

DISCOVER



Holiday Changes

The Amwaste route realignment will allow the company to shift pick-ups to the next day during weeks with observed holidays. Amwaste's observed holidays are:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- July 4th
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

If you have questions about what is collected and when, please visit our [Trash & Recycling website](#).

TRASH IMPROVEMENTS

Changes Coming to Amwaste Routes

By: Ainsley Allison

City leaders recently met with Amwaste representatives to discuss operations and areas for improvement.

Based on your feedback, Amwaste took an in-depth look at its collection routes and realigned them in such a way that Wednesday/Saturday pick-ups will be eliminated, which will also allow the company to offer significantly improved coverage during holiday times.

About a third of Pelham's customers will be impacted. As a result of the comprehensive realignment of routes and to better serve all customers, Wednesday/Saturday customers will move to either Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday.

It's important to note that some Monday/Thursday and Tuesday/Friday customers will also be impacted to account for the increased volume. Amwaste mailed a postcard to all affected households and provided a new interactive map. [Check your address.](#)

The new route schedules began on March 25, 2024.



Photo courtesy: Shelby County Reporter

Carly, Camryn, and the newest addition, Collins. They also have a dog named Mookie and a cat named Rocky. The family spends a good bit of time at the ballpark. The children are involved in Pelham Park Middle School baseball, travel softball, and 6u softball. Ashley volunteers at Pelham Oaks Elementary when time allows.

Harris owns a small outdoor power equipment business, which has been in Pelham since 2001. The company employs ten full-time and two part-time workers. "My business is in Pelham, my kids go to school here, and we make our home here. I am rooted in Pelham and care about the decisions being made today that will affect our community tomorrow. I also believe the collaboration between our administration and council is better than ever. I wanted to be a part of the greatness moving forward."

Welcome Michael Harris

Pelham resident and small business owner Michael Harris was recently appointed to Pelham City Council. Harris will serve the remainder of the term vacated by Mildred Lanier-Reed when she moved away from Pelham.

Mr. Harris said he arrived in Pelham in 1982 straight from Brookwood Hospital, where he was born. He grew up in Pelham and graduated from Pelham High School in 2000. He is the son of a retired Pelham firefighter, so he was familiar with several city administrations throughout the years. He recently served as President of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Ashley and Michael Harris have four children: Corbin, Carly, Camryn, and the newest addition, Collins. They also have a dog named Mookie and a cat named Rocky. The family spends a good bit of time at the ballpark. The children are involved in Pelham Park Middle School baseball, travel softball, and 6u softball. Ashley volunteers at Pelham Oaks Elementary when time allows.



Park Progress

Things are moving along on two capital projects within our parks. The pavilion at Park 124 behind Campus 124 is under construction. The park will provide a nice getaway right in the heart of Pelham. It features a walking trail and a pavilion for gatherings. Once complete, Park 124 will be a connecting location along the Pelham Greenway Trail.

People are buzzing about the new Pelham City Park playground. The play equipment and sun shades are installed, and the rubberized surface around the play structures is going in. The new playground is ADA-compliant, with concrete walkways between the play structures.

Be on the lookout for the announcement of the park openings on the official City of Pelham social media channels.



Salute to Female Leaders

Pelham's past female elected leaders were honored with a mayoral proclamation recognizing them for their years of service to the City. We remember those who are no longer with us, and we missed those who were unable to attend. Pictured: Beth McMillan (2012-2020), Mildred Lanier-Reed (2016-2024), and Connie LaBue (1988-1996). Not pictured: Beverly Hall (1983-1988), Karyl Rice (1984-2016), Rosemary Metcalf (2000-2008), and Dr. Teresa Nichols Riddle (2008-2012).



Former Council President Dies

Former Pelham City Council President Dr. Teresa Nichols Riddle passed away on March 19, 2024, after a battle with cancer. She is only one of two females to serve as the president of the Pelham City Council.

Dr. Riddle's service to Pelham didn't end after her term on the City Council. Most recently, she and her husband, Larry, were instrumental in creating and leading the Pelham Garden Club. She contributed her skills and knowledge as a Master Gardener when the club was founded in 2022. She and Larry regularly volunteered on projects such as the Pelham Park Bluebird Trail, removing invasive plants along the Pelham Greenway, and planting flowers.

Dr. Riddle worked to have Pelham designated as a Bee City USA affiliate and started the process last fall. As of this week, the City of Pelham awaits final approval.





Your City At Work

Here are some of the recent items approved by the Pelham City Council. Please visit the City of Pelham website for the complete text of the agendas, minutes, ordinances, and resolutions.

- Entered into a service agreement with C-Spire Business to move the city's multi-factor authentication to a Microsoft-based platform.
- Approved the lowest and most responsive bid by Southeastern Sealcoating, Inc. for the Pelham City Park Parking Lot Paving Project.
- Authorized an amendment to the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham, changing the present zoning B-2 (General Business District) to R-T (Townhouse Residential District) for property located along Huntley Parkway, containing approximately 5.6 acres (+/-) of a vacant property. The City Council approved this ordinance in the March 18, 2024 meeting.
- Approved an ABC restaurant retail liquor license for Cottage House of Pelham.
- Approved an ABC special retail license for Legends Music, LLC (Oak Mountain Spring Fair).
- Denied an ABC lounge retail liquor license Class I for Pitstop Pub LLC.
- Accepted the City of Pelham's Fiscal Year 2023 audit as prepared and presented by Truitt Tingle Paramore & Argent, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, the city's independent auditors.
- Approved a 26-month lease agreement with DLL Finance, LLC through supplier Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation for four pre-owned 2020 Club Car gas utility vehicles for Ballantrae Golf Club.
- Entered into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for the cooperative maintenance of a public right-of-way (sidewalk) along Pelham Parkway as part of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car development.
- Accepted the lowest and most responsive bid from Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction Company, LLC, for the city's FY2024 street resurfacing projects.
- Approved an ABC special events retail license for Margarita Grill's Cinco de Mayo event.

