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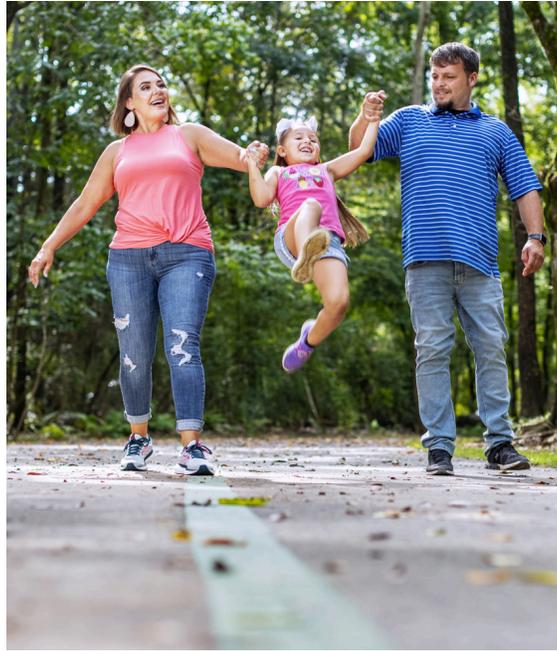
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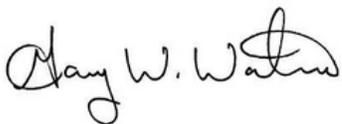
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Mayor's Welcome

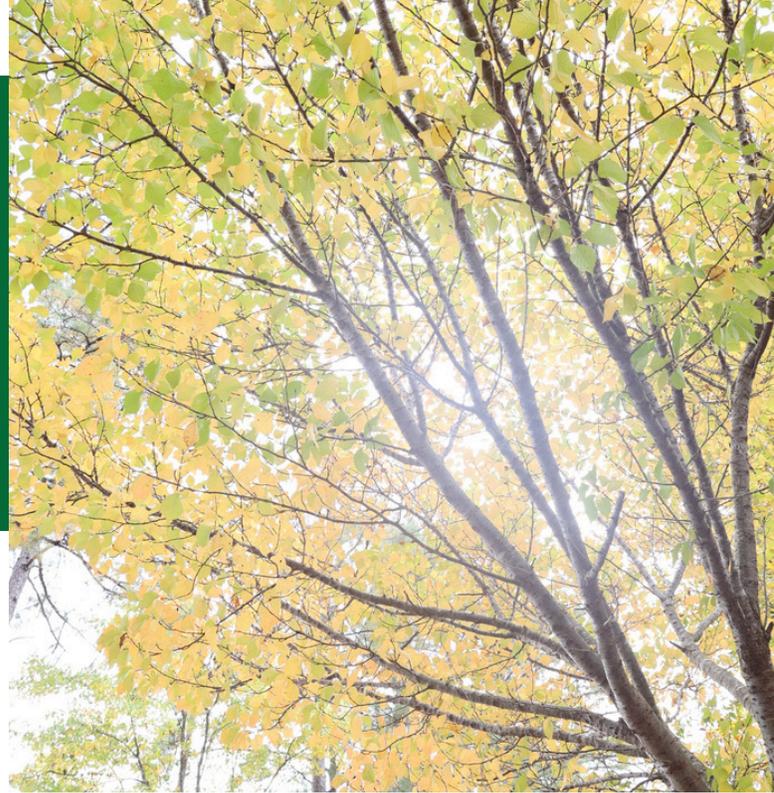
There is no doubt, for me at least, that fall and winter are my favorite times of the year. I suspect it has something to do with the holidays that come with the turning of the leaves - Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year. If all of this is not enough, the launching of a new quarterly publication about and for the City of Pelham gives me another reason to favor the season.

This is exciting, but we need your help. I don't think any of us want to revive a bi-weekly, ad-heavy chronicle of what just happened. Let us know what you want, and we'll try to meet your needs.

I gladly say goodbye to a tumultuous 2021 - pandemic, tornadoes, and flooding. What I'm looking forward to is a year with a bit less drama and a touch more grace and civility. I extend my thanks to our city council, our city manager, and her leadership for breathing life back into this worthy project. I hope this gesture of outreach reaches you in a positive way. Be well.



**WHAT IS AUTHENTICITY?
IT'S WHAT SETS YOU
APART.**



City Manager's Memo

Mayor Waters and I both lost our fathers this year, and while we also celebrated wonderful times, we were both close to our dads, and the void is great. I want to be more like the wonderful parts of my father. He loved people - I mean really loved people. He engaged in conversation with everyone and remembered how they met their spouses, how many children they had, where they worked their entire lives, and even jokes they told that still made him laugh decades after the telling. I did not inherit my father's ability to catalog voluminous details, but I do think I inherited his story-telling skills.

In a year of increasing social divisiveness, I allowed myself to stop being curious about the stories of others. Like many of us, I am tired of all the negativity. In the midst of this trying year, I lost a part of myself, and when my father moved in with us a few short weeks before his death, I watched his empathy for others shine even as he faced death, and I made a personal commitment to take back that part of me...the part that works to see the best in others until it just becomes natural like it was for my dad. This first issue of The Pelham Pathway contains stories about some of your neighbors. I hope you are inspired by them.



A PATH APART.

BY AINSLEY ALLISON

If you could describe Pelham in one word, what would it be? Take a moment to think about it. Really think.

For Matt Jaeh, who moved to Pelham from Los Angeles a little more than ten years ago, it's **NATURAL**.

"Pelham is home to one of the best state parks in the southeastern region," he explained. "It is world-renowned for its trail system and a wide variety of activities and amenities. If you love the outdoors, this is the city you want to live in."

For the Lee family, it's **COMMUNITY**.

"We are a military family who just relocated to Pelham," Lucy Lee said. "My husband, Andrew, is going into his 17th year of service. This is our sixth move in 12 years. After lots of research, we chose Pelham. Everyone we've met is so friendly, and the community seems amazing. We have two children, and we want to settle down and raise our family here," she added.

Vern and Karen Steenwyk are originally from Michigan and retired to Pelham to be closer to their son. For them, **LOCATION** is important.

"Pelham has a 'small town' pride in its people with 'big town' accessibility to facilities," Mrs. Steenwyk told us.

Zodia Hill, who moved her family of six to Pelham four-and-a-half years ago, points out Pelham's thriving **BUSINESS** atmosphere.

"We chose Pelham because of Oak Mountain, its proximity to dining and shopping, and its diversity. We love the school system and are looking forward to enjoying all of the development that is happening around the city," she said.



"PELHAM IS FAMILY-ORIENTED AND FEELS LIKE HOME."

You see, it's clear that we know who we are. Now, it is time the world knows who we are; so we started down a path. We partnered with Birmingham-based BIG Communications to design an iconic new brand: one that is exciting, attractive, different, and most importantly, deliverable.

Brand development goes well beyond the creation of a new logo. BIG taught us that city branding is a totality of thoughts, feelings, and expectations people hold about a location. A brand is an experience that must be grounded in truth and reality.

We started the journey by assembling a diverse panel of people to participate in a discovery session to gain an in-depth perspective about the city from a variety of viewpoints. The panel included residents, business owners, community partners, and employees. What sets Pelham apart from nearby and regional alternatives became quite clear.

Pelham is known for its beautiful outdoor recreation and a cherished quality of life. Pelham City Schools are excellent. Pelham is growing in diversity, and its businesses are thriving. It's family-oriented and feels like home.

Jaeh told us just that. "I am blessed with the ability to live anywhere in the world, but I continue to choose to stay here because the city is up-and-coming, family-friendly, close to nature, conveniently located, and affordable."

Our promise to anyone who is visiting, looking to put down roots, or grow a business is this: you'll **THRIVE** in Pelham. With that in mind, BIG copywriter John Kennedy, a Pelham native, began writing our brand story.



What is authenticity? It's what sets you apart. What makes you different, distinguished, unique. It's more than the choices you make. It's the path you take.

In Pelham, education isn't just community-focused. It's community-inspired. Recreation is a mix of indoor and outdoor opportunities. Support is given to both large and local businesses.

This is the path you take in Pelham — unrivaled in its offerings, unmatched in its affordability, and unparalleled in its progress — A path apart.



The tagline “A path apart” is a direct reflection of our numerous trails. Once complete, the city's Greenway Trail will create a path from Pelham City Park to Oak Mountain State Park via a newly created entertainment district. Continue into Oak Mountain, and you'll find trails that have been recognized by *Runner's World*, an international publication.

The overall design, font, and colors were all chosen to give the logo a fresh, clean feel. The full-color icon is reflective of Pelham's natural beauty, with a nod to the state park and the gorgeous sunrises as seen from King's Chair. Remove the color, and you might see the path that winds around Pelham City Park alongside Bishop Creek.



Our color palette is updated and consists of hues of natural blues and greens, paired with a pop of orange, which all blend together in perfect harmony. These are the colors you'll see when you take a scenic drive through Pelham, making the palette authentic yet modern. They are simple and unique, just like our city.

Pelham

You will soon see the new logo in different applications across the city. This includes natural yet modern signage at all of Pelham's major gateways that are eye-catching in a way that will distinguish our city from the next. Colorful banners will soon decorate our recreational and entertainment spaces.

While what you see is important, the feelings invoked about Pelham are what truly influence the success of the brand. If you are not familiar with our city's numerous offerings, we challenge you to get out and explore. We promise you will be pleased with all that you discover.



YEAR IN REVIEW

BY GRETCHEN DIFANTE



Each November, the City Manager provides an annual report to the City Council and Mayor. The financial results for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, were exceptional. The City's projected revenues came in \$5 million over projections while City expenses were \$2.6 million under budget. The City Manager proposed the \$6.7 million excess be directed to reserves for a number of areas. Please see below some key highlights of the City Manager's Report.

Increased Workload

We all knew making up for lost time due to COVID-19, going through a tornado and a major flood event, and managing through a garbage crisis while maintaining our "regular" workload required tremendous effort.

When we looked back at the number of resolutions approved by our City Council last year, we were surprised that number surpassed the greatest number in a four-year period by more than 50 percent! In addition, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved 14 zoning ordinance change requests in ten months, which were brought to City Council for consideration.

A typical year would be much closer to five or six. Every resolution and ordinance the staff brings to the council requires a great deal of work in the form of research, analysis, and recommendations. When a resolution is passed by our legislative body, the real work begins for staff.

Contracts & More Contracts

2021 was a year of negotiating and renegotiating contracts. The renegotiating was painful. We had already done this work once, and we had to go back and redo the work to compensate for COVID-19 related delays. We renegotiated contracts for two major development projects and for the Birmingham Bulls. We also negotiated a new sales tax sharing agreement with Pelham City School District. Many involved in approving the former contract felt it was too restrictive for the school district, and others weren't quite sure of the details behind the contract. Mayor Waters and I met with city and school district leaders and really listened to what was important to each group. In the end, we created a contract that met the needs of both parties and re-financed the school district debt, saving the district more than \$3 million.

Management Changes at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena

The Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena (PCC) is a unique facility that boasts two NHL size sheets of ice and is utilized for recreational skating, learn-to-skate programs, hockey and figure skating programs, and team competitions from all over the region. The facility has also been the frequent host of the National Theatre on Ice Competition. In addition, the banquet hall hosts numerous corporate and community meetings of all sizes, as well as celebrations, from birthday parties to weddings. The facility has always required a broad set of management skills in order to be successful, and the City has never been able to dedicate the skills broad enough to ensure the facility maximizes its benefit for this community. To that end, this year we entered into a management agreement with VenuWorks. VenuWorks brings 25 years of full-service venue management experience to arenas, theatres, and convention centers throughout the United States. While the City is not giving up any ownership responsibilities of the Complex, the relationship with VenuWorks helps us benefit from the vast expertise offered by our new partnership.



Cahaba Solid Waste Authority

Pelham joins Trussville, Hoover, Mountain Brook, and Vestavia Hills as a founding member of the Cahaba Solid Waste Authority (CSWA). By state law, the Authority is permitted to work outside the traditional bid process to hire the best vendor partner using a set of criteria other than the lowest bid. The CSWA was pleased to announce earlier this year that it had selected AmWaste as its vendor of choice. Vestavia and Hoover have already started working with AmWaste and RePower South to serve their communities' solid waste and recycling needs, and Pelham will start its service on January 1, 2022.

Solid Waste Crisis

As this publication is delivered to each doorstep in our City, we are still living through a solid waste crisis. The fact that this is an industry crisis doesn't make it easier. As a staff, we chose careers in public service because we want to serve our communities. It is part of who we are to desire to help make things better for our residents. However, this has been impossible when it comes to solid waste. We would be remiss in not taking time to say thank you to our residents for your patience and for walking through this crisis with us. While we acknowledge there will be transitional issues as we move to our new vendor partners, we are confident our residents will see immediate improvements and realize twice the number of collections, an increase in recycling and reuse of our waste, and a greatly enhanced collection program for large and bulky items. [Read more on page 22.](#)

Property Purchased from Susan Schein

The property at Exit 242 off Interstate 65 had been for sale for years, and the price and inability to divide the property resulted in several unsuccessful attempts by multiple would-be purchasers. When we discovered the price had been reduced by \$1 million, the staff immediately approached City Council with a recommendation to purchase. Tractor Supply beat the City to the punch and had already entered into an agreement with the property owner. However, the zoning needed to be changed to complete the sale to Tractor Supply. City Council approved the zoning change, and the City announced its desire to purchase the entire parcel. We worked with Tractor Supply and Susan Schein to acquire the entire parcel, and have put together a plan to bring a hotel and two restaurants to this location. We are thrilled to have been able to acquire the only remaining property located at one of the City's gateways. We have named this project the Oak Mountain Trail development and look forward to creating an area that will be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

Public Safety Radio Communications

This project was vital to the protection of our public safety employees, citizens, and visitors. Significant resources were expended on this project by the fire and police departments, dispatch, and the city manager. We have had holes in our communications infrastructure since switching over to the P25 Radio System (a system offering interoperability among multiple agencies that replaces the former analog UHF systems). Pelham hosted a meeting with law enforcement and emergency communications agencies from Shelby and Jefferson Counties to discuss and explore possible solutions. These cooperative efforts among several agencies and across multiple communities resulted in Shelby County using American Rescue Act Funds to pay 100 percent of the cost to upgrade the P25 system Countywide.

By the Numbers

4,201

Request Tracker tickets created
95% increase over 2020



27,000

Full size truckloads of debris
removed after March tornado

212,000

Pounds of debris removed after
October flood event



\$3 million

Pelham City Schools funds saved
by City's refinancing of debt

AAA Rating Maintained

We prepared diligently to approach the rating agencies and put our best foot forward before going to the bond market to both refinance debt and obtain credit for key infrastructure improvements. Our team realized the AAA rating would be at risk going to the market during the pandemic, and we were prepared to strongly "sell" Pelham to the rating agencies. The prior trip to the agencies had resulted in the AAA rating, and it had also come with a strong suggestion to strengthen our capital planning and funding practices. To that end, two years ago, staff presented the City's first capital plan with dedicated funding to the City Council for approval. This careful and strategic planning helped us maintain our AAA rating during a time when many other organizations were seeing a downgrade in their ratings.

Building and Zoning

The building and zoning department saw more permits (1,098) and more inspections (3,377) in any single year in the City's history. With the goal of cleaning up the City, especially along the Highway 31 Corridor, the police department, municipal court, and building and zoning staff worked together to bring repeat violators before the court. Building department inspectors rotated schedules during weekends, and this enabled them to improve quality assurance efforts around licensing and permitting prior to work being done in the City.

Award Winning Facilities

The Pelham Public Library and the Pelham Recreation Center were both winners in their respective categories in the annual Shelby Living 'Best of Shelby County' poll. Ballantrae also won Best Golf Course, and for the first time in its history, the Club had to start a waiting list for members. The Club surpassed revenues in every category from memberships to lessons to food service. The Pelham Racquet Club was recognized with a nomination by the USTA as the Outstanding Facility Award, and as of the publication date, that winner has not been named.

Reserve Recommendations

The City had an excellent year, financially, with \$6.7 million in excess revenues. The City Manager recommended these funds be used to create dedicated funding streams in the following areas:

- Emergency Response Reserve
- Emergency Facility Repairs Reserve
- Capital Reserves
 - All Parks and Recreation Facilities
 - Technology Upgrades and Replacements
 - Vehicle Replacements

The City Manager also recommended to Council that the second year of American Rescue Act Funds, totaling \$2.6 million, be dedicated to projects supporting flood control and stormwater maintenance.



RICH SOIL FOR GROWTH

MEET PELHAM'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The City of Pelham welcomed Michael Simon to its leadership team in July. He brings over 25 years of both public and private sector commercial and residential redevelopment experience to Pelham, which ranges from public-private partnerships to private sector development projects to public sector community redevelopment ventures. Previously, Simon was the Executive Director for the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

Why Pelham?

"My wife Charlene is originally from Alabama. We settled in south Florida 12 years ago after we were married. It was always our dream to come back to live and work in Alabama once my two sons were in college. Thanks to the incredible opportunity to join the extraordinary team of individuals working within the City of Pelham and some faith, things have worked out as planned, and I couldn't be happier."

What are your primary responsibilities?

"It's really wide-ranging. My primary focus is business recruitment, retention, and expansion. I will act as an advocate and liaison between businesses, developers, and the City, and I will also assist with land acquisition and sales. Other daily responsibilities include providing professional support to the City's Development Services and the Building Department, as well as providing staff support to the Commercial Development Authority (CDA) Board of Directors."



What excites you most about your new role?

"There are truly so many things that excite me about my new role. My passion is placemaking and redevelopment, but the thing that makes this exciting for me is that I get to work in the city where I live. Throughout the last 26 years, I held a similar position for the town I also worked for, giving me a more vested interest in contributing to its success."



What are Pelham's biggest strengths when it comes to recruiting business and/or new development?

“One of the biggest strengths Pelham has to offer is a stable local government with a cohesive vision for the City's growth corridors, along with a strong sense of commitment to their businesses. One of the first questions I am asked in my position is 'How are the Council and local politics? Is there in-fighting? Is it stable and consistent?' A town's political climate is a very important piece to economic development and is often overlooked. Secondly, the fact that Pelham has a large amount of green (vacant) development sites is attractive to developers because of the cost savings by not having to remove existing buildings and infrastructure to suit their particular development requirements. The old saying, 'time is money' is especially true to the development community.”

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Campus 124

Campus 124, located at 2408 Pelham Parkway, is open and operating as a multi-tenant commercial development in the newly redesigned and renovated Valley Elementary School. The Schrimsher Company, which is the owner/developer of a similar project in Huntsville (Campus 805), has taken an aged and underutilized piece of public property and turned it into an entertainment destination. Tenants of Campus 124 include The Beer Hog, The Guy's Place Barber Shop, and Local Realty. Half Shell Oyster House is slated to open in early 2022.



The Canopy

No doubt, many of you have noticed the extensive site work underway on Amphitheater Road across from Oak Mountain Amphitheater and the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. This is the location for The Canopy, a mixed-use development featuring approximately 22,000 square feet of commercial space and 234 apartments. The Canopy, a 25-acre site, is architecturally designed to blend into the character of Oak Mountain State Park and will offer its residents a clubhouse and pool, leasable garage carriages and common area park spaces and walking trails. The developers of The Canopy project anticipate the first phase of the project will be completed and ready for lease in mid-2023.



Oak Mountain Creekside BBQ

Oak Mountain Creekside BBQ is one of Pelham's newest restaurants. After just one month in business, it's getting rave reviews. The restaurant is located at 1020 Oak Mountain Park Road. Situated alongside Bishop Creek, patrons can enjoy the sounds of the creek on Creekside's wood patio while eating BBQ and watching sports on one of their outdoor TVs. Oak Mountain Creekside BBQ is a great example of how important redevelopment is to a community. An entrepreneur purchased a vacant building and created something new and exciting for themselves and the community.

POISED FOR PROGRESS

BY AINSLEY ALLISON

The new year will bring a new look and improved function to several city facilities, all of which have needed updates for quite some time. Efficiency, access, and ease of use are at the heart of each project.

City Hall

A top priority for your current City Council, Mayor, and City Leadership is the renovation and reopening of Pelham City Hall. The City retained CMH Architects to design a modern and efficient space for both residents and employees.

“Service to our customers will be significantly improved because we are centralizing many City services in a single location,” explained Andre’ Bittas, Director of Development Services and Public Works.

In 2022, City Hall will be home to Development Services, Business Licensing, Finance, and City Administration, which includes the Offices of the Mayor and City Manager, the City Clerk/Treasurer, and Communications.

The 21,000 square foot renovation also includes expanded City Council chambers and meeting spaces that can be utilized for both City functions and other public meetings.

Construction began in November and is expected to be complete in August.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$4.5 MILLION



Fire Station No. 3

Our city is growing rapidly on the eastern side of the city. To better serve citizens in that area and improve response times, the decision was made to relocate Fire Station No. 3 from Highway 52 East to Highway 11 at CR 334.

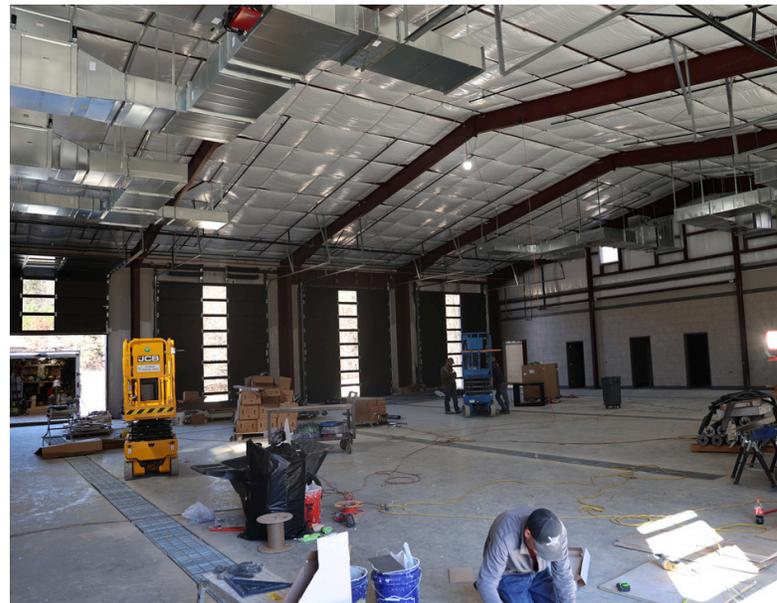
“This new station is a state-of-the-art facility that will allow our employees to better protect residents along the corridor,” said Fire Chief Mike Reid.

The 13,200 square foot building features four, double-length bays capable of housing the department's largest apparatus, HazMat 1. There's also a state-of-the-art HazMat decontamination area, along with bunk rooms, and office space for Fire Department officers and police officers.

“This fire station is the first in the City designed --from the ground up-- to be a fire station,” explained Bittas.

Construction began in January 2021 and is nearly complete. The station is expected to be operational next month.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$3 MILLION





Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena

A major facelift is planned for the front façade of the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

The building's entrances will be reconfigured to create a pedestrian plaza and outdoor exhibition area. This is in anticipation of The Canopy development and the creation of an entertainment district, which will also include Campus 124.

“Creating a walkable area will improve the visitor experience to the Civic Complex,” explained Facility Administrator Steve St. John.

The building façade itself will get updates to existing building materials and a paint job. New signage and all new landscaping will also be installed.

The design process began in May. Construction is expected to begin in February and is anticipated to last six months.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$750,000

All three projects are funded through the city's 2021 bond issue.



A PLAN FOR OUR PARKS

BY GINA WOMACK

In the sports world, success begins with a solid game plan. For the City of Pelham's Parks and Recreation Department, that game plan includes a strategic improvement playbook that will set the pace for the next five to seven years.

It's no secret that the demand for improved city services and better facilities increases each year. D. Tyrell McGirt is the Director of Pelham Parks and Recreation. He says many Pelham residents have shared with him what they believe is needed in our community.

"Citizens want more athletic fields, repairs, and upgrades to the trails, playgrounds, and restrooms, and they want parks closer to where they live," McGirt explained.

Parks and Recreation staff are constantly evaluating city park spaces. Several have aging infrastructure that will soon be addressed. There's also a strong desire for better connectivity, such as trails and sidewalks, throughout the city.

McGirt said these issues, and the concerns expressed by residents ultimately led to the decision to commission a community needs assessment and strategic plan by Clemson University's Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management in early 2020. The researchers' findings, along with resident input, put the wheels in motion to improve the quality of life in Pelham for years to come. "Rather than look at each problem in a vacuum, we are examining the entire park system, identifying areas of opportunity, and then we'll prioritize park projects based on the needs, assessment and cost," McGirt added.



The need assessment and strategic plan utilized a two-stage method. In the first stage, an online survey was distributed to residents throughout Pelham. The survey was open for five weeks, and over 1,000 residents responded.

In the second stage, Clemson researchers conducted ten focus groups to explore the needs of the diverse group, which included seniors, youth, Pelham business leaders, parents, coaches, parks and recreation staff, local leadership, and trail and greenway users. In total, more than 100 individuals took part in the focus groups. McGirt said some of the highlights and findings from the study included the desire for improved and connected trails and greenways, aquatic facilities with programs for water recreation, cultural and art facilities, and “passive” parks, which are parks with no sports fields or facilities, usually within neighborhoods.

Some of the priorities to be addressed included accessibility at all park spaces, an inclusive destination playground, upgrades to existing concession stands, press boxes, and restrooms, upgrades at the Senior Center, more trail connectivity, and the possibility of a splash pad.

After the Clemson study was complete, Macknally Land Design was brought in as a consultant to lead the Pelham Park Master Planning process. The landscape architect firm is most noted locally for its work on Birmingham’s Railroad Park and Regions Field.

“Building off the Clemson Needs Assessment Study, our goal is to help the City build the resources that will help identify and plan for investing in recreational amenities the community wants and needs,” said Lea Ann Macknally, President of Macknally Land Design.

To gauge the needs and wants of the community, Macknally emphasized the importance of the public’s input. “This is your city, your community. The citizens are the best resources we have for informing the master plan.”

To that point, two public meetings were held in November where residents had a chance to see maps and renderings for proposed improvements to park properties, view suggested locations for potential new park properties, and provide recommendations on park amenities to include at each location. One of the more popular renderings was a plan to connect Fun Go Holler Park and Coker Park via a walking trail and expanded green space. One resident said more green space is needed in the areas of Pelham east of Interstate 65. “I like the idea of linking these two parks. I feel we don’t have a quality park on this side of town, and we need something,” he commented.

“The public’s voice will help us set the character and build the identity of the park system,” said Macknally. “The City of Pelham is an active community. The citizens are the biggest asset of the park system. We see a great opportunity to celebrate Pelham through its parks and green spaces. This can be accomplished through proper signage, cohesion amongst design elements, and providing connections to nearby communities and businesses.”

City leaders are invested in the bigger picture. In November, the council approved an agreement with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham to conduct an Advanced Planning and Logical Engineering (APPLE) study of a regional trail system, connected the City of Pelham’s trail network to the City of Helena’s trail network.

"CITIZENS ARE THE BIGGEST ASSET OF THE PARK SYSTEM."

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Pelham's elected leaders will serve until 2025, which is a five-year term. The change is a result of legislation passed by state lawmakers during the 2021 regular session, and it applies to all but a handful of municipalities statewide.

The rationale behind the change is to increase voter engagement by moving municipal elections off of the same calendar year as the presidential election. One year in, we asked the city council to share their top three priorities for the remainder of their terms.

Maurice Mercer Council President

Balanced Budget w/ AAA Bond Rating

It is my goal to work with our Council, City Manager, and Finance Department to remain fiscally conservative with a \$65 million budget to allow for continued planned growth.

Community Events

I want to continue to support events within our city that bring our community together, as well as look for good family fun around our city facilities and trail system.

Economic Development

With a new Economic Development Director working with 58 Inc., CDA, and Pelham Business Alliance, we are poised to continue to recruit and retain business. I want to continue to work to give Pelham residents great places to dine and relax.





David Coram

Council Member, Place 1

Greenway Trail Completion

We have great momentum to get this valuable project for our community completed. I believe it is key in improving the quality of life around Pelham for all of our families.

Improve Infrastructure

As our city grows, we must keep the water and sewer systems updated. This will improve our residents' services and help save time and money for the taxpayers.

Economic Development

We have a great community and some great small businesses. We need to do everything we can to help these businesses grow, while attracting new businesses that do not currently exist in Pelham. It all goes back to improving the quality of life for our residents and businesses in the city.

Larry Palmer

Council Member, Place 2

Financial Stability

I believe we must carefully examine expenditures against revenues when making decisions. It is my goal to continue to look forward with our finances, so we are prepared for the future.

Responsible Growth

We must support new and existing businesses in order to expand goods and services. We must also carefully examine new residential developments to prevent negative impacts on established neighborhoods and infrastructure.

Support Employees & Citizens

I want to see the City continue to provide competitive pay and benefits to its employees. We should also monitor City services for quality assurance and communicate in a timely and informative manner.





Rick Wash

Council Member, Place 3

Invest in Our Children

If we have a great school system then we will have a great city. This is why I pushed to make sure the one-cent sales tax is protected and goes directly to Pelham City Schools.

Invest in City Employees

I always say that our employees are the greatest asset. We must always make sure that we put our employees first in everything we do, and that includes those who've served and retired.

Promote Community

Residents need to know that their voices matter. I would love to see the City's leadership go into neighborhoods to spend one-on-one time with residents, so they know we truly care about them. The more things we do as a community, the stronger we are.

Mildred Lanier

Council Member, Place 5

Education

An educated and informed community are keys to an empowered community. Putting our children's education first, training community volunteers, and transparency makes us strong.

Economic Development

Wise economic development must always be the heartbeat of Pelham. This means objectively assessing the potential development impact on the city and residents during the decision-making process.

Leadership

Iron sharpens iron. As leaders, holding each other accountable at all levels and in all areas of city leadership must be a leadership doctrine that is central to holistic leadership in Pelham.



REPOWER RECYCLING

BY GRETCHEN DIFANTE

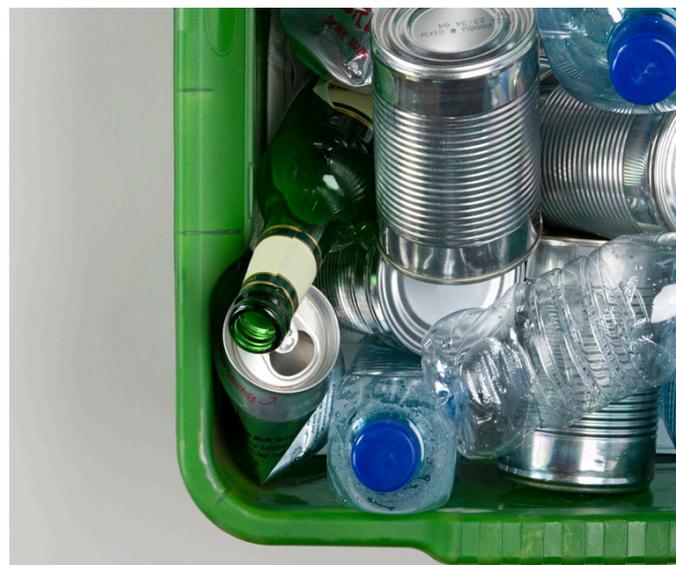
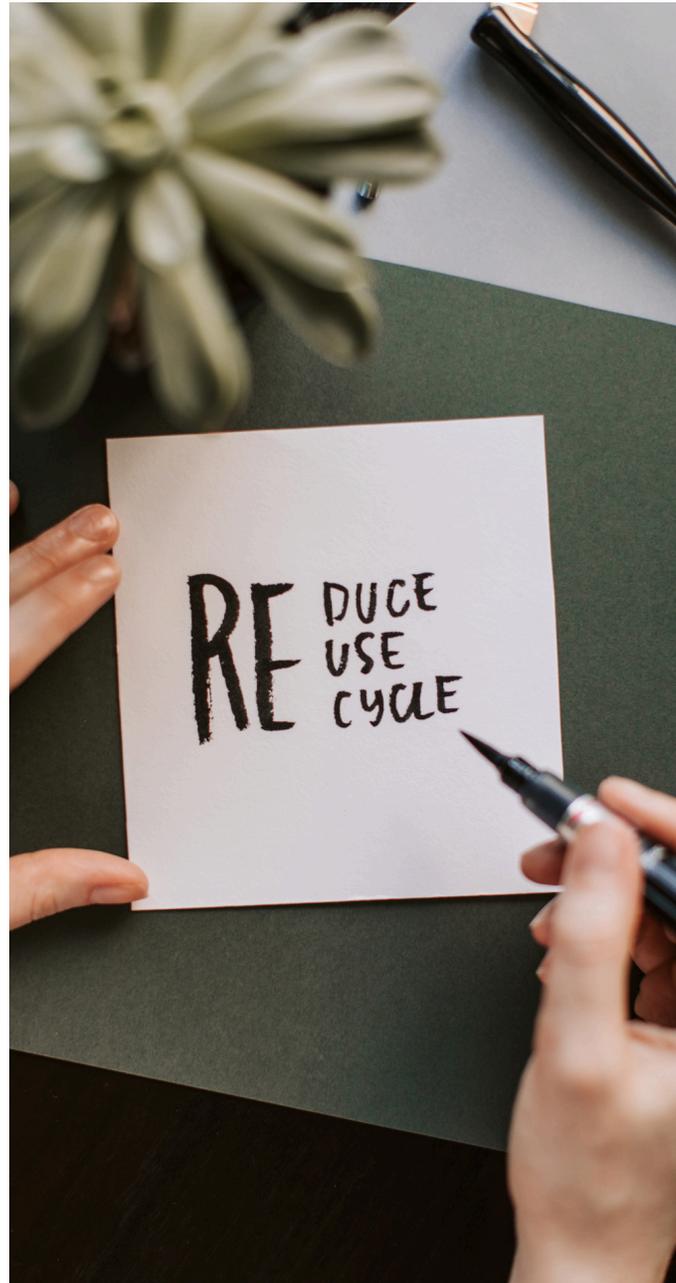
Prior to 2018, 70 percent of the world's plastic waste went to China - about seven million tons a year. In 2016, the United States was exporting almost 700,000 tons per year to China alone. The country had plenty of capacity to handle it and lots of cheap labor to process it.

In late 2016, China started to become concerned about the amount of waste going into its landfills. Much of the plastic was contaminated with things that made it difficult and expensive to recycle: paper, food waste, and plastic wrap (which is not recyclable). Beginning in January of 2018, China banned almost all imported recyclable waste, and by the end of that year, China took in less than one percent of its 2016 total.

That was almost four years ago, and our country is still struggling with inadequate systems to manage its recyclable and reusable materials. Unfortunately, Alabama sits at the bottom of the bin when it comes to recycling. According to a report issued in April of this year by top environmental consultancy Eunomia, with support from Ball Corporation, Alabama is among the ten states with the lowest recycling rate at only eleven percent. We've linked the full report on the city's website.

It's no secret our country's recycling practices are poor. One of those is called Wish-Cycling. It is the process of attempting to recycle items that cannot be recycled. Statistics show nearly all of us are guilty of Wish-Cycling, and 70% of us contaminate our recycling on a regular basis.

Think about it. Do you thoroughly clean all the peanut butter out of the jar before placing it in recycling? Have you ever placed a pizza box in the recycle bin? Have you ever placed plastic in the recycle bin without checking to make sure the number on the bottom is on the recycle list for your community?



If you've done any of these things, you are like millions of others who contribute to the high cost of recycling and the high volume of contamination in recycling. Recycle Nation estimates 25 percent of the recycling in the United States is contaminated. Imagine the expense to separate one item from every four in your recycle bin: it's a lot, and while it is a difficult conversation, the hard truth is that the separation process is simply unaffordable. Much of what we place in our residential recycle bins is contaminated, which inadvertently causes most of it to be placed in a landfill.

However, there is good news! Over the past decade, research has led to several innovations in recycling and reuse. One of those is just south of us in Montgomery. It's called RePower South.

RePower South (RPS) provides economically sustainable recycling, waste recovery, and clean energy solutions to communities, industries, and consumers. The company website says it, "disrupts the traditional waste management model by processing mixed waste to recover recyclables and to produce a ReEngineered Feedstock (ReEF) from non-recyclable paper and plastic."

I have watched the incredible video that shows RPS's massive, automated plant, which uses magnets, blowers, and pickers, to convert 50 percent of waste to reusable products. Twenty percent is reused for various recyclable products, while 30 percent is used for alternative fuel sources.

That sounds too good to be true, right? Maybe not. I checked with a neighboring city that has been sending waste to PRS for the past nine months. Vestavia Hills City Manager Jeff Downes is a kindred spirit. He has a healthy dose of skepticism and fact checks everything with data. Prior to using RPS, Vestavia Hills sent its "recyclable material" to the same plant Pelham has used for years: Birmingham Recycling and Recovery (BRR). The difference is inarguably much better. Vestavia Hills has realized an increase of 75 percent in its recyclable materials since using PRS. Numbers don't lie.

Average Quarterly Recycle/Reuse

Birmingham Recycling & Recovery

Delivered	Recycled	→	Reused
356 Tons	238 Tons	→	33%

Repower South



Delivered	Recycled	→	Reused
809 Tons	566 Tons	→	70%



We can't wait to get started. Pelham's relationship with RPS will begin in January when we start using our new solid waste vendor, AmWaste. At that time, Pelham residents will see their frequency of garbage collection doubled to twice per week. The first collection each week will include household garbage and small bulk/brush. Everything collected that day will be taken to the landfill. The second collection of the week will be "mixed stream" which means everything collected that day is transported to RePower South and sorted to separate recyclables from waste. We look forward to seeing a huge increase in our recyclable materials converted to usable products and fuels. We are ready to do our part in helping Alabama take on its recycling share.



WASTE & RECYCLING

COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Collection Schedule

- Waste is collected 2x per week. Unsure of the pick-up days at your address? Visit www.pelhamalabama.gov & click the Trash & Recycling Quick link or call 205-620-6420.
- Materials should be out by 6:30 am on your service days. Routes begin at 7:00 am.
- First collection day each week: household garbage and small bulk/brush - up to 2 cubic yards. If small bulk/brush can be placed in your garbage cart, please do so. If not, place it beside the cart. Everything collected that day will be taken to the landfill. No single item should exceed 50 lbs.
- Second collection day each week: "mixed stream" - everything collected this day is transported to RePower South and sorted to separate recyclables from waste. NO bulk items or yard waste should be placed curbside on your second collection day.
- Collection missed or another issue? Report your concern via our online Request Tracker.

Holidays

- Annual observed holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas. Dates are subject to change.
- If your service day falls on a holiday, collection will take place the next business day.

Recycling

- The second collection each week is transported to RePower South (RPS) and sorted to separate recyclables from waste. Residents wanting to recycle are encouraged to retain recyclables until their second collection day each week.
- Nearly everything is recycled, other than food, organic waste (dirt, rocks, grass, etc.) and glass. Of the remaining materials, RPS transforms approximately 70% of this waste into two products:
 - Sold commodities. Recyclable commodities are baled and sold into established commodity markets.
 - ReEF fuel. Some materials, such as non-recyclable papers and some plastics, are not able to be sold as a commodity. RPS recycles these materials into "ReEF" fuel, which is used as a replacement for coal in industrial and energy utility boilers.
- How does RPS "work"? No need to sort/clean recyclables - recycling and household waste should be bagged together. At RPS, the materials are put through a system of sorters that separate waste materials from recyclables. View the RePower South recycling process video on our website, www.pelhamalabama.gov

Carts & Placement

- Use existing cart(s) for service. If your cart is broken, submit a Garbage Bin Damaged request via our online Request Tracker or call Amwaste at 205-788-1400.
- If you want an additional cart, please call Amwaste at (205) 788-1400 or email customer-care@amwasteusa.com.
- Place recycling and waste in the SAME CART - recycling is NO LONGER collected separately. If you no longer need your former recycling cart, call 205-788-1400 to have it removed.
- Place cart on the curb by 6:30 am with the handle closest to your home (3' or less from the curb).
- Do NOT place carts on: sidewalk; storm drain cover; gutter; steep slope; elevated platform; under low-hanging utility line/obstruction; or within 6' of a fixed object (mailbox, hedges, parked vehicle, etc).
- Garbage and recycling should be bagged to minimize litter during collection. Cardboard boxes may be broken down and placed directly in the cart.
- Carts/Single bags may not exceed 50lbs.

Backdoor Collection

- Available only for those with a medically certified need at the normal household rate. For more information, email the water department at water@pelhamalabama.gov.

Debris & Bulk Collection

- At your convenience! AmWaste will pick up heavy bulk trash (mattresses, furniture, etc.) when you need it. Call Amwaste at 205-788-1400 or email customer-care@amwasteusa.com to request service. Pickups will be made within two business days.
- Only homeowner-generated materials will be collected. Contracted work (landscaping, construction, etc.) must be removed by the contractor. Use a roll-off dumpster for construction & renovation projects generating significant debris.
- Amwaste will now collect your brush. Small debris, clippings, leaves, etc. should be bagged and placed in the cart (or next to it) for the first collection day each week. If it cannot be bagged, place small piles next to cart.
- Branches may not be longer than 6 feet.
- Place materials no more than 3' from the curb and away from obstructions.
- Cross ties (railroad ties) will NOT be collected. They contain creosote and are not accepted by landfills.
- Refrigerated appliances require a Freon removal tag issued by a certified technician.
- If you have questions about what will/will not be collected, please visit our website or call 205-620-6420.



CHIPPING IN FOR SAVINGS

BY GINA WOMACK

It's a typical weekend, and you're doing some yard work to spruce up around the house. When you pile the brush on the curb, you probably don't give much thought to where your yard clippings go. In Pelham, your brush is the City's treasure.



Each week, the City picks up brush and yard debris. At one time, all of that brush was taken to the Shelby County Landfill, where the City paid a fee to dump the refuse. The brush is now taken to the city-owned property at Blueberry Hill, where it is chipped and shredded into mulch. The mulch is then available for use in landscaping by all City departments. Chipping the brush saves the City money in time, fuel, and labor.

"The City is always exploring ways to operate more efficiently. An analysis of historical operations revealed significant savings could be realized by using the City-owned property at Blueberry Hill," said André Bittas, Director of Development Services at Public Works. He said the City estimated it could save \$46,000 per year using this approach. Fiscal year 2021 was the first year for the chipping program.

Ballantrae Golf Club is one city facility that benefited from brush chipping. Hal Brown, General Manager of Ballantrae, was quick to praise the program. "We can save on the expense of purchasing pine straw, which totals just over \$6,000. The mulch lasts much longer and is more resistant to bugs than pine straw. We are very thankful for this new program and will continue to use it."

AVERAGE LANDFILL CHARGES (2015-2019)		\$66,552
ESTIMATED ANNUAL HAULING HOURS	768 HOURS / YEAR	
AVERAGE HOURLY PERSONNEL COST		\$16,727
PROJECTED ANNUAL COST		\$83,279
AVERAGE BRUSH COLLECTED PER YEAR	15,000 CUBIC YARDS	
GRINDING COST PER CUBIC YARD	\$1.82 / CUBIC YARD	
PROJECTED ANNUAL GRINDING COST		\$27,300
MISC. ANNUAL SITE MANAGEMENT COSTS		\$10,000
PROJECTED ANNUAL COST		\$37,300

ANNUAL SAVINGS: \$45,979

A HEART TO SERVE OTHERS

BY GINA WOMACK

Some people are just born with a heart to serve others. Pelham Racquet Club Head Tennis Pro Ryen Valentine always had the desire to help, and a specific situation set the wheels in motion that would impact his life and the life of a total stranger.

Valentine grew up in Marion, Ohio. He moved to Alabama to play college tennis at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and ended up staying. In 2015, while working at another tennis club, he organized a tournament to benefit Be The Match, the national bone marrow donor registry.

“We had a member at the club whose child needed a transplant, and that’s why we chose the charity as the tournament beneficiary. Anyone who played or participated, or even came to watch, could be swabbed to be a member of the national registry,” said Valentine.

Be The Match encourages people between the ages of 18 to 35 to be swabbed for a possible match with someone who needs a bone marrow transplant. The organization works to provide the best possible outcomes for patients with life-threatening blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma. The 18-35 age range for ideal donors is based on medical research that shows younger donors are best for patients and provide the greatest chance for transplant success.

For Valentine, signing up for the registry was a no-brainer. “When you know somebody who’s being impacted by cancer, you just don’t think to say ‘no’ when there’s a possibility you can help. I knew that by getting swabbed, I might help somebody, or I might save somebody. So of course I did it.”

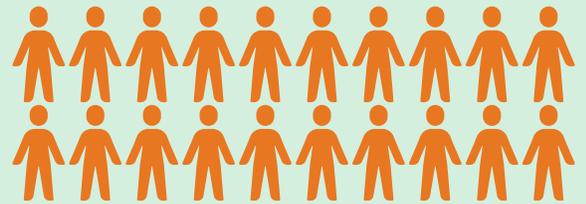
That was six years ago. “I signed up for it, and then I kind of forgot about it,” said Valentine with a laugh. “Then I got a random call recently, and they told me I was a match for someone.”



Every 3 minutes

someone is diagnosed with a
BLOOD cancer.

20 PEOPLE AN HOUR



480 PEOPLE A DAY

You could be the cure

Source: www.bethematch.org

Valentine traveled to Boca Raton, Florida in October to donate his stem cells. He says he doesn't know much about his recipient, but he does know that it is a man who needs a transplant. Valentine described the procedures leading up to his donation as relatively easy.

"Before the procedure, I had to get four or five shots of a medicine called Filgrastim, which makes you produce more stem cells. It made me feel a little achy, but only for a day or two." Valentine received the shots in Birmingham before traveling to Boca Raton.

Valentine flew down on a Sunday, made the donation on a Monday, and then was back in Pelham on Tuesday. "I was actually back here at work around 1:30 pm teaching tennis lessons," Valentine said.

Valentine received rock-star treatment the entire time. "They put me up in an awesome hotel right on Del Ray Beach. I had a car service and a nice food allowance." Even while he was in the seven-hour process of the donation, Valentine said he was waited on hand and foot. "They had Netflix and video games, and they're always bringing you food. It almost felt like a getaway," Valentine joked. "Be The Match makes you feel so comfortable. They take care of a lot of the needs you may have like childcare, travel, the food you eat, ground transportation, even boarding your dog. They reimburse you for anything you might need in the process. You have a caseworker that you're in touch with quite regularly."



Valentine did not donate actual bone marrow, only stem cells. He believes the fact that doctors can now use stem cells makes the process easier for people to donate. "When you donate actual bone marrow, it's much more involved. They put you under. It's a surgery, and they take it from your pelvis. A stem cell donation is like giving blood. They cycle your blood and get the stem cells that they need. Then, all that blood is replenished back into your body."

Valentine and his wife Lauren have three girls. All are supportive of his decision to be the match. "When I got the call that someone needed my help, they were so excited. I felt led to go forward with the donation, and my family said they'd be there for anything I needed to do."

Valentine encourages others to consider joining the bone marrow registry. The process to get started is simple. "They will mail you the swab kits, and it's super easy. You swab both of your cheeks for a certain period of time, and then, you simply mail it to them. At that point, you become part of the registry, and if you're a DNA match with someone who needs a transplant, you will be contacted to get the process started," he said.

Valentine knows a stem cell transplant is not a guarantee of a cure; however, he remains optimistic for his recipient. "It might just buy him months or a year with his loved ones. That's invaluable time." He says he actually got emotional at times during the donation process, just thinking about how it would affect the recipient's life. "It was just a rewarding process."

Would he do it again? "Absolutely. I look back, and I know there was a purpose for being part of that tennis tournament six years ago. It was nice to raise money for the charity, but also, it feels good to know that something good came out of it."

If you would like to learn more about Be The Match, visit www.bethematch.org.

SAVE THE DATE

SANTA STOPS ARE BACK

Quint 91

4:00 High Ridge Dr. @ High Ridge Trace
4:08 High Ridge Dr. @ Highview Cove
4:16 Village Ln. @ 124 Village Ln.
4:24 Village Parking Lot
4:32 Mid-Ridge @ Cul-de-Sac
4:40 Southern Pines Chiropractic
4:56 Holland Lakes Dr. North @ Holland Trail
5:04 Holland Lakes Dr. @ Holland Cove
5:12 Holland Lakes Dr. @ Creekside Ln.
5:20 Creekside Ln. @ Creekside Cir.
5:28 Creekside Ln. @ 253 Creekside Ln.
5:36 Stonehaven Trail @ Walker Way
5:44 Stonehaven Way @ Stonehaven Trace
5:52 Walker Rd. @ Stonebrook Ln.
6:00 Stonehaven Trail @ Heather Ln.
6:08 Stonehaven Trail @ Stonehill Cir.
6:16 Stonehaven Trail @ Pebble Cir.
6:24 Stonehaven Dr. @ Stonehaven Trail
6:32 Stonehaven Dr. @ Stone Rd.
6:40 King Valley Cir. @ King Valley Dr.
6:48 Heather Ridge Dr. @ Heather Ln.
6:56 Heather Ln. @ Stonebrook Ln.
7:04 King Valley Rd. @ King Valley St.
7:12 Ivy Brook Dr. @ Ivy Brook Trail
7:30 Ivy Brook Trail @ Juniper Cir.
7:45 Yeager Pkwy @ Armory
8:10 Camellia Ridge Dr. @ Camellia Ridge Cove

Engine 94

4:00 Summersby Dr. @ 1st Intersection
4:08 Sugar Dr. @ Entrance
4:16 Shine Dr @ Entrance
4:24 Cobblestone Ter. @ Entrance
4:32 Amanda Place
4:40 Aaron Rd. @ Aaron Parc Ct.
4:48 Aaron Rd. @ Kristen
4:56 Royal Ln @ Royal Chase Dr.
5:04 Royal Ln. @ Elizabeth Dr.
5:12 Royal Ct. @ Royal Way
5:20 Saddle Run Cir
5:28 Beaver Creek Pkwy @ Beaver Trail
5:36 Stratshire Ln. @ Norridge Place
5:44 Greenway Dr. @ Stratford Cir
5:52 Mitoba Tr. @ Hayesbury Ct.
6:00 Keeneland Green
6:08 Tecumseh Trail @ Wooddale Ln.
6:16 Wooddale Ln. @ Glenview
6:22 Trail Ridge Dr. @ Trail Ridge Cir
6:28 Trail Ridge Dr. @ Burning Tree Dr.
6:36 Burning Tree Dr. @ Indian Hills Rd
6:42 Indian Hills Rd. @ Blazing Star
6:50 Chandawood Dr. @ Blazing Star
6:58 Chandawood Dr. @ Chandawood Ln.
7:06 Chandawood Dr. @ Dalton Dr.
7:14 Dalton Dr. @ Chandalar Ln.
7:22 Chandaway Dr. @ Chandagreen Ln

Engine 92

4:00 Brookhollow Dr. @ Entrance
4:08 Hidden Creek Pkwy @ Hidden Creek Cir
4:16 Hidden Creek Pkwy @ Hidden Creek Trail
4:24 Coales Branch Dr. @ Coales Branch Ln.
4:32 Chase Creek Cir @ Entrance
4:40 David Dr. @ Keith Rd.
4:48 David Dr. @ Indian Creek Dr.
4:56 Cedar Cove Dr. @ Cedar Cove Ln.
5:04 Victory Trail @ Panther Trail
5:12 Creekview Dr. @ Creekview Cir
5:20 Creekview Dr. @ Overhill Dr.
5:28 Crosscreek Trail @ Creekview Dr.
5:36 Crosscreek Church
5:44 Crosscreek Trail @ Valleyview Dr.
5:52 Wilderness Rd. @ Ryecroft Rd
6:00 Wilderness Rd @ Colesbury
6:08 Frontier Dr. @ Wilderness Rd.
6:16 Canyon Park @ Canyon Trail
6:32 Ridge Dr. @ Crestmont Ln.
6:40 Chandalar Court
6:48 Southgate MHP
6:56 Green Park South MHP
7:04 Valleydale MHP
7:12 Little Mountain Chateau
7:30 Summer Cir @ Autumn Place

Engine 94 (cont)

7:30 Chandaway Dr. @ Chandalar Ln.
7:38 Chandalar Ln. @ Hamilton Rd.
7:46 Hamilton Rd. @ Dalton Dr.
7:54 North Chandalar Ln. @ Wellington Dr.
8:02 Wildwood Dr. @ Wellington Dr.
8:10 North Wildwood Dr. @ North Chandalar Dr.
8:18 North Chandalar Dr. @ Windsor Ridge Dr.

Engine 93

4:00 Wild Timber Pkwy @ Wild Timber Dr.
4:08 Grey Oaks Dr. @ Grey Oaks Court
4:16 Woodridge Cir @ Woodridge Dr.
4:24 Dickerson Rd. @ Dickerson Ln.
4:32 Oak Forest Way @ Oak Forest Trail
4:40 High Crest @ Gate
4:48 Chatham Ct West @ Deer Springs Cir
4:56 Bent Rail Ln @ Cul-de-sac
5:04 Kelly Dr. @ Deer Springs Cir
5:12 Weatherly Way @ Talmadge Dr
5:20 Weatherly Way @ Cheshire Ln
5:28 Weatherly Way @ Clock
5:36 Weatherly Way @ Kings Crest Ln (North)
5:44 Kings Crest @ 245 Kings Crest
5:55 Simms Landing @ Simms Trl.
6:03 Grand Reserve Office
6:11 Huntley Office
6:20 Publix
6:50 Brookshire Ln. @ 141 Brookshire Ln.
6:58 Hwy 35 @ Mallard Point Dr.
7:02 Hwy 72 @ Pintail
7:16 Silverleaf Dr. @ 181 Silverleaf Dr.
7:24 Hunters Trace @ Redfox Dr.
7:32 Hwy 361 @ Eagle Cove Dr.
7:40 Eagle Cove Dr. @ Eagle Cove Ln
7:48 Legacy Parc Dr @ Legacy Parc Cir
7:56 High Hampton Dr. @ Hampton Lake Dr.
8:05 High Hampton Dr. @ Hampton Ln.
8:15 Emerald Lake Dr.

Engine 95

4:00 Normandy @ Swim Club
4:08 Oaklyn Hills Dr. @ Rolling Rock Trail
4:16 Rolling Hills Dr. @ Oaklyn Hills Dr.
4:24 Bent Creek Way @ Bent Creek Trace
4:40 Deer Ridge Ln. @ Fawn Dr
4:55 Wysteria Dr. @ Camellia Dr.
5:20 Perthshire Rd. @ Perthshire Way
5:28 Dunrobin Ln. @ Dunrobin Cove
5:36 Strathaven Rd. @ Strathaven Ln.
5:44 Strathaven Ln. @ Eastdale Ln.
5:52 Ballantrae Swim Club
6:10 Birkdale Ln. @ Ballantrae Club Dr.
6:25 Kilkerran Ln. @ Kilberry Way
6:35 Kilkerran Ln. @ Glenn Iris Circle
6:43 Glenneagles Ln. @ Cul-de-sac
6:53 Ballantrae Pkwy. @ Round-about
7:00 Stoneykirk Rd. @ Caliston Way
7:08 Stoneykirk Rd. @ Stoneykirk Ln.
7:18 Lauchlin Way @ Lauchlin Ln (168)
7:26 Lauchlin Way @ Lauchlin Ln (108)
7:34 Kinross Ln. @ Kinross Cir.
7:44 Cove Ln. @ Cove Cir
7:52 Oxford Way @ 383 Oxford Way
8:00 Windsor Ln. @ Windsor Trail
8:08 Windsor Ln. @ Windsor Way
8:16 Windsor Ln. @ Windsor Cir.
8:24 Windsor Cir. @ Kings Crest Ln.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Special Programs

Several special programs are planned at the Library. New Year-New Life for Your Home is in January. Raised Garden Beds with Master Gardeners is in February. Spring Floral Arrangements is in March. Check the Library's website for specific dates and times.

Understanding Medicare

Understanding Medicare seminars are held monthly. Upcoming dates are January 18th, February 15th, and March 15th at 4:00 pm.

American Sign Language Meetup

This group brings together people from the deaf and hearing worlds together to make new friends. Anyone who has an interest in sign language, from beginner to expert, is welcome. The group will meet on January 10th, February 7th, and March 7th at 6:00 pm.

Dungeons & Dragons

Children ages 11 to 18 are invited to join one of two groups in our dual D&D program: will you ride into battle with the Combat Squad, or will you solve puzzles with the Puzzle Masters? Find more information on the Library website.

Storytime

Storytime is held every Wednesday and Thursday at the Library. Preschool storytime is Wednesday at 9:15 am and 10:30 am. Family storytime is Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Silent Book Club

This is a different kind of book club. There's no required reading, no awkward discussions about the plot or the author's intentions. Just bring any book you want for 45 minutes to an hour of silent reading. Silent Book Club is the first Tuesday of the month.



PARKS & REC PROGRAMS

Fitness Motivator

Start the new year off on the right foot! Good exercise habits are one of the cornerstones to improving your mental and physical health. This program runs from January 10th through February 20th.

Adult Drop-In Volleyball League

This drop-in league is an adult volleyball program for anyone who wants to play without forming a team, having a team captain, or requiring a roster. Come to the gym at the Recreation Center any Monday from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm from March 7th through April 25th.

Kites & Bites

Come fly a kite, enjoy the outdoors, and grab a bite from a food truck on March 6th from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Pelham City Park.



Paws in the Park

Join us on March 20th for a fun-filled day with your four-legged family and friends. Paws in the Park runs from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.



APRIL 2, 2022



PELHAM POLAR PLUNGE

The funds raised each year by the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Alabama provide year-round sports training, competition, and leadership opportunities to more than 15,000 athletes in our state.

Each person who participates in the Pelham Polar Plunge demonstrates the most important part of the Special Olympics oath.

**LET ME WIN.
BUT IF I CANNOT WIN,
LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT.**

As Guardians of the Flame, we champion acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities.



Come see what we offer at the Pelham Racquet Club!

Our tennis pros teach open clinics for people of all skill levels, including beginners. We also offer:

- Memberships
- League play
- Tournaments
- Private lessons

You do not have to be a member to participate!



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JANUARY IS NATIONAL SKATING MONTH



- LEARN TO SKATE SEASON
 - SESSION 1
 - MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022
 - CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS
- TRY SKATING FOR FREE
 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022
 - 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

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- LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY
 - NEW SESSION
 - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021
- LITTLE TOROS
 - NEW FOR BEGINNERS
 - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021
- TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE
 - SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022
 - 6:00 PM



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