

# **October 2017**

## **Parks & Recreation Newsletter Information**

### **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](http://www.alabasterparks.org) and scrolling down the page to the SIGN UP link. The only required information is your name and email address.

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**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.**

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### **BARK IN THE PARK: Saturday, Oct. 7**

- The 11<sup>th</sup> 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, vendors selling everything from dog bones to t-shirts, children's activities, dog contests, etc. There will also be adoption booths where you can find adorable pups looking for new homes.
- Please contact the Shelby Humane Society with any questions at 205-669-3916 or [info@shelbyhumane.org](mailto:info@shelbyhumane.org).

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### **FALL FEST on BUCK CREEK TRAIL: Saturday, Oct. 28**

- The 9<sup>th</sup> 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.
- There will be a costume parade at 12 noon. Participants will need to meet at the triangle in front of the Trick-or-Treat Trail.
- 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 of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.
  - Buck Creek Park, located at 701 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, with shuttles running to the trail.

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**FALL FEST VENDOR REGISTRATION**

- **On-Line Registration:** Ends at 11 PM on Oct. 13. Available at [www.alabasterparks.org](http://www.alabasterparks.org)
- **Walk-in Registration:** Ends on Oct. 13 – weekdays only from 8 AM until 5 PM at the Depot.
- **Registration Fee:** Free. Includes 15 x 15 booth (you must provide your own table and chairs).

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**CHRISTMAS PARADE REGISTRATION**

- **On-Line Registration:** Begins at 8 AM on Oct. 16 and ends at 11 PM on Nov. 3. Available at [www.alabasterparks.org](http://www.alabasterparks.org)
- **Walk-in Registration:** Oct. 16 thru Nov. 3 – weekdays only from 8 AM until 5 PM at the Depot.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Participants:** All participants are strongly encouraged to decorate even if their entry is not a “float”.
- **Event Date:** The Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 10 AM, on Highway 31 South.

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**FALL SPORTS PROGRAMS**

- Our athletic fields are quite busy with Fall Sports underway. We currently have 1,000 participants in our youth programs which include Football, Cheer, Flag Football, Soccer, Girls’ Softball, Baseball, and Start Smart Soccer. We also have a Fall Adult Softball program.
- 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.

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**PAVILIONS FOR RENT**

- **Outdoor Rental Facilities:**
  - **On-Line Pavilion Rentals** – 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 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.

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