

November 2021 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 is located at **200 Depot Street**, Alabaster.

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: Please be prepared to pay for any fees with Cash, Debit, Visa, Master Card, or Discover. We cannot accept Checks as a method of payment.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

- Thursday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day.
- Thursday & Friday, Nov. 25 & 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

DOG PARK MAINTENANCE

- **The Dog Park** at Veterans Park will be closed on Wednesday, **Nov. 3**, for maintenance.
- If needed, the Rain-Out date will be the following Wednesday, Nov. 10.

BARK IN THE PARK: Saturday, Nov. 6

- The 15th 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 Shelby Humane Society as soon as possible at 205-669-3916.
- All Vendors can begin setting up at 7 AM.

- Admission is FREE for a fun filled day that celebrates the bond between people and their dogs. There will be food trucks, vendors selling everything from dog bones to t-shirts, kid’s zone, and a pet costume contest.
- Please contact the Shelby Humane Society with any questions at 205-669-3916 or info@shelbyhumane.org.

CHRISTMAS PARADE: Saturday, Dec. 4

- **Event:** The annual Christmas Parade will be held at 10 AM on Highway 31 South.
- **Theme:** The 2021 theme is “A Beary Special Christmas”.
- **Donations:** We anticipate many Parade participants displaying Teddy Bears as part of their float decorations. With that in mind, we have partnered with Shelby Emergency Assistance (SEA) to distribute any donated Teddy Bears throughout Alabaster with any extras going to neighboring cities. For those who would like to donate Teddy Bears to help children who might otherwise receive no gifts this Christmas, there will be drop-off boxes at the following locations:
 - **Saturday, Dec. 4:** Restore parking lot, 128 Market Center Drive, during and immediately following the Parade.
 - **Monday, Dec. 6:** Lobby of Alabaster City Hall, 1953 Municipal Way, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.
 - **Monday, Dec. 6:** Lobby of Alabaster Parks and Recreation Office, 200 Depot Street, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

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.
