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Ballantrae Facts

Established: 2004

Designed by: Bob Cupp

Inspiration: The Ballantrae community in Carrick, South Ayrshire, Scotland

Play: Public golf course with memberships available.

Holes: 18

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,310

BIG MILESTONE

Ballantrae Golf Club Celebrates 20 Years

Ballantrae Golf Club is turning 20, and like most 20-year-olds, the course is just hitting its stride. If the next 20 years are anything like the first, a bright future for Pelham's beautiful golfers' paradise is ahead. Built in 2004 by the City of Pelham, the course was designed by Bob Cupp, who also designed the Shoal Creek Club here in Shelby County. The Ballantrae community in Carrick, South Ayrshire, Scotland, inspired both the course and the surrounding Ballantrae neighborhood. It's no coincidence that Scotland is the home of golf.

Hal Brown, General Manager of Ballantrae, said he feels the most significant accomplishment in the first 20 years is the fact that the City of Pelham and the team at Ballantrae have created a world-class facility and golf course for members, Pelham residents, and guests to enjoy with their family and friends. Recent improvements have enhanced the beauty and playability of the course. A clubhouse renovation provides an inviting space for meals and special events. Brown said these upgrades were necessary. "The clubhouse renovations were completed this winter to improve the overall space by creating more space for golfers and Ballantrae residents to enjoy the facility," explained Brown. "Total bunker renovations were completed this spring, and we are now finishing cart path repairs to enhance the golfing experience for our members and guests." He said the facility improvements will allow the team at Ballantrae to host events during the daytime while keeping the space open for golfers. "The new space also allows us to host larger evening events."

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The most significant game-changing improvement is the renovation of the bunkers. “These upgrades have created top-notch playing conditions for golfers and improved the drainage of the bunkers. This improved drainage saves the time and labor needed to maintain the bunkers, which frees up our maintenance staff to keep the course in great condition year-round. Cart path repairs will mean a smoother ride for golf carts and decrease the wear and tear on those carts and our turf care equipment,” Brown stated.

While memberships are offered at Ballantrae, the course remains a public facility. “Anyone can take advantage of this beautiful course right here in Pelham. We provide golf instruction from PGA golf pros to those new to the game or players who want to improve their skills. We offer a summer golf camp for kids who want to learn to play, and we have a PGA Jr. League golf team, which allows children up to age 12 to play against teams from different golf facilities around Birmingham.

As for the next 20 years, Hal Brown said plans are underway to expand the food and beverage offerings to the Ballantrae neighborhood and surrounding communities. The Fireside Grill’s special Saturday morning pancake breakfasts and Tuesday’s Tacos on the Terrace have been well attended. “Most of all, we plan to continue to offer a fun golf experience for golfers of all ages,” said Brown.

A PARTY AT BALLANTRAE

Ballantrae’s 20th year will be celebrated on Saturday, June 15th. Members can play free on that day, and a \$20 discount will be available for member guests and Pelham residents. During the afternoon, food and music will set the party vibe as the club thanks members and guests for their years of support.



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 an agreement with Cushman & Wakefield of Georgia to conduct a Hotel Feasibility and Market Study for the City of Pelham.
- Contracted with SportsConductor (Jarvis) for interleague scheduling software.
- Authorized a consulting contract with Human Resource Management, Inc. to update the city's Compensation Administration Plan.
- Approved a proposal from Sweetwater Construction for the sitework and installation of a new entrance sign for Pelham City Park.
- Approved a public works contract with Cahaba Glass Company to install new doors and emergency hardware at four well houses.
- Approved the lowest and most responsible bid from Rast Construction, Inc. for the Shelby County 35 and 361 Water Main Replacement Project and authorized the mayor to sign a Notice of Award.
- Approved an ABC license application for Hit Different Barbecue and Grill.
- Approved an ABC license application for Tequilas Mexican Grill and Cantina (new owner).
- Approved an ABC license application for El Comal Mexican Restaurant.
- Entered into a service agreement with Credit Bureau Systems, Inc. (d/b/a Ambulance Medical Billing) to provide billing and recovery costs for the city's EMS transport services.
- Approved a request by AT&T for a special use permit for modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 7052 Highway 11.
- Accepted the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Program Report prepared by Municipal Consultants, Inc.
- Accepted the most qualified bid from Mark Johnson Construction and authorized the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for the Business Center Sewer Lift Station Improvements.
- Entered into a contract with Perry Weather for a weather alert system to detect lightning at Pelham City Park.

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Juneteenth Closings & Special Hours Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Pelham City Hall & Administrative Offices

- CLOSED

Ballantrae Golf Club

- Holiday rates & normal tee times

Pelham Recreation Center

- Special Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pelham Senior Center

- Normal Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Pelham Public Library

- CLOSED

Pelham Racquet Club

- Normal Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena

- Normal Hours

Amwaste

- Wednesday routes run as usual



- Declared certain personal property of the City of Pelham (large playground and fence at Pelham City Park), which are no longer needed for public or municipal purposes as surplus.
- Declared certain real property of the City of Pelham that is no longer needed for municipal purposes and donated the property to the Alabama Department of Transportation as a part of the Alabama Highway 261 widening project. The property is located at the intersection of North Chandalar Drive and Alabama Highway 261 at Pelham Fire Station No. 4.
- Denied an ABC license application for a 011 Lounge Retail Liquor-Class II Liquor (Package) License for applicant Al Dolah, Inc., operating under the trade name Pelham Liquor Store.
- Set June 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 135-261 to amend the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham, changing the present zoning O-1 (Office and Institutional District) to E-1 (Estate Residential District) for property located along the east side of Bearden Road, across from Pelham High School. Owners: Joey and Shannon White.
- Set June 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 135-262, revisions to the Code of Ordinances, City of Pelham, Appendix A, Article XV, Section 14, and Section 16 regarding additional regulations for vape shops and CBD stores in B-2 (General Business District) zones.

Water Main Replacement

To provide more reliable water service to our customers, the City of Pelham will replace water mains along Aaron Road, Kristen Circle, and Isaac Street. Work will begin on or before June 3, 2024, and take approximately five months to complete.

Another water main replacement project is set to begin on June 3, 2024, along County Road 361 and County Road 35 (from I-65 to Eagle Cove). This project is expected to take eight months to complete.

As with all construction projects, there will be some inconveniences, including traffic disruptions and several short-duration water outages. We'll do our best to minimize inconveniences related to this work. Read more and see maps of these projects in the City News section on the [City of Pelham website](#).