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FRESH LOOK

Pelham Civic Complex Gets a Facelift

The Pelham Civic Complex and Ice Arena is getting a facelift. Both interior and exterior renovations are currently underway, which will upgrade the facility for the many events that are held at the Complex each year.

According to Andrè Bittas, Director of Development Services and Public Works for the City of Pelham, the finishes in the building were not in good condition, making the renovations necessary. The interior upgrades have a price tag of \$400,000, while the exterior renovations will come in at about \$1 million.

Inside the building, guests can expect to see new and updated banquet halls and restrooms. The banquet halls feature new flooring, new paint on the walls, trim, and doors, and upgrades to the ceiling and lighting. Restrooms in the banquet hall area were also gutted and redone.

On the outside of the facility, expect to see façade improvements, including new paint on the building and roof. Curb appeal will be enhanced with new hardscaping, landscaping and signage. There will also be a new pedestrian plaza with brick pavers.

Bittas said the interior work is scheduled to be completed this month, and exterior site demolition is currently underway. The exterior is expected to be completed in time for the Birmingham Bulls home opener on October 29.



GRAND OPENING

September
16, 17, 18

2000 Oak Mountain Park Rd.



HWY 52 BRIDGE UPDATE

The bridge construction on Highway 52 is nearing completion, and the Shelby County Highway Department estimated about 80 percent of the \$4.1 million project is finished. Drivers can look forward to a smoother commute later this fall.

Incoming County Engineer David Willingham said the old bridge, which was built in the 1940s was narrow and outdated. "The new bridge is a very modern structure that will provide 12-foot lanes and wider shoulders on each side. We're also improving some drainage issues in the area." He said he's excited about the possibilities this project will provide for Pelham and all of Shelby County.

CAMPUS 124 BUZZ

Campus 124 is buzzing with excitement. On a recent Saturday night, people packed Half Shell Oyster House and The Beer Hog, spending time with friends and enjoying the atmosphere. The success of the restaurant carries over to other businesses in the complex. Kevin Hamby, owner of The Guys' Place barbershop said people seem to be more aware of his business, which was the first to occupy the building. "Half Shell has been a great neighbor and foot traffic has picked up in the evenings. We hope they will be able to open for lunch service soon on weekdays. I believe that would help increase foot traffic during daytime hours."

Hamby said "Now that there are a couple of anchor restaurants, I think it would be great for some smaller, retail-oriented businesses to join. I believe that the future is bright for both the current and future businesses located here."

A photography studio, Untold Boudoir, just opened in Campus 124. Plans also call for a city park and completion of the Greenway Trail.



Source: The Beer Hog - Facebook

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