



DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: March 24, 2008

Contact: Dothan Public Works Department
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Re: Azalea Dogwood Trail

TRAIL RESIDENTS ASKED TO PLACE TRASH ON CURB EARLY

The Azalea Dogwood Festival Committee has announced a probable date of March 30th for the Trail this year. The Public Works Department will be working crews as much as possible in the Azalea Dogwood Trail area during the entire week of the Trail. We would like to request that the residents on the Trail have all trash and yard debris out by Wednesday, March 26th, so that the crews will have plenty of time to complete the collections by Friday.



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TRAIL SCHEDULED FOR March 30TH

Spring has arrived bringing warm temperatures and beautiful flower blooms. With these delights, the Azalea Dogwood Committee anxiously begins preparation for the 44th Azalea Dogwood Festival scheduled Sunday, March 30th. This annual pilgrimage through some of Dothan's heaviest azalea and dogwood-populated areas is held each year on the Sunday when the blooms are at their peak.

Keri Burk, the 2008 Azalea Dogwood Queen; Olivia Martin, Princess; and Josie Gagliano, Maid of Honor, will join Dothan's Mayor Pat Thomas in the ribbon cutting ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. on the corner of Woodland and Main Street. The Trail draws hundreds of visitors from across the Southeast to view the beauty of spring in Dothan.

Following the ribbon cutting, the Queen and her court will lead the entourage of cars atop their Corvettes provided by the Circle City Corvette Club. Over 80 lovely young ladies dressed in antebellum gowns will grace the lawns of the seven-mile winding trail. The Queen and her court will greet visitors at the trail's end point – the home of Brent and Elizabeth Cook located at 115 Girard Avenue.

"Sunday in the Park", a highlight of the day's activities, will take place at Solomon Park from 2-5 p.m. A variety of musical entertainment, children's games, clowns, and free refreshments will lend a festive touch to the afternoon. Solomon Park is located on Choctaw Street inside the traffic circle.

The Azalea Dogwood Festival is sponsored annually by the City of Dothan and the National Peanut Festival.