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At a Glance

Pelham Splash Pad

Location:

Pelham City Park - North end, near the dog park.

Equipment Purchase and Installation Cost:

\$345,675

Estimated Opening:

June 2023

Features:

- Wheelchair accessible
- Play area for toddlers
- Sunshades
- New restroom
- New lighting for dog park & additional lighting for southern end of the trail.

Coming in 2024:

- New playground

MAKING A SPLASH

New Splash Pad Planned for Pelham City Park

Pelham will soon have a fun, interactive, and accessible way to beat the Alabama heat. Construction on a new splash pad will begin soon, and it is a community feature Pelham residents have wanted for a long time. The splash pad will be built on the Pelham City Park campus.

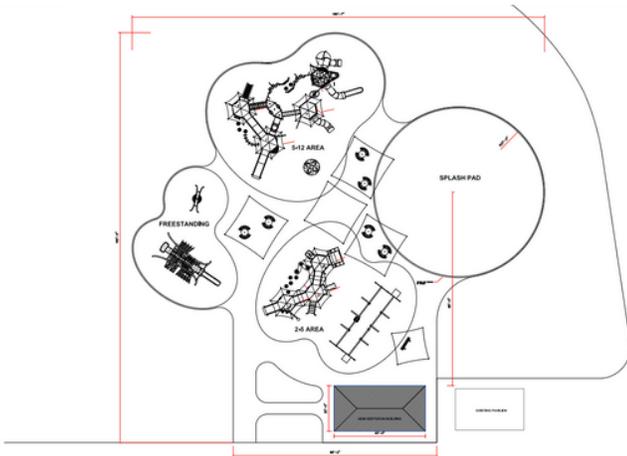
The splash pad was approved as a part of the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Projects budget. At the City Council meeting on March 7, 2023, council members approved a purchase and installation agreement between the City and local supplier Struthers Recreation, LLC, which is an exclusive representative of Fort Payne-based GameTime, a Playcore company. The total amount of the contract is \$345,675.

The splash pad is part of a larger project on the Pelham City Park campus. As Brian Cooper, Director of Pelham Parks and Recreation explained, "The splash pad continues the expansion of the northern end of the Pelham City Park campus. It is another reason, along with the dog park, to make that end of the park a destination. We'll also add a new restroom in the area, as well as lighting for the dog park." He said future expansion of this portion of City Park will include plans for a new playground in early 2024.

Cooper said site work for the splash pad will begin in the coming weeks. "The lead
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To see closer detail of the artist's rendering, [please follow this link.](#)



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To see closer detail of the complete design, [please follow this link.](#)



time on the delivery of the splash pad is three months,” he added. Cooper said the splash pad will open in the early summer of this year.

The aquatic play experience will feature many different items to thrill people of all ages. A review of the list of water features includes the Baby Long Legs, with outward-arching streams of water; the Lotus Petal which will create a weave pattern that is fun to run through; the Mushroom Maze which creates a dome of water. If you're inside the dome, the sound is amplified as if you're in a cave. Other features are geared toward smaller children, like the Water Flower. It will have a 360-degree sheet of water that is especially appealing to toddlers. The splash pad will also be accessible to those with disabilities.

Splash Pads are an additional way to bring communities together and create a natural gathering space. Cooper believes it will add to the overall aesthetic of the city. “Pelham takes great pride in our ability to offer and deliver world-class recreation opportunities. We continue to gauge what our citizens desire and try to bring those amenities to reality. This has been a long time coming,” he said.

Water Main Replacement

To provide more reliable water service to our customers, the City will be replacing the water main along the west side of King Valley Drive, beginning near the intersection of King Valley Drive and C.R. 52 and ending near the intersection of King Valley Drive and King Valley Circle. As with all construction projects, there will be some inconveniences from time to time, including some traffic disruptions and several short-duration water outages when connections are made to the existing system. We will do our best to minimize inconveniences related to this work. We expect the project to be completed by June/July 2023. [Read more here.](#)



Major Brent Sugg is Pelham's new Chief of Police. He assumes his new role on April 19, 2023.



Meet Chief Brent Sugg

Mayor Gary Waters announced his appointment of Major Brent Sugg as Pelham's next Chief of Police during the City Council meeting Monday, March 20, 2023. The Pelham City Council affirmed the appointment in a unanimous vote.

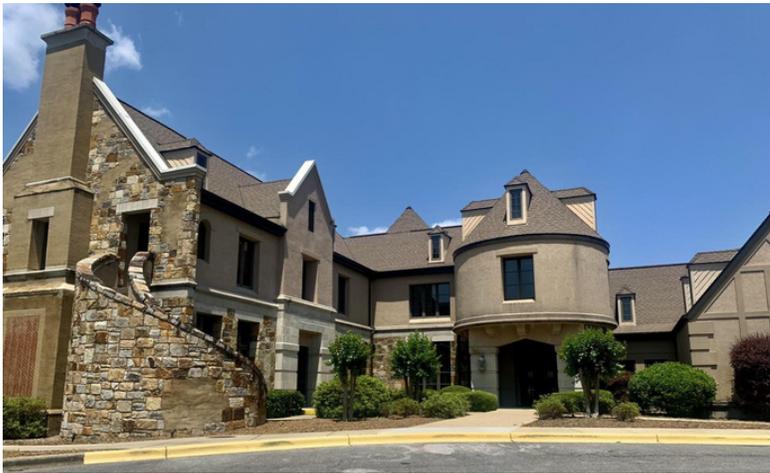
In 2019, then-Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Scully appointed Sugg as the 28th Chief of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. During his tenure as Chief, Sugg established operational policies and procedures, created legislation that promoted public safety, incorporated measures to streamline investigations, and managed the implementation of new technology. When Commissioner Scully left office in 2021, Sugg was named Major and Zone Commander, a position he holds today.

"The hiring process was thorough and comprehensive," said Mayor Gary W. Waters. "The search drew qualified candidates from across the country, and we got the best of the best."

Sugg began his law enforcement career in 1994 with the City of Norman, Oklahoma. In 1999, he joined the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and quickly stood out as a leader, serving as a field training trooper and a member of OHP's tactical and emergency response teams. In 2008, Sugg was promoted to Lieutenant and Patrol Supervisor. In 2013, he achieved the rank of Captain, assuming command of Troop A Field Operations, the Training Section for the OHP, and the Department of Public Safety (DPS). He also served as Commander of the Criminal Investigations Section, the Office of Professional Standards Division, and Emergency Services.

Sugg holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and a Master of Arts in Administrative Leadership from the University of Oklahoma. He is also a graduate of the 275th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Sugg begins his new role as Chief of Police in Pelham on April 19, 2023.



Your City at Work

Here are some of the recent items approved by the Pelham City Council. For the complete text of the agendas, minutes, ordinances, and resolutions, please visit www.pelhamalabama.gov.

- Transferred excess revenues over expenditures from the FY 2022 budget for deposit into the various reserve funds on or before March 31, 2023, which were established by the Pelham City Council.
- Approved a joint Emergency Water Purchase Agreement between the Water Works Board of the Town of Columbiana and the City of Pelham.
- Approved a request by Dish Wireless for a special use permit to install their equipment on an existing tower located at 2030 Valleydale Terrace.
- Approved a lease agreement for two beverage carts and three utility carts at Ballantrae Golf Club and repealed Resolution 2022-10-03-05 in its entirety. This lease was approved in the FY 2023 Ballantrae Golf budget.
- Voted to approve a lease agreement for one utility driving range picker cart at Ballantrae Golf Club. The lease was approved in the FY 2023 Ballantrae Golf budget.
- Approved a quote from Dexter Fortson & Associates, Inc. to perform the integration of new SCADA software for the Pelham Water System, Phase II. This expense was approved as a part of the Capital Projects - Sewer budget.
- Approved a proposal for the replacement of the ice system at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.
- Approved a bid for clubhouse improvements at Ballantrae Golf Club.
- The mass grading project for Oak Mountain Trail was completed at \$210,070 under budget.
- Job descriptions and pay ranges were approved for the following positions: Event Sales and Membership Manager at Ballantrae Golf Club (replaces an existing position); Food and Beverage Manager at Ballantrae

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Golf Club (restructuring of an existing position);
Recruiting Coordinator with Human Resources
(restructuring of an existing position); and
Administrative Clerk with Development Services and
Public Works (budgeted in FY 2023 as a new position.

- Held a public hearing and first reading of an ordinance to rezone Green Park South and South Gate manufactured home parks from R-1, Single Family Residential, and B-2 General Commercial District to P-MPH, Planned Mobile Home Park. The rezoning was approved in a special called meeting held on March 27, 2023
- Held a public hearing and first reading to adopt portions of the 2021 International Building and Fire Code and the International Property Maintenance Code. The ordinance was approved in the City Council meeting held April 3, 2023.



Goodbye, Councilman Palmer

Councilman Larry A. Palmer, Place No. 2, recently resigned from his position on the Pelham City Council. He stated he is moving out of the City of Pelham, and therefore submitted his resignation to the Council.

Palmer began serving the Pelham community in 1986 as an officer with the Pelham Police Department. He moved through the ranks and eventually was appointed to the role of Chief of Police in 2015. Palmer retired from his job in 2019 and was elected to the City Council in August 2020. He was currently serving his first term.

Mary Gary Waters issued a proclamation designating March 20, 2023, as Larry A. Palmer Day in the City of Pelham.