

# December 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](http://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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## Holiday Schedule

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

- Thursday & Friday, Dec. 24 & 25, in observance of the Christmas holidays.

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## CHRISTMAS PARADE

- The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, 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 2015 theme is “A Hometown 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 268 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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## 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. 11 and run thru Jan. 23.**
- You can register on-line at [www.alabasterparks.org](http://www.alabasterparks.org) from 8 AM, Jan. 11 thru 11 PM, Jan. 23.
- You can register in person from 8 AM until 5 PM Monday thru Friday at the Depot (Parks & Recreation Office).
- 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. 11 and run thru Jan. 23.**
- You can register online at [www.alabasterparks.org](http://www.alabasterparks.org) from 8 AM, Jan. 11 thru 11 PM, Jan. 23.
- You can register in person from 8 AM until 5 PM Monday thru Friday at the Depot (Parks & Recreation Office).
- 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

**Note:** You can begin reserving pavilions for your 2016 events on Jan. 1.

- **Outdoor Rental Facilities:**
  - **On-Line Pavilion Rentals** – now available at [www.alabasterparks.org](http://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.

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