

DISCOVER



Concerns Addressed

- Bulk and large yard debris collection
- Technology and accountability
- Recycling
- Hydraulic Fluid Leaks

SERVICE UPDATE

City Manager Discusses Amwaste Issues

City Manager Gretchen DiFante updated the Pelham City Council on a meeting between AmWaste and the Cahaba Solid Waste Authority regarding some ongoing issues with trash pickup. Her report addressed challenges with bulk collection, a new technology that will track garbage trucks in real-time, recycling, and hydraulic fluid leaks affecting some of our city streets.

"I reported about six weeks ago that the Cahaba Solid Waste Authority was having some challenges when the new garbage pickup schedule started," DiFante stated. She said a follow-up meeting was held, and Amwaste revealed the steps that are being taken to address the Authority's concerns.

"Amwaste has contracted with Nature Chasers to assist with bulk trash collection. "Nature Chasers has been used in Hoover for a few weeks, and the service levels have improved greatly. They (Amwaste) asked permission to use Nature Chasers in Pelham because our contract states they must get approval before hiring a second party. We did give permission and look forward to having Nature Chasers assisting with bulk collection in our city," stated DiFante. It should be noted that Amwaste is paying Nature Chasers as a contracted vendor.

DiFante said the Solid Waste Authority is rolling out new technology to provide real-time information as they route. Once the truck mounts arrive, the service will be tested with Hoover, and then it will roll out to the rest of the Authority.

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Another item discussed was recycling. DiFante explained that items from the second pickup of the week are taken to either RePower South in Montgomery or Birmingham Recycling and Recovering (BRR). DiFante said recycling is important to Pelham residents, and they've made it known that they want the service. "The typical national rate for recovery on recycling and reuse is 60 percent. From January 1st to the end of May, Solid Waste Authority customers sent 15,580.96 tons to RePower and BRR combined. That's an average of 20.13 pounds per household and a rate of 70 percent, which is higher than the national average."

DiFante said there is a misconception that waste from the second pickup is immediately taken to the recycling facility. "I've had people tell me, 'I followed the truck, and they didn't take it to Montgomery.' That's because it's not immediately taken to a recycling facility. They take it to a holding facility, and then it is sent to either RePower or BRR in bulk," she explained. In other words, this process consolidates the need for multiple trips.

Many residents have expressed concerns over hydraulic fluids leaking from the Amwaste trucks and into neighborhood streets. "Amwaste told us they have a new vendor working with them at their shop to inspect the vehicles each morning before they leave for the daily routes. The vendor conducts daily checks for hydraulic fluid leaks to reduce them significantly. That was an issue we (the Cahaba Waste Authority) asked Amwaste to address."

Pelham residents are encouraged to use the Pelham 311 app to report missed trash collection, request bulk trash or large yard debris pickups, and replace a broken cart. You can also report issues online if you like. Scan the QR code below to learn more.





New Rules at the Library

School is starting soon, and parents need to be aware of some changes to rules at the Pelham Public Library. According to a new policy, children under 14 must not be left unattended at the library. For example, Pelham Park Middle School students under 14 may no longer walk to the library after school. Parents and caregivers are asked to make other arrangements for their children.

Middle school students 14 and older may walk to the library after school as long as a parent or guardian has signed the After School Form with the library.

Library Director Mary Campbell said, "Unfortunately, the library was being used as after-school care. The library is not equipped to provide that level of service safely while maintaining our level of service to all visitors."

Campbell asked for understanding and cooperation as the staff strives to provide the best possible library services.



An Additional Way to Pay

Starting September 1, 2024, Pelham Water Works will enhance your payment options by offering recurring credit card payments through our online payment portal. This new automatic payment method will make managing your account even more convenient.

Please note that online check payments will no longer be available after this date.

To enroll in recurring credit card payments, [log into your online account](#). If you have any questions, contact Pelham Water Works at 205.620.6420.



A Chance to Serve

There are many ways to become involved in your community, and the City of Pelham needs local citizens to serve on various municipal boards.

The Pelham City Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes through Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. from those who would like to be considered for an appointment to one of the following boards:

- Pelham Public Library Board
- Pelham Parks & Rec Advisory Board
- Pelham Storm Water Board
- Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeal
- Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment

If you would like to apply, please [fill out the online application](#).



Renovation Updates

Renovations and improvements are ongoing at Ballantrae Golf Club and the Pelham Racquet Club. Here's what residents can expect when they visit these city facilities:

Ballantrae Golf Club

Ballantrae General Manager Hal Brown reports that a new walking bridge has been installed over the creek on hole #2. In addition, re-leveling and sodding of the large tee box on hole #5 is underway.

Pelham Racquet Club

The renovation of the clubhouse at Pelham Racquet Club is complete. All that remains is a short punch list. The new space offers an improved layout of the main floor and upgrades to the restrooms and locker rooms. Soon, the second-floor space will be available for rent for events and gatherings.

Visitors to the Pro Shop will notice an increase in inventory, including various tennis brands, clothing, sunscreen, sunglasses, chapstick, socks, hair accessories, logo apparel, and more. Be sure to stop in soon and check out the new look!





First Responders Honored

The American Legion Matthew Blount Post 555 in Pelham honored local first responders during a ceremony and dinner on July 11th at the Pelham Senior Center. Three City of Pelham employees were among the honorees.

Officer Ronald "Austin" Bowen was one of three Shelby County law enforcement officers named Law Enforcement Officers of the Year. He serves as a Field Training Officer for the police department and is instrumental in ensuring new officers are adequately trained to serve the community. Pelham Police Chief Brent Sugg attended the ceremony and commended Officer Bowen on his award.



Pelham Dispatcher Stephanie Oliveria Morris was honored as the Public Safety Telecommunicator of the Year. Morris was previously named the City of Pelham Dispatcher of the Year and received statewide recognition as the American Legion Department of Alabama 2024 Public Safety Telecommunicator of the Year. Morris' award marks the second year a dispatcher from the City of Pelham has received the statewide award. Pelham Fire Chief Mike Reid and her supervisor, Jeannie Davis, described Morris' dedication to her job and her contributions to the public safety team, which made her a worthy recipient of the honors she received this year.



Firefighter/Medic George "Buddy" Ingleright with the Pelham Fire Department received the 2024 Firefighter of the Year award. Ingleright was applauded for completing the training and education required to become a critical care paramedic, which is the highest level of paramedic training. Ingleright was instrumental in the success of Pelham's Rapid Sequence Intubation pilot program (RSI), coordinated through the Alabama Office of EMS.

Ingleright has collected several awards and honors over the past year, including the Shelby County Chamber's Firefighter of the Year award, and was named the first recipient of the Pelham Fire Department's Battalion Chief Eldon Green EMS Excellence Award.



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.

- Appointed Daniella DeLuca to the unexpired term on the Pelham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Place No. 7.
- Approved a tax abatement agreement between the City of Pelham and Dotry Enterprises, LLC (Edgar's Bakery and Café).
- Approved right-of-way agreements with Alabama Water Utilities, Inc. to install and maintain sanitary sewer systems within the Ballantrae and Weatherly subdivisions.
- Approved a right-of-way agreement with Shelby Ridge Utilities, Inc. to install and maintain sanitary sewer systems within the Grey Oaks subdivisions.
- Authorized a License Agreement to access real property across city-owned property.
- Voted to approve an ABC license application for Narayanmuni, Inc., operating under the trade name Oak Mountain Mobil, located at 2310 Pelham Parkway.
- Declared real property owned by the City of Pelham as surplus. The property includes Lots A, B, C, D, and E of the Resurvey of Lot 3, according to the final plat of the Pelham Park commercial development.
- Appointed Councilmember Rick Wash as the Council Liaison to fill an unexpired term on the Pelham Board of Education.
- Approved an economic development incentive agreement between the City of Pelham and Edgar's Pelham LLC (Edgar's Bakery and Café).
- Approved an economic development incentive agreement between the City of Pelham and WCB Pelham, LLC (Waldo's Chicken & Beer).
- Entered into an agreement with Uniti Fiber, LLC to provide internet services and redundant "off-network" internet services for the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.
- Declared specific personal property of the City of Pelham, which is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes as surplus (vehicles and trailers).
- Accepted a bid from Gillespie Construction, LLC for the Industrial Park Drive Turn Lane Extension and Water Main Replacement project.