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Welcome to Pelham

Business licenses were recently granted to:

- 2061MCA, LLC
- Dominion Evangel Education Ministries
- Gameday Men's Health
- IFix It, LLC
- IPlan
- JRP Properties, LLC
- Omega Rez 6B, LLC
- Parkway Family Dentistry
- Real Good Mechanic, LLC
- Rishay Kelly
- Sandra Garmon
- Signal Property Management

**Some existing Pelham businesses on this list may be under new ownership.*

RISE & SHINE

Breakfast Eatery Coming to the Canopy

The restaurant options are expanding in Pelham, and the most recent announcement is causing much buzz around town. Big Bad Breakfast will bring its renowned Southern-inspired menu to the Canopy at Oak Mountain, with plans to open in the Spring of 2025. The popular breakfast and lunch eatery will join Taco Mac, Cahaba Cycles, and Mountain High Outfitters at the Canopy.

Big Bad Breakfast is known for its creative take on classic breakfast dishes such as fluffy biscuits, signature omelets, and locally sourced ingredients. The restaurant concept was the brainchild of Chef John Currence, a New Orleans-born James Beard Award-winning chef. There are 20 Big Bad Breakfast locations across the southeast, with two in the Birmingham metro area.

"We are excited to welcome Big Bad Breakfast to the Canopy," said John Benner, current president of Genrev Properties, one of the developers. "Their dedication to great food and exceptional service fits perfectly with the Canopy's goal of bringing new and vibrant restaurants and other businesses to the people of Pelham and North Shelby County."

City leaders say this announcement is part of the bigger picture. "The vision for Pelham's entertainment district was outlined in our comprehensive plan in 2019, and our elected officials and staff members have been working diligently with our outstanding partners to bring that vision to life," said City Manager Gretchen

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DiFante. She pointed to the revitalization efforts of underused spaces, like the formerly vacant Canopy property, the cleanup of blighted areas, like the former Travel Lodge, and the revitalization of existing structures, like the log cabin where Mountain High Outfitters is located, as examples of adherence to the plan.

DiFante continued, “We know this area will offer the vibrant entertainment space our residents have requested. We are grateful to (development partner) John Michael Bodnar for his belief and continued investment in that vision for Pelham.”

Additional retail spaces are available for lease within the Canopy at Oak Mountain. For information, visit the [Southpace Properties website](#).



Morin Process Equipment

Morin Process Equipment has grown tremendously in the ten years since it has been in Pelham. Founders April and Danny Morin are now expanding and building a new facility on Huntley Parkway. The new Pelham location will be the company's flagship and headquarters, including facilities in Decatur and Mobile.

“The new Pelham construction is a very significant move for our companies. It is an important step in supporting our fast growth and continued service for the power, steel, chemical, marine, water, and other industries across the Southeast,” said Danny Morin. “The new Pelham location will also house the Morin Valves & Controls headquarters with state-of-the-art testing, assembling, and distribution center to support Jim Traylor and his team over the MVC division.”

With the new facility will come new employment opportunities. Morin said, “In the coming year and beyond, we expect significant hiring as we grow the Pelham facility.” He expects to fill 20-25 engineering, technical, and sales positions.

April and Danny Morin started the company in 2007 out of their home. The couple built the business from scratch and now employs over 100 people in three locations. The company includes Morin Process Equipment, Morin Valves & Controls, Morin Repair Services, and the

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newest addition of Morin Marine, which services the Gulf Coast. The Morin Companies service the power, steel, marine, automotive, water, mining, general industrial, and other industries with process equipment such as pumps, valves, heat exchangers, and gearboxes. “We provide engineering, support, service, repair, and distribution for these industries and customers across the Southeast and beyond,” explained Morin.

When asked why the Morins chose Pelham as the headquarters for their company ten years ago, Danny Morin said the location couldn't be beat. “It is perfectly located in a central location for our employees and distribution throughout the Southeast.” He praised the City of Pelham and its leaders for their support. “Pelham has been an absolute pleasure to work with. They treat us like customers and work with us in every way possible to succeed in the industry and as partners.”

A New Purpose

Two vacant buildings have been torn down, potentially paving the way for a better use of prime creek-side property.

The Pelham City Council revoked the Travelodge business license in September 2022, citing violations of health and safety codes, such as rotting floors and exposed electrical wiring. After sitting vacant for two years, Connor Farmer of Highpointe Properties purchased the property and the vacant Pizza Hut building. Both buildings were demolished, leaving a blank slate for development along a beautiful section of Bishop Creek.



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Connor Farmer owns the adjacent land, and is a stakeholder in Creekside Barbecue. According to Michael Simon, Economic Development Director for the City of Pelham, Farmer is committed to enhancing the property to take advantage of the creek behind it. “We're excited for Connor's vision. He plans to enlarge the property's

footprint for future development.” Farmer also owns land across Bishop Creek, and his company is in a renovated space formerly occupied by Cock of the Walk restaurant. “There are many possibilities for this land, especially with the potential for connectivity to the Greenway Trail and the proximity to Oak Mountain State Park. We can't wait to see what the future holds,” said Simon.



Jack's Grand Opening

Residents on the east side of Pelham now have a fast food option. Jack's Family Restaurant opened at 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 200 Oak Mountain Trail Drive, just off Highway 52 to a big crowd. The first 50 people in line received free breakfast for a month, and a ribbon cutting was held with Pelham elected officials, Toro, the Birmingham Bulls mascot, and the Pelham High School cheerleaders in attendance. Jack's, a well-known regional brand, will serve the chain's famous made-from-scratch biscuits, hand-breaded chicken, made-to-order burgers, and hand-dipped milkshakes.

The new Jack's location will bring about 50-60 new jobs to Pelham. The company invested about \$3 million dollars into the project. CEO Todd Bartmess is proud to

serve the people of Pelham. "This community is all about good times and great food, and we're excited to bring our Southern favorites to your table," he said. The company invested an estimated three million dollars in the project. The Pelham location is corporately owned and not franchised.

Jack's was founded in 1960 in Homewood, Alabama, by Jack Caddell. The first restaurant was a walk-up burger stand that sold hamburgers for 15 cents. The chain now boasts over 260 locations in Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, and Mississippi.



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