

# DISCOVER



## What About My Street?

As outlined in the article, prioritizing street paving is based on several factors.

Here is the paving plan through 2027:

[2023-2027 Five-Year Paving Plan](#)

## BETTER STREETS

### 2023 Street Paving Begins This Month

Pelham's annual street resurfacing project is slated to begin Monday, August 7th, weather permitting. The paving project was delayed due to rain a few weeks ago.

Resurfacing will occur in the Cedar Cove and Ivy Brook areas, as well as Chanbury Drive and Circle, Chandcroft Drive and Circle, Valley View Drive and Valley View Road, and several smaller areas. [Download the 2023 Street Paving List](#). If you live on one of the streets scheduled to be repaved, please do not park vehicles on the street. There will be some inconveniences related to this work, but we will do our best to minimize them. For any questions or concerns, please contact the City Engineer at 205.620.6408.

Streets are selected using evaluations on condition, usage, and street ratings. The tentative outlay is developed based on priority and upcoming utility work (water, sewer, and storm drains). The schedule may change as new information becomes available. Each year's projects will include miscellaneous patching, striping, and paving.



## Amphitheater Road Widening

The Canopy development is nearing the first phase of completion. As detailed in the July edition of the City of Pelham e-newsletter, Cahaba Cycles and Taco Mac will open soon, and the first phase of apartment units is now leasing. The widening of Amphitheater Road is another component of the project that includes the expansion of the Greenway Trail and additional lanes to handle the increase in traffic from U.S. 31 to State Park Road.

The \$3.1 million widening project was approved by the Pelham City Council in March, and construction is well underway. Pelham Police warn you to use caution when traveling on Amphitheater Road. Follow the Pelham Police Department's Facebook page for updates on road closures and detours.



## Splash Pad Update

The highly-anticipated Pelham City Park Splash Pad is just weeks away from opening. According to Brian Cooper, Director of Pelham Parks & Recreation, only a few more components need to fall into place before the water begins to flow. "We're working on site furnishings, fencing, and sod, and the concrete for the shade pad is being poured this week," he explained. The final step will be an inspection by the Shelby County Health Department. Follow the City of Pelham's Facebook page for the exact opening date.



## Worn Flag Disposal Box

Many Pelham residents proudly fly the American flag at their homes. Unfortunately, after seasons of exposure to the elements, the flags can become worn and tattered. Most of us know that an American flag should be disposed of properly and respectfully. Now, a local group is making it easier for citizens to follow the proper etiquette of flag disposal.

The Sons of American Legion Squadron 555 (SAL), located in Pelham, recently unveiled the SAL 555 Worn Flag Deposit Box at its July meeting. The box was conveniently placed in front of the Pelham Senior Center at 50 Racquet Club Parkway. Citizens can place their worn flags in the box at any time, and SAL 555, also known as the "Triple Nickel," will collect the flags so that they can be retired with respect.

The Pelham Boy Scouts Troop 404 assisted with the project and refinished, painted, and applied graphics to the flag deposit box. On July 9, 2023, Troop 404 joined with Arrow of Light (AOL) Scouts from Pelham Cub Scout Pack 404 to hold a flag retirement ceremony at the Pelham Cemetery. A new fire pit was previously constructed at the cemetery and was an Eagle Scout project by Shawn Winn of Helena Troop 2.

According to the U.S. Department of Defense website, the American Legion passed a resolution regarding flag retirement ceremonies in 1937, an important ritual that is still followed today. The resolution states, "The approved method of disposing of unserviceable flags has long been that they are destroyed by burning." While burning a U.S. flag in an undignified manner constitutes desecration, these ceremonies are held in a specific manner.

The DOD website states, "During an American Legion ceremony, participants stand aligned in two parallel rows about 20 feet apart, facing each other. A small fire burns beyond the row of members, opposite the Legion commander.

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“The flags that are no longer serviceable are presented to Legion commanders, who inspect them to make sure they should be discarded. When it is agreed upon that they’ve reached their current worn state due to proper service of tribute, memory, and love, a color guard presents the colors, and a chaplain offers prayers.

“As the crowd salutes, the flag detail dips the retired flags into kerosene and puts them on a rack over the fire. A bugler sounds ‘To the Colors.’” Read more on flag retirement ceremonies and watch accompanying videos on the [U.S. Department of Defense website](#).

The Sons of American Legion Squadron 555 was established in 2016 with 15 charter members. The SAL's mission is to support veterans and their families and the policies of the parent organization, the American Legion. The group also promotes patriotism and is focused on programs that benefit youth. [Learn more about SAL 555 by visiting the organization's website.](#)



## 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](http://www.pelhamalabama.gov).

- Approved a resolution to appoint citizens to the Pelham Board of Adjustment (Supernumerary Positions) effective immediately, with the term of office ending September 30, 2023.
- Approved a proposal from Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC, for construction materials testing services for the Amphitheater Road Widening Project.
- Approved a final summary change order for the King Valley Drive PVC Replacement Project.
- Voted to accept a bid for the Ballantrae Back-Up Water Supply Project.
- Accepted responsibility for the electrical bill only for six new streetlights in the Oak Forest neighborhood.
- Accepted a bid for the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena Parking Expansion Project.

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- Approved an ordinance to amend the water and sewer fee structure for residential and commercial customers, effective October 1, 2023.
- Held a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning MX-C (Mixed Use Development District) to R-G (Garden Home Residential District) for property located on the east side of Huntley Parkway approximately 1,500 feet north of Simmsville Road (Shelby County Hwy. 11)
- Approved an amendment to the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning M-1 (Light Industrial District) to B-2 (General Commercial District) for Lot No. 2 in the Grande Vista subdivision located near the intersection of Shelby County Highway No. 52E and 35.
- Declared certain personal property of the City of Pelham as surplus.
- Voted to appoint a citizen to the Pelham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as a Student Representative.
- Approved updated job descriptions for the following positions in the Pelham Police Department: sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and deputy chief.
- Accepted a bid for janitorial service for various City facilities.
- Voted to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program with Shelby County Urban County.
- Approved a public works contract for the construction of a pavilion at the Pelham Senior Center.
- Approved a public works contract to remove and replace the roof at the Indian Hills Well House.
- Entered into a professional services agreement for additional design services for the installation of an emergency exit traffic light at Fire Station No. 3.
- Entered into an agreement with Shelby County Park & Recreation Authority (SCPARA) for site work and project administration for drainage improvements at Coker Park.