

# December 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](mailto:parksandrec@cityofalabaster.com).

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### 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: 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.**

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### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

- Friday & Monday, Dec. 24 & 27, in observance of the Christmas holiday.
  - Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of New Year's Eve.
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### DOG PARK MAINTENANCE

- **The Dog Park** at Veterans Park will be closed on Wednesday, **Dec. 1**, for maintenance.
  - If needed, the Rain-Out date will be the following Wednesday, Dec. 8.
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### CHRISTMAS PARADE

- **Event Date:** The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 10 AM.
- **Parade Route:** 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.
- **Theme:** The 2021 theme is "A Beary Special Christmas".
- **Event:** The Parade is filled with bands, floats, dancers, candy, Santa, and much more!
- **Donations:** We have partnered with Shelby Emergency Assistance (SEA: 205-665-1942) to distribute any new donated Teddy Bears throughout Alabaster with any extras going to neighboring cities. For those who would like to donate new 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.
  - **Spectators:** In order to view all the Parade entries, you will need to be South of the new Milo's Hamburgers building across from the 1022 Tower.
  - **Safety Notice:** Candy will be thrown along the Parade route. Please do not enter Highway 31 to retrieve candy as that creates a dangerous situation!
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## **BASKETBALL**

- Youth Basketball is underway with 298 participants.
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## **PAVILIONS FOR RENT**

**Note:** You can begin reserving pavilions for your 2021 events on Jan. 1.

- **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.
    - All open picnic tables (those not under a covering) are available free of charge on a first come, first served basis.
    - **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.
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