsletter Information**

**PARKS and RECREATION OFFICE**

**Location:** The **Parks and Recreation Office** is located inside the **Depot** at 100 Depot Street, Alabaster

**Office Hours:** Mon. thru Fri. from 8 am until 5 pm

**Phone:** 205-664-6840

**Website:** [www.alabasterparks.org](http://www.alabasterparks.org)

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**Closed for Holidays**

The Parks and Recreation Office, and Veterans Skate Park will be closed on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Dec. 24, closing at 12 noon for Christmas Eve.
- Thursday & Friday, Dec. 25 & 26, in observance of the Christmas holidays.

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**CHRISTMAS PARADE**

- The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10 AM.
- The parade location will be Highway 31 South beginning at Ernest McCarty Ford before turning onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Place N.W., traveling down 1<sup>st</sup> Street S.W., and ending at the stop sign in front of Southbrook Village.
- The 2014 theme is “The Gift of Christmas”.
- The parade is filled with floats, entertainment, and lots of candy! Don’t miss out on a fun filled morning.

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**BASKETBALL**

- Youth Basketball is underway with 253 participants.
- Teams will play a regular season, and all teams will finish with a tournament excluding Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade.

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**START SMART BASKETBALL**

- Registration will begin on Dec. 8 at 8:00 AM.
- Registration will end as soon as we have 15 children signed up, OR on Dec. 19; whichever occurs first.
- Start Smart Basketball teaches children, ages 3 & 4, the basic motor skills necessary to play organized Basketball while they work one-on-one and spend quality time with their parents.
- Start Smart is held one hour per week for six weeks with a game and party at the conclusion of the program.
- In order for the program to make, we must have a minimum of 10 children.
- Registration Fee: \$90 (plus 10% for non-residents).

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## COACHES NEEDED

- Volunteer coaches are needed for spring sports including Baseball, Girl's Softball, and Soccer.
- If you are interested in coaching, please contact Morgan or Nik at Alabaster Parks & Recreation.

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## Spring SOCCER REGISTRATION

- Soccer registration will begin on Jan. 5 and run thru Jan. 16.
- You can register on-line at [www.alabasterparks.org](http://www.alabasterparks.org) from **8 AM, Jan. 5 thru 11 PM, Jan. 16.**
- You can register in person from 8 AM until 5 PM Monday thru Friday at the Depot (Parks & Recreation Office).
- **NO Saturday registration** as On-line registration is available 24 hours a day.
- New players should bring a copy of their birth certificate with them.
- Leagues begin at age 4.
- Registration Fee: \$90 for U6/U8. \$110 for U9 & older. Non-residents: additional 10% per child. Multi-child discount: 10% per child after oldest child pays full price.

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## Spring BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

- Baseball/Softball registration will begin on Jan. 5 and run thru Jan. 16.
- You can register online at [www.alabasterparks.org](http://www.alabasterparks.org) from **8 AM, Jan. 5 thru 11 PM, Jan. 16.**
- You can register in person from 8 AM until 5 PM Monday thru Friday at the Depot (Parks & Recreation Office).
- **NO Saturday registration** as on-line registration is available 24 hours a day.
- New players should bring a copy of their birth certificate with them.
- Registration Fee: \$165 for Coach Pitch thru Metro; \$105 for 5-year-old T-ball; \$90 for 4-year-old T-ball. Non-residents: additional 10% per child. Multi-child discount: 10% per child after oldest child pays full price.

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## PAVILIONS FOR RENT

- **Outdoor Rental Facilities:**
  - Several of our City Parks offer pavilions for events such as picnics, family reunions and birthday parties. The best way to make sure your event happens at the location of your choice is to contact Parks & Recreation before our books are filled with reservations. 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.
  - **NEW: On-Line Pavilion Rentals** – now available. Please go to: [www.alabasterparks.org](http://www.alabasterparks.org)

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