

November 2020

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 moved to **200 Depot Street**, Alabaster, in June 2020. We are no longer at Veterans Park.

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: 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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Parks and Recreation Office along with 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.

DOG PARK MAINTENANCE

- **The Dog Park** at Veterans Park will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 4, for maintenance.
- If needed, the Rain-Out date will be the following Tuesday, Nov. 10.

BARK IN THE PARK: Saturday, Nov. 7

- The 14th 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.
- **Vendors**, if you're interested in participating in this year's event, please contact LeeAngela as soon as possible at lgarate@shelbyhumane.org.
- All Vendors can begin setting up at 8 AM.

- Admission is FREE for a fun filled day that celebrates the bond between people and their dogs. 93.3 The River, will be broadcasting live with music from the 60's, 70's and 80's. There will be food trucks, vendors selling everything from dog bones to t-shirts, kid's zone, pet costume contest, Santa, and pet nail trimming. Two by Two Rescue will be part of this year's event. There will be adoption booths where you can find adorable dogs looking for new homes. A new event this year will be a pet and owner Pie eating contest that's sure to be entertaining.
- Please contact the Shelby Humane Society with any questions at 205-669-3916 or info@shelbyhumane.org.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

- **Event Date:** The Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 10 AM, on Highway 31 South.
- **Theme:** The 2020 theme is “Alabaster Celebrates Our 2020 Hometown Heroes”.
- **Details:** Please check our website periodically in case we need to make any adjustments to our normal Parade procedures due to COVID.
- **Spectators:** All spectators will be asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines that are in place at the time of the event.

VETERANS PARK ENTRANCE

- The new entrance to Veterans Park has opened. It's located at the southern most corner of the park and Highway 119. The original entrance is closed permanently and no longer accessible for vehicle entry.

FALL SPORTS PROGRAMS

- We are happy to say that our athletic fields are once again busy with Fall Sports including Flag Football, Soccer, Girls' Softball, Baseball, Start Smart Soccer, and Adult Softball.
- 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.

PAVILIONS FOR RENT

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