

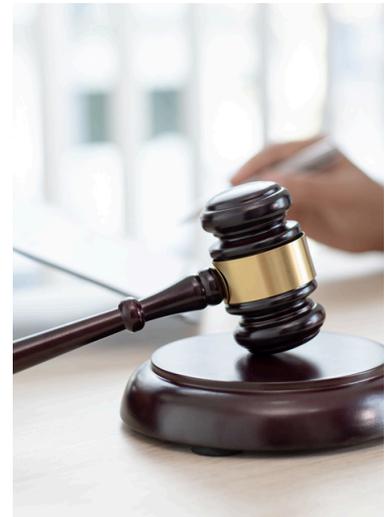


## Enhancing EMT

The Pelham City Council approved the job description and pay scale for a new position in the Pelham Fire Department. The position of Chief of EMS and Training Division will replace the position of EMS Director. The move was made to

consolidate EMS and fire training under one head.

The new leadership position is part of the changes to accommodate the Pelham Fire Department's enhanced EMT efforts, and new transport services.



## City Council Notes

- Declared certain vehicles from the Pelham Parks & Recreation department as surplus.
- Entered into a public works contract with Gate Keeper Construction to replace the rear electric gate at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Awarded a bid to Mark Johnson Construction for the Sanitary Sewer Lift Station - B Dry Prime Pump Replacement Installation Project.
- Entered into a professional services agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood for construction surveying and project staking for the Greenway Trail, Phase IV.
- Declared bleachers belonging to the Parks & Recreation department as surplus.
- Entered into a broker listing agreement extension with Mark Dinan for the Oak Mountain Trail properties.
- Approved the job description and pay scale for a new position in the Pelham Fire Department (Chief of EMS and Training Division).



## 2025 Street Paving

Eighteen neighborhood streets are scheduled for resurfacing this summer. The 2025 resurfacing plan includes Chandalar Drive & Office Park Circle, Dalton Drive, Hunters Trace, Huntmaster Lane, Red Fox Drive, Fox Hound Trail, Royal Chase Drive, Royal Place, Chase Drive, Willow Bend Road,

Ryecroft Circle, Canyon Park Drive, Canyon Trail, Canyon Park Place, Canyon Park Circle, Cambrian Ridge Drive, Cambrian Ridge Trail, and Tecumseh Lane.

The estimated timeline for paving is May through September. The total project cost is \$1.25 million.

Read more about the street resurfacing plan on the [City of Pelham website](#).



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**International Ice**

Pelham figure skater Adria Liliac is making a name for herself on the world stage. Although she's been skating since she was five, Adria has dedicated herself entirely to competitive skating since 2020. In December 2024, her dedication to the sport landed Adria in her first International Skating Union (ISU) competition abroad. She finished 3rd in the Romanian Junior Women's National Championships.

Adria's skating journey began when her grandmother visited from Romania, her family's home country. Unaccustomed to the heat, she sought a place to cool off. Luckily, the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena was near Adria's home. The two went ice skating, and what began as a simple way to beat the heat became a lifelong passion.

Read Adria Liliac's story and learn about her plans on the [Pelham Civic Center & Ice Arena website](#).

**REQUEST WITHDRAWN**

A rezoning request that would change the city zoning from A-1 (Agricultural District) and R-1 (Residential Single Family District) to R-G (Residential Garden Home District) for property along Oak Mountain State Park Road, and Shelby County Highway 33 has been withdrawn.

Developer and land owner Randy Goggans withdrew his request, which was up for a vote by the Pelham City Council. If the City Council had voted in favor of the rezoning, Goggans planned to construct approximately 225 homes on 244 acres of property.

There is no word on why the request was withdrawn or what Goggans plans for the land.



**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE**

The Pelham City Council is accepting applications and resumes from Pelham residents who would like to be considered for an appointment to one of the following municipal boards: Pelham Board of Education, Pelham Storm Water Board, Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeal, Pelham Commercial Development Authority, or the Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The deadline is Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. An application is available on the [City of Pelham website](#).

**GREENWAY TRAIL: THE NEXT PHASE**

Work is set to begin on the next phase of the Pelham Greenway Trail. A contract has been awarded, and construction will start at the end of February.

Phase IV will connect Pelham's Entertainment District at Campus 124 with the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. It will join the existing trail that connects with The Canopy, and ultimately, the entrance of Oak Mountain State Park.

Plans call for the trail to go under Highway 31 along the creek to the top of the parking lot at the Civic Center.



## Eagle Scout Project

Sam Woodall, a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 548, plans to preserve some of Pelham's history with his Eagle Scout project. With the support of the Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge #1738, Woodall will locate the grave sites of military veterans at the Pelham City Cemetery and clean and restore the headstones. For a lasting legacy, Woodall will research each veteran and put together a book for the Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge to preserve this aspect of local history.

Woodall presented his plan to the Pelham City Council on January 22nd. The Council members enthusiastically approved Woodall's project.

Volunteers, including members of Troop 548, the Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge, and family and friends, have agreed to help. He said 15-20 volunteers per work day are needed, and there will be at least five work days. Woodall plans to begin work in the first week of February, and finish by the middle of March. He welcomes any member of the community who would like to help restore the headstones.

In his presentation to the City Council, Woodall estimated his project would cost \$119.32, including purchasing all materials necessary for the cleanup. He explained he plans to use a D/2 biological solution to clean the

headstones, which is environmentally friendly. "This solution contains no bleach, salts, solvents, or acids. It is biodegradable and safe for plants and animals," explained Woodall. In addition, he will use a hand-held pump sprayer, soft and hard brushes, nylon detail brushes, plastic scrapers, and bamboo fine detail scrapers.

Sharon Jaden with the Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge #1738 said their chapter visits the Pelham City Cemetery before Memorial Day and Veterans Day to place flags on veterans' graves. "Some of these markers go back many years. There's a lot of history there."

The Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge is a long-time supporter of the Boy Scouts Troop 548 and often applies for grants to assist the group. "We have given \$5,000 in the past few years to replace out-of-date camping supplies and to pay for other needs," explained Jaden.

To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a candidate must demonstrate leadership through the Eagle Scout project by planning, organizing, and executing the project. The candidate must also manage a team of volunteers, and the project should benefit a community organization or group.

