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Public Hearing

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to consider Ordinance No. 135-266, which would change city zoning from A-1 (Agricultural District) and R-1 (Residential Single Family District) to R-G (Residential Garden Home District) for a property located along Oak Mountain State Road, and Shelby County Highway 33.

If the City Council votes to change the zoning, developer and land owner Randy Goggans can move forward with his plans to build approximately 225 homes on 244 acres of property. The subdivision, also known as Oakmont, will have two entrances: one on Oak Mountain State Park Road, and one on County Highway 33.

The public is invited to the hearing to ask questions about the project.



Volunteers Needed

The Pelham City Council is accepting applications and resumes through Wednesday, February 12 for the following municipal boards:

- Pelham Board of Education
- Pelham Storm Water Board
- Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeal

- Pelham Commercial Development Authority
- Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment

The application is available on the [City of Pelham website](#). The City Clerk/Treasurer will acknowledge receipt of the application and resume by email.

City Council Actions

- Voted to upgrade 11 traffic intersections from the current loop detection system to a camera detection system.
- Approved a proposal for slide gate modifications at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Released bond money and accepted the public street and rights-of-way in the Grey Oaks Subdivision, Sectors 5 & 7,
- Accepted the Community Action Partnership of Middle Alabama grant in the amount of \$2,500 for a gardening program at the Pelham Senior Center.



Closings & Special Hours for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Please take note of some closings and special hours for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 20, 2025.

Pelham City Hall & Administrative Offices: CLOSED

Pelham Public Library: CLOSED

Pelham Senior Center: CLOSED

Pelham Recreation Center: Special Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena: Open with normal operating hours.

Ballantrae Golf Club: Normal weekday hours. Holiday rates apply.

Pelham Racquet Club: Special Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Amwaste routes will run as scheduled.

Pelham City Council Meeting: Rescheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2025

CITIZEN SURVEY

The City of Pelham is conducting a citizen survey in order to set priorities, including strategic planning, and budgeting for the coming years. The survey is administered by ETC Institute, who sends out the surveys to a sample of citizens who are reflective of the demographics of Pelham. Not every citizen will receive a survey.

“This is not a process where we put out a link and people take the survey. We work with ETC



Institute to get an accurate sampling. We do not get to see the lists, and we don't know who received surveys,” stated City Manager Gretchen DiFante.

The results of the survey should be available sometime in February. “We're looking forward to seeing the top priorities according to our citizens,” DiFante added.

ETC Institute conducted a similar survey for the City of Pelham a few years ago. At that time, the top priorities were flooding and drainage, and traffic. “We look forward to seeing what our top priorities are for this survey group,” said DiFante.

EMS TRANSPORT

The Pelham Fire Department has launched its own in-house EMS transport services, aiming to improve emergency response times and continuity of care for the community. The new service, driven by increasing ambulance response times from third-party providers, marks a significant shift in local emergency medical services (EMS) and is anticipated to enhance critical care outcomes for Pelham residents.

The City of Pelham received three ambulances, which were funded by Shelby County. The Pelham Fire Department has spent the past year hiring and training additional staff, setting up medical billing, and stocking the ambulances with supplies.

Read the full story on page 16 of the latest edition of [The Pelham Pathway magazine](#).

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Pelham Parks & Recreation Stands Out in the Crowd

At the most recent District III meeting of the Alabama Recreation & Park Association (ARPA), leaders from around the state honored staff and volunteers who stand out in Parks and Recreation. Among a long list of city and local associations making an impact, one city stood out with multiple winners across categories: Pelham.

Brian Cooper, Director of Pelham Parks & Recreation, took time during the meeting to thank all the staff and volunteers for the outstanding work they put into this season and said, "Pelham Parks and Recreation has a great working relationship with ARPA helping to foster the ARPAs mission... to enhance the quality of life for Alabama citizens every day."

Jay Logan, District III Chair and Director of Community Outreach, Athletics, and Senior Programming at Tuscaloosa

County Park & Recreation Authority, awarded this year's winners, including four from Pelham Parks & Recreation:

Jake Dickens
ARPA District III Merit in Parks Award

Jared Thornton
ARPA District III Innovative Program of the Year - NHL Street

Tabitha Dudley
ARPA District and State New Professional Award 2024

Jim Collins
ARPA Community Service Award
Pelham Garden Club

Each award winner will move on to be considered for awards at the state level.

To learn more about the award-winning entries and programs, please read the full article on the [Pelham Parks & Recreation website](#).



Amwaste Recycling By the Numbers

Amwaste shared some good news with the City of Pelham. As announced by Gretchen DiFante in the Pelham City Council meeting on December 16, Amwaste's recycling volumes through October was 25,114.72 tons of waste for the entire Cahaba Valley Waste Authority. This means the recycling you place on the curb for your second pickup of the week is being collected by Amwaste, and then sent to Repower South in Montgomery for recycling.

We commend all residents who use their second pickup of the week to recycle. Let's keep Pelham looking its best, and recyclable waste out of the landfills!

