

DISCOVER



Fun Facts

Why is Sand Important?

If you're not a golfer, you might be surprised to know how much science goes into selecting the right bunker sand for a course. According to the [USGA](#), determining the best sand suited for the site-specific conditions on golf courses is critical to producing and maintaining quality playing conditions and maximizing bunker longevity.

G-angle sand goes through a process that cracks, crushes, and grinds coarse silica sand into angular particles. These particles interlock to create firmer, more playable bunkers that are less expensive to maintain.

BETTER CONDITIONS

Improvements at Ballantrae Golf Club

By: Hal Brown

As Ballantrae Golf Club prepares to celebrate its 20th anniversary next year, renovations will begin in early 2024 on the golf course bunkers throughout the 18 holes and certain cart path areas.

Over time, the sand in the bunkers becomes contaminated, and the drainage becomes ineffective after years of rain and use. All bunkers will be renovated to solve these issues, including removing all old sand, repairing subdrains, installing capillary concrete, and adding new G-angle sand. Capillary concrete is a relatively new product that allows water to drain through the porous concrete while keeping the sand in place. This reduces the labor needed to maintain the bunkers and improves playability for customers.

In addition, over the years, tree roots have grown, causing damage to the cart path and resulting in rough driving conditions for golf carts and turf equipment. Specific areas of damaged cart path will be removed along with the tree roots before new concrete is in place to make driving conditions more pleasant and reduce wear and tear on carts and equipment.

Both projects will be completed by the same vendor with an estimated completion time of three months, weather permitting. This spring and summer will provide the best playing conditions for customers who love playing at Ballantrae Golf Club!

Updates on City Projects

Maintaining sixteen-plus facilities, several parks, plus miles of streets, water lines, and sewers is a daunting task. In a commitment to the continued investment in infrastructure, the City of Pelham recently completed a four-year 'catch-up' on critical maintenance and repair of long-time neglected city facilities. Fire Station No. 2, the Pelham Tennis Center, and Ballantrae Golf Club all required significant work due to poor construction, maintenance, or both.

Several projects are in the works right now, and here's the latest on where things stand:

- The widening of Amphitheater Road will be finished soon. Workers are paving the road this month, and putting in lights. The estimated completion is January 2024.
- The Highway 261 widening project will go out for bids in 2024.
- Finishing touches are being put on the City park at Campus 124. Lighting and signage will be installed, and the anticipated opening is January 2024.
- Prep work will begin on the new Pelham City Park playground in mid-January 2024. Installation of the new playground equipment is anticipated in February. The old playground will be removed.
- The site work for the new Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena parking lot is almost finished. Some final touches, including grass seeding and the installation of a gate, are next. As of now, parking is available on the gravel surface. The final paving and sidewalks will be included in a future project phase.





Gym Floor Maintenance

The gym floor at the Pelham Recreation Center is getting some TLC this month. The floor will undergo a recoating to restore its glow and make it look as good as new. More importantly, it will extend the floor's life and ensure optimum performance and athlete protection. According to Tabitha Dudley, Operations Supervisor for Pelham Parks & Recreation, recoating should be done every one to two years. "The workers will thoroughly prepare the floor by cleaning it to remove all dirt and debris. Then, they'll tack the floor, using a microfiber mop, to get all the tiny particles that might be left over. Finally, an oil finish will be applied to the gym floor."

The Pelham Recreation Center will be closed December 21-27 for the recoating process.



New Holiday Decorations

Pelham's holiday season just became brighter. The white snowflakes that served as the City of Pelham's Christmas decorations for years were a bit worse for wear. The lights were dim, and some didn't work at all.

City leadership decided it was time for a change. After months of research and pricing several options, 88 utility pole-mounted decorations were purchased. The new decorations feature two golden bells topped by a red bow, with red ribbons that sparkle when lit.

You may have noticed that the new decorations were only installed at major intersections. According to André Bittas, Director of Development Services and Public Works for the City of Pelham, there's a good reason, and we can look forward to more decorations next year. "The City is working on plans with Alabama Power and ALDOT to replace all the wooden pole street lights with new decorative LED lighting along Highway 31. The new light poles will include attachments and electrical outlets for Christmas light decorations and banners. Due to the changes in the pole and locations of the new street lighting, we deferred adding Christmas decorations until the new poles were installed. The intersections where the Christmas decorations are installed on traffic signal poles will not be affected by the replacement of the new street lighting project,"



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 the [City of Pelham website](#).

- Adopted the Pelham City Cemetery Rules and Regulations.
- Approved a pole attachment agreement with Alabama Power for the temporary attachment of holiday decorations.
- Approved a fee agreement with Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C., and Ellis, Owens, Justice & Arnold.
- Authorized allowable expenditures for Fire Department purchases under the terms of the Opioid Litigation Settlement Agreements.
- Approved a proposal for construction materials testing services for the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena Turbochiller replacement project.
- Approved a bid for the Pelham Racquet Club Lobby Reconfiguration Project.
- Accepted and dedicated certain public street(s) and rights-of-way specifically described as Pelham Trail Parkway from U.S. Highway 31 West to the Pelham City Park property line.
- Accepted and dedicated certain public street(s) and rights-of-way specifically described as Village Place from Pelham Park Boulevard North to Pelham Trail Parkway.
- Accepted and dedicated certain public street(s) and rights-of-way specifically described as Pelham Park Boulevard from Village Place West to the Pelham City Park property line.
- Entered into a temporary real estate construction easement agreement for property located along Bishop Creek and known as Tract No. 1 for extension of the Pelham Greenway Trail System, Phase IV.
- Entered into a real estate purchase agreement for property located along Bishop Creek known as Tract No. 3 for extension of the Pelham Greenway Trail System, Phase IV.
- Entered into a real estate purchase agreement for property located along Bishop Creek known as Tract No. 4 for extension of the Pelham Greenway Trail System, Phase IV.
- Approved laboratory services and pricing for MS4 Program Storm Water compliance testing.

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- Entered into an agreement with the United States Geological Survey to perform required field and analytical work as directed through the city's MS4 Program and Storm Water Ordinance.
- Rejected a lone bid for the purchase of 18 sets of personal protective equipment (PPEs) for the Pelham Fire Department.
- Voted to designate the City of Pelham as a Bee City USA affiliate.
- Entered into contracts with RCX Sports, LLC for the right to operate and manage the youth flag football program known as NFL Flag Football and the right to operate and manage the youth ball/street hockey program known as NHL Street in the City of Pelham.
- Approved the pay grade and changes to the job title for the position of Groundskeeper at Ballantrae Golf previously reviewed and approved by the Pelham Personnel Board.
- Approved the low bid and Notice of Award for cart path and bunker improvements at Ballantrae Golf Club and amended the FY 2024 Ballantrae Golf Club's Project Budget.
- Entered into an agreement with the Shelby County Park & Recreational Authority (SCPARA) to install conduit for the Campus No. 124 park project, and approved a quote from Alabama Power Company to install overhead to underground electrical service to the Campus No. 124 power meter and to amend the FY 2024 Campus No. 124 Project Budget to complete the park development.
- Entered into an agreement with SCPARA for site preparation for the City Park Playground project.
- Amended the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning B-2 (General Business District) to M-1 (Light Industrial District) for property located at the end of Yeager Court, approximately 415 feet off Yeager Parkway consisting of 7.16 +/- acres.



Holiday Closings & Special Hours

City Hall & Administrative Offices

Closed December 25th & 26th

Closed January 1st

Ballantrae Golf Club

Closed December 24th & 25th

Closed January 1st

Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena

December 24th - Closing at 1:00 p.m.

Closed December 25th

Open for Public Skate on Monday, January 1 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Pelham Public Library

Closed December 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th

Closed January 1st

Pelham Recreation Center

Closed December 21st - 27th for gym floor resurfacing

Closed January 1st

Pelham Racquet Club

Closed December 24th & 25th

December 26th - Open 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

December 31st - Open 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed January 1st

Pelham Senior Center

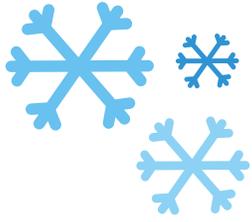
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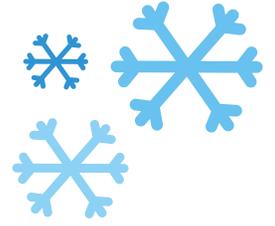
Trash & Recycling

No pickup on December 25th or January 1st

Pickup for Monday/Thursday routes will occur on Thursday



CHRISTMAS EVE SANTA STOPS



Quint 91

- 4:00 High Ridge Dr. @ High Ridge Trce.
- 4:08 High Ridge Dr. @ Highview Cv.
- 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 Trl.
- 5:04 Holland Lakes Dr. @ Holland Cv.
- 5:12 Holland Lakes Dr. @ Creekside Ln.
- 5:20 Creekside Ln. @ Creekside Cir.
- 5:28 Creekside Ln. @ 253 Creekside Ln.
- 5:36 Stonehaven Trl. @ Walker Way
- 5:44 Stonehaven Way @ Stonehaven Trce.
- 5:52 Walker Rd. @ Stonebrook Ln.
- 6:00 Stonehaven Trl. @ Heather Ln.
- 6:08 Stonehaven Trl. @ Stonehill Cir.
- 6:16 Stonehaven Trl. @ Pebble Cir.
- 6:24 Stonehaven Dr. @ Stonehaven Trl.
- 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 Trl.
- 7:30 Ivy Brook Trail @ Juniper Cir.
- 7:45 Yeager Pkwy @ Armory
- 8:10 Camellia Ridge Dr. @ Camellia Ridge Cv.

Engine 92

- 4:00 Brookhollow Dr. @ Entrance
- 4:08 Hidden Creek Pkwy @ Hidden Creek Cir.
- 4:16 Hidden Creek Pkwy @ Hidden Creek Trl.
- 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 Trl. @ Panther Trl.
- 5:12 Creekview Dr. @ Creekview Cir.
- 5:20 Creekview Dr. @ Overhill Dr.
- 5:28 Crosscreek Trl. @ Creekview Dr.
- 5:36 Crosscreek Church
- 5:44 Crosscreek Trl. @ Valleyview Dr.
- 5:52 Wilderness Rd. @ Ryecroft Rd.
- 6:00 Wilderness Rd. @ Colesbury Cir.
- 6:08 Frontier Dr. @ Wilderness Rd.
- 6:16 Canyon Park Dr. @ Canyon Trl.
- 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

Engine 93

- 4:00 Wild Timber Pkwy @ Wild Timber Dr.
- 4:08 Grey Oaks Dr. @ Grey Oaks Way
- 4:20 1002 Grey Oaks Way
- 4:30 Woodridge Cir. @ Woodridge Dr.
- 4:38 Dickerson Rd. @ Dickerson Ln.
- 4:49 Oak Forest Way @ Oak Forest Trl.
- 4:57 125 High Crest Ln. @ Gate
- 5:05 Chatham Ct. (W) @ Deer Springs Cir.
- 5:13 Bent Rail Ln. @ Cul-de-sac
- 5:21 Kelly Dr. @ Deer Springs Cir.
- 5:29 Weatherly Way @ Talmadge Dr.
- 5:37 Weatherly Way @ Cheshire Ln.
- 5:45 Weatherly Way @ Clock
- 5:53 Weatherly Way @ Kings Crest Ln. (N)
- 6:01 Kings Crest @ 245 Kings Crest
- 6:12 Simms Landing @ Simms Trl.
- 6:20 Grand Reserve Office
- 6:28 Huntley Office
- 6:36 Publix
- 7:06 Brookshire Ln. @ 141 Brookshire Ln.
- 7:16 Hwy 35 @ Mallard Point Dr.
- 7:26 Hwy 72 @ Pintail Dr.
- 7:34 Silverleaf Dr. @ 181 Silverleaf Dr.
- 7:42 Hunters Trce. @ Red Fox Dr.
- 7:50 Hwy 361 @ Eagle Cove Dr.
- 7:58 Eagle Cove Dr. @ Eagle Cove Ln.
- 8:06 Legacy Parc Dr. @ Legacy Parc Cir.
- 8:12 High Hampton Dr. @ Hampton Lake Dr.
- 8:20 High Hampton Dr. @ Hampton Ln.
- 8:30 Emerald Lake Dr.

Engine 94

- 4:00 Sommersby Dr. @ Sommersby Cir.
- 4:08 Sugar Dr. @ Entrance
- 4:16 Shine Dr. @ Entrance
- 4:24 Cobblestone Ter. @ Entrance
- 4:32 Amanda Pl.
- 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 Trl.
- 5:36 Stratshire Ln. @ Norridge Pl.
- 5:44 Greenway Dr. @ Stratford Cir.
- 5:52 Mitoba Tr. @ Hayesbury Ct.
- 6:00 140 Keeneland Green
- 6:08 Tecumseh Trl. @ Wooddale Ln.
- 6:16 Wooddale Ln. @ Glen View
- 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.
- 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 95

- 4:00 Normandy @ Swim Club
- 4:12 Grey Oaks Ter. @ Grey Oaks Vily.
- 4:20 Oaklyn Hills Pavilion
- 4:27 Rolling Hills Dr. @ Oaklyn Hills Dr.
- 4:32 Bent Creek Way @ Bent Creek Trce.
- 4:48 Deer Ridge Ln. @ Fawn Dr.
- 5:03 Wysteria Dr. @ Camellia Dr.
- 5:28 Perthshire Rd. @ Perthshire Way
- 5:36 Dunrobin Ln. @ Dunrobin Cv.
- 5:44 Strathaven Rd. @ Strathaven Ln.
- 5:52 Strathaven Ln. @ Eastdale Ln.
- 6:00 Ballantrae Swim Club
- 6:18 Birkdale Ln. @ Ballantrae Club Dr.
- 6:32 Kilkerran Ln. @ Kilberry Way
- 6:43 Kilkerran Ln. @ Glenn Iris Cir.
- 6:51 Glenneagles Ln. @ Cul-de-sac
- 7:01 Ballantrae Pkwy. @ Roundabout
- 7:08 Stoneykirk Rd. @ Caliston Way
- 7:16 Stonekirk Rd. @ Stonekirk Ln.
- 7:24 Lauchlin Way @ Lauchlin Ln. (168)
- 7:32 Lauchlin Way @ Lauchlin Ln. (108)
- 7:42 Kinross Ln. @ Kinross Cir.
- 7:56 Cove Ln. @ Cove Cir.
- 8:05 Oxford Way @ 383 Oxford Way
- 8:13 Windsor Ln. @ Windsor Trl.
- 8:21 Windsor Ln. @ Windsor Way
- 8:30 Windsor Ln. @ Windsor Cir.
- 8:38 Windsor Cir. @ Kings Crest Ln.

