

# DISCOVER



## Before You Go

- Visit the Alabama Votes website to confirm your voting location.  
[www.alabamavotes.gov](http://www.alabamavotes.gov)
- Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
- Bring your unexpired photo ID. Check your ID beforehand to make sure it is current.

## YOUR VOTE

### What to Know Before the General Election

Lynn Waters has a message for Pelham registered voters, “Be proactive and confirm your voting location before Election Day.” Waters, the inspector at the Pelham Civic Complex precinct, said most Pelham residents vote at the Civic Complex. However, some Ballantrae and Weatherly residents vote at Westwood Baptist Church in Alabaster. “We feel for people who come to the Civic Complex only to be told they must turn around and go to Alabaster. If it is nearing closing time, these people might not have time to get to their assigned polling location before 7:00 p.m. We don’t want that to happen to anyone.”

Waters urges voters to visit the [Alabama Votes](http://www.alabamavotes.gov) website to confirm their voting location before going to the polls. Voters must also bring a current (unexpired) photo ID to vote. “This is a huge election, so pack your patience. The lines could be long,” Waters added.

Waters said voters should enter through the banquet hall doors at the Pelham Civic Complex. Workers will assist those with special needs at the wheelchair-accessible side entrance facing the parking lot. Special needs voters go straight to the front of the line, which is a provided courtesy.

Finally, Waters encourages voters to show up. “There are 12,960 people on my voter registration list. The largest turnout we’ve ever had for an election is 27 percent.” Make your voice heard on Tuesday, November 5th.



## HOA Information Needed

### Call for Updated HOA Information

#### Attention Pelham Homeowners Associations:

The City of Pelham seeks updated contact information from all formal Homeowners Associations. Keeping your HOA's information current enables collaboration with the City of Pelham on key initiatives, provides a voice in city decision-making, and offers opportunities to connect with other HOAs to share successful strategies for building vibrant neighborhoods.

#### How to Submit Information:

Please have a representative contact Stacey Primero-Currier, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, at [spcurrier@pelhamalabama.gov](mailto:spcurrier@pelhamalabama.gov) or 205-620-6402.

Information to have on hand includes:

- Management company details (if applicable)
- List of board members and their contact information
- HOA website and social media links (if applicable)

We encourage all HOAs to get involved—your input helps shape Pelham's future!



## First Impressions

Many residents have expressed concerns over the appearance of the exits off I-65. Pelham has two exits, which serve as gateways to the city. For some travelers, these exits impact their first impression of Pelham.

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) is the agency in charge of maintenance of rights-of-way on state roads. The City of Pelham has been in talks with ALDOT to allow the city to take control over the upkeep and aesthetics of Exits 242 and 246. On Monday, October 21, 2024, the Pelham City Council voted to approve the agreement.

In the first year of the agreement, the Pelham Street Department will take over maintenance; the following year, the City of Pelham will put a landscape design plan in the budget to significantly improve the overall aesthetics.



## Water Lines & Traffic Relief

Better water service and improved traffic flow on Industrial Park Drive is one step closer to reality. Industrial Park Drive, which intersects with Lee Street and Bearden Road, is often congested with traffic as drivers try to access Highway 31.

The installation of the new water lines on Industrial Park Drive is complete, and technicians are working on service connections to the new lines.

In early November, work will begin on a new right turn lane from Industrial Park Drive to Highway 31 South. According to City Engineer Michael Eddington, the extended turn lane should relieve traffic backups at the busy intersection. "The right turn lane will be extended

to the Circle K driveway, allowing for more vehicles to enter the turn lane sooner. Drivers can then turn right on red when safe, avoiding vehicles waiting in line to turn left. The additional vehicle stacking will help reduce traffic blocking the intersection of Bearden Road and Industrial Drive."

Drivers will continue to see workers and equipment near the roadway with occasional lane closures. Drivers are encouraged to use caution and slow down.



## EMS Transport

The Shelby County Commission has delivered a second ambulance, which will be known as Medic 97, to the Pelham Fire Department. A third ambulance is expected to be delivered later this month. The new ambulances are part of Shelby County's investment to improve emergency medical services (EMS) response times, which currently average 45 minutes. Pelham Fire Chief Mike Reid highlighted that delays began during the COVID-19 pandemic and have continued, prompting the county to seek solutions. In collaboration with the county, Pelham and Alabaster will begin EMS transport on January 1, 2025. This joint effort aims to enhance EMS services, ensuring quicker response times and better outcomes for residents.



## A Well-Deserved Recognition

Detective Adam Schniper with the Pelham Police Department was surprised with a special honor at the October 21st City Council Meeting. Pelham Police Chief Brent Sugg recognized Schniper for his work with Compact and the community.

His Compact colleague, Detective Tommy Stewart with the Alabaster Police Department, wrote to Chief Sugg to bring merit to Schniper's work. He wrote, "Detective Schniper epitomizes what a true servant is. He is one of the most humble servants I know. He is a true friend who always puts the well-being of others above himself. He is dedicated to his profession as a law enforcement officer and has a humble and caring heart. However, when the time comes, the warrior comes out, and he is the one I would choose to be by my side in those situations. Detective Schniper is a true professional and friend to all. He is an example for all of us to follow."

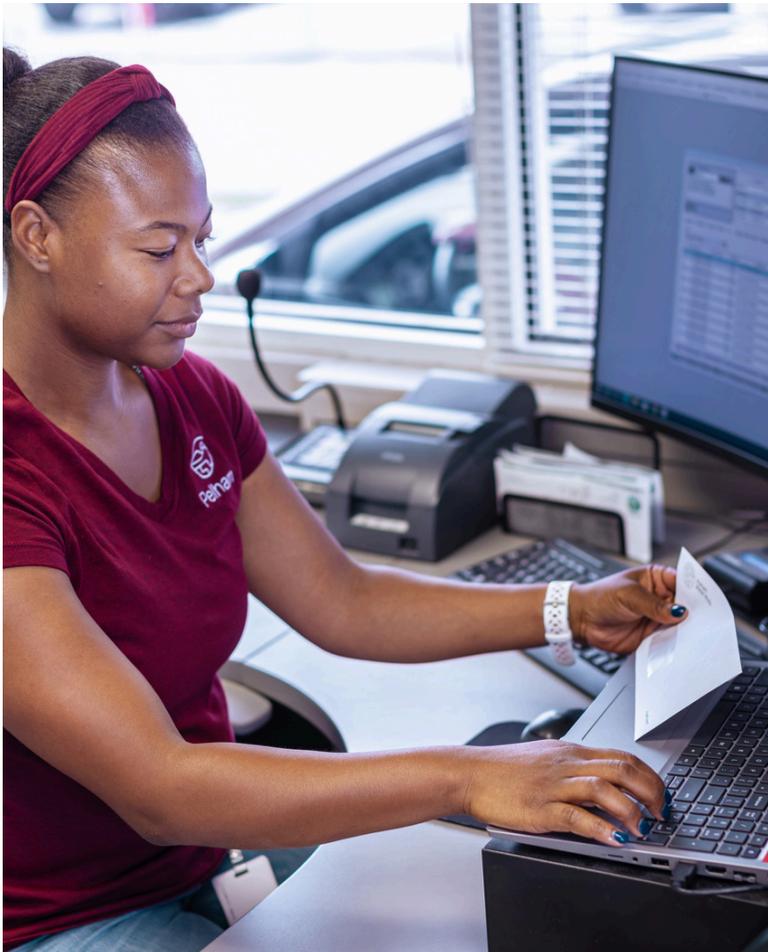
We congratulate Detective Schniper and extend our deepest gratitude for his excellent work and exemplary character.



## Ready to Help

In October, members of the Pelham Fire Department were on standby for deployment to Florida in response to Hurricane Milton. Pelham personnel, including Captain Patrick Smith, Lieutenant Daniel Shelton, Apparatus Operator Drew Babyak, and Apparatus Operator Mark Whitehurst, were set to join a strike team that consisted of engine companies and support vehicles from Pelham, Cahaba Valley, Chelsea, Irondale, and Oneonta.

Ultimately, the support teams from Alabama were not needed in Florida but were ready and willing to respond to help those affected by the hurricane.

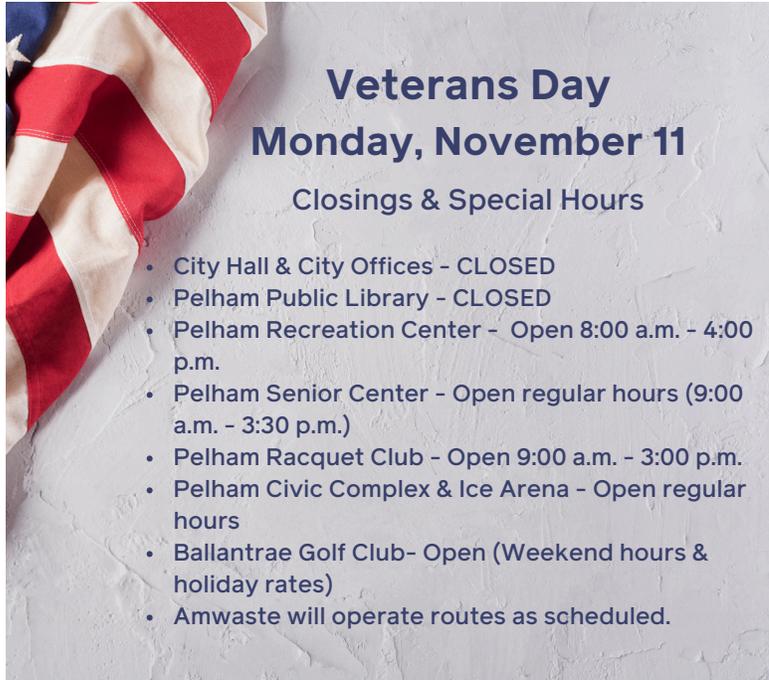


## Your City At Work

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 NEOGOV to provide support to new hires from the Human Resources Department.
- Entered an agreement with the Government and Economic Development Institute at Auburn University (GEDI) for employee customer training.
- Entered into a service agreement with Placer Labs, Inc. (Placer.ai) to provide enhanced demographic data for the City of Pelham.
- Approved a contract with ETC Institute to design and administer a Citizen Survey.
- Approved an extension and a three-year lease agreement between the City of Pelham and the Alabama-Northwest Florida Section, Professional Golf Association (PGA) of America, for office space at Ballantrae Golf Club.
- Entered an agreement with Bluefin Payment Systems, LLC, for credit card payment processing for utility billing.
- Authorized the release of street bond money and accepted the dedication of certain public streets and rights-of-way located in the Ballantrae subdivision, Kirkwall at Ballantrae, Phase 5 (Kirkwall Lane), previously approved by the Pelham Planning Commission.
- Accepted the lowest and most responsive bid from Taylor Corporation for the Lift Station "F" Phase 2 upgrades and improvements and authorized the mayor to execute the Notice of Award.
- Entered a service agreement with Southeastern Refrigeration to provide routine and preventive maintenance on the recently commissioned turbo chiller at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.
- Elected to participate in the Shelby County Solid Waste Management Plan under the Code of Alabama (1975), as amended.
- Approved an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to purchase four in-vehicle camera systems for the Pelham Police Department's new 2024 Chevrolet Tahoes.

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## Veterans Day Monday, November 11

### Closings & Special Hours

- City Hall & City Offices - CLOSED
- Pelham Public Library - CLOSED
- Pelham Recreation Center - Open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Pelham Senior Center - Open regular hours (9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
- Pelham Racquet Club - Open 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena - Open regular hours
- Ballantrae Golf Club- Open (Weekend hours & holiday rates)
- Amwaste will operate routes as scheduled.



## Thanksgiving Weekend Closings & Special Hours

### Thursday, November 28, 2024

- City Hall, City offices, and all City facilities - CLOSED
- Amwaste will not collect trash on Thanksgiving Day. The only pickup of the week for Monday/Thursday routes will be Monday, November 25th.

### Friday, November 29, 2024

- City Hall & City Offices - CLOSED
- Pelham Public Library - CLOSED November 29 & 30
- Pelham Recreation Center - Open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Pelham Senior Center - CLOSED
- Pelham Racquet Club - Open 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena - Open regular hours
- Ballantrae Golf Club - Open (Holiday hours & rates)
- Amwaste will operate routes as scheduled.

- Approved an ABC 040-Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) license and an ABC 060-Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) license for Ooka Grill and Sushi House, Inc., located at 2005 Valleydale Road, Suites 5 & 6.
- Approved an ABC 150-Special Retail License (30 days or less) for Legends Music, LLC, operating under the trade name Oak Mountain Fall Fair 2024.
- Adopted a “stay” on enforcement action on short-term residential rentals until February 28, 2025, or the adoption of a new zoning code.
- Revoked the business and alcohol license of Santuario, LLC, operating under the trade name El Santuario, located at 400 Keystone Court, Pelham.
- Entered an Interstate 65 (Exits 242 and 246 right-of-way maintenance agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT).
- Entered an installation, maintenance, and/or landscaping agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for a proposed gateway sign at U.S. Highway 31 and Alabama Highway 261.
- Entered an agreement with Shelby County Parks and Recreation Authority (SCPARA) to perform clearing and grading for Phase IV of the Greenway Trail from Campus No. 124 to The Canopy.
- Approved a master contract with Alabama Power Company for public safety services.
- Approved an FY2025 recruitment compensation incentive for the Pelham Police Department.
- Amended the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham, changing the present zoning A-1 (Agriculture District) to M-1 (Light Industrial District) for property located at 1600 Shelby County Highway 33 in Pelham. The property contains approximately 3.72(+/-) of vacant, mostly wooded property.
- Amended the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham, changing the present zoning R-1 (Residential District) to A-1 (Agriculture District) for property located at 694 Shelby County Highway 35 in Pelham. A restriction on livestock was included.
- Voted not to revoke the business license of Lil Bits Tavern.
- Voted not to revoke the business license of Pub 261.