



### NHL Street Court Construction Begins

One of the most exciting additions to City Park is the construction of a brand-new NHL Street Court where the old playground once stood. Once completed, the court will provide a space for the growing street hockey program. This unique addition reflects the City's growing emphasis on multi-sport accessibility and creative use of public space.

## Park Projects

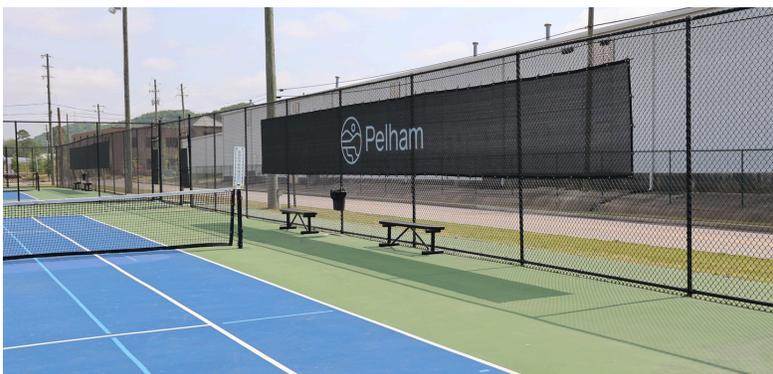
Pelham City Park is buzzing with progress this spring as multiple improvement projects are underway. These investments, from new amenities to upgraded facilities, reflect the City's continued commitment to creating a welcoming and versatile space for residents and visitors of all ages.

### New Pavilions

Two new pavilions are under construction near the large playground and splash pad, a much-needed addition to the park's popular play area. Once completed, these new amenities will provide families and groups with a shaded space to relax, host picnics, or celebrate special occasions. The pavilions will also feature picnic tables and trash receptacles to encourage cleanliness and convenience for park users.

### Tennis Center Receives Fence Upgrade

Work is now complete at the Pelham Tennis Center, where the fencing around the hard courts has been replaced. The original fencing had aged significantly, and the new installation will offer improved durability, safety, and aesthetics. This isn't just a structural improvement—it's also a chance to enhance the look and feel of the facility. New windscreens proudly represent the City and Pelham High School Tennis—a perfect match on and off the court.



### Continued Investment in Recreation

These projects at City Park are part of a broader vision to invest in Pelham's parks and recreation infrastructure continually. Recreation is at the core of what makes Pelham so special, and each improvement, whether structural, recreational, or community-focused, is designed to foster connection, encourage healthy lifestyles, and support the diverse needs of Pelham's growing population.





## Water Main Replacement Project

The City is replacing the water mains along Crosscreek Trail and Creekview Drive to provide more reliable water service to our customers. As with all construction projects, there will be some inconveniences occasionally, including some traffic disruptions and several short-duration water outages. You will receive advanced

notice from the Water Department for scheduled water outages. Unfortunately, unplanned water outages could also occur due to accidental damage from construction, in which case, the water main will be repaired immediately. We will do our best to minimize inconveniences related to this work.

Work began in April, and the project is expected to take approximately eight months to complete, and ending around November/December 2025. This timeline is approximate and could change due to factors outside of the City or contractor's control (such as weather). Please [visit the City Project's webpage](#) for updates to this timeline. Click on "Interactive Dashboard" to see the status of current City projects.

If you have questions or concerns, call the Water Department at 205.620.6420 or the project manager, Andrew Golden with Municipal Consultants, Inc., at 205.822.0387.



## Maintaining Pelham's "Front Yard"

The City of Pelham recently entered into an agreement with ALDOT to take over maintenance of the I-65 interchanges within the city limits. We want these areas to always look clean and welcoming. Our Public Works crew began mowing in mid-April.

This is just the first step. Landscaping plans are in the works to make these key entrances to our city even more beautiful. Thanks to our Public Works team for making Pelham shine!



## The Quick & Easy Way to Schedule Yard Debris Pickup

Amwaste handles all yard debris removal services for Pelham residents and is on demand. To schedule a pickup, use the Pelham 311 app or visit Pelham 311 online: [grco.de/bfscYU](http://grco.de/bfscYU)

Scheduling is quick and easy, ensuring the timely collection of your yard waste. Please remember to follow [Amwaste's guidelines](#) for bagging and bundling debris.

## Better Streets

The City's annual street resurfacing project is in full swing. Crews have already completed work on Willow Bend Road and Ryecroft Circle. Additional resurfacing is scheduled for Tecumseh Trail, Tecumseh Lane, Royal Chase Drive, Royal Place, Chase Drive, Dalton Drive, Chandalar Drive & Office Park Circle, Ryecroft Road, Canyon Park Drive, Canyon Trail, Canyon Park Place, Canyon Park Circle, Cambrian Ridge Drive, Cambrian Ridge Trail, Huntmaster Lane, Red Fox Drive, Fox Hound Trail, Hunters Trace, and Valley View Drive.

If you are in one of the affected areas, please refrain from parking vehicles on the street. Additionally, please note that this work may cause some inconvenience to you. We will do our best to minimize them. Please feel free to contact the City Engineer at 205.620.6408 with any questions or concerns.

[Read More on the City's Five-Year Paving Plan](#)



Annual Street Resurfacing



### Your Questions

## Highway 261 Widening Project

**Q:** A Facebook user recently asked, "What's the latest on the Highway 261 widening project?"

**A:** The latest information from ALDOT states right of way acquisition is still underway. Utility relocation should begin in 2026.



## Spring Brings Great Conditions to Ballantrae Golf Club

As the weather warms up, golfers are heading to Ballantrae Golf Club in growing numbers—and it's easy to see why. The city-owned course is in fantastic shape this season, thanks to the hard work of the grounds crew and a little help from Mother Nature. General Manager Hal Brown shared that the course greened up quickly this year, allowing the team to begin mowing earlier than usual.

Golf Course Superintendent Rodney Bryant and his crew recently completed a landscaping project around the clubhouse, adding fresh visual appeal to the entrance. New lighting was also installed to enhance safety and aesthetics. The only bump in the fairway was a lightning strike that damaged a main irrigation line on Hole 14 during a recent spring storm. Fortunately, repairs were made quickly, and play continued without much delay. "Customers have nothing but great things to say about course conditions, including how well the greens are rolling, along with the great condition of the bunkers," Brown said.



Enforcement of the zoning codes includes the removal of abandoned pole signs.



From Zoning and Building inspectors, to police, fire, and finance, many departments work together for a safer and more aesthetically pleasing city.



## Cleaning Up Pelham: Zoning Team Makes Major Strides

If you've noticed Pelham looking cleaner and more orderly lately, you're not imagining things. The City's zoning team has been hard at work enforcing ordinances, cracking down on violations, and enhancing our community's visual appeal and safety.

"When we have conducted citizen surveys or focus groups, the main thing people discuss is how the city looks," said City Manager Gretchen DiFante. "Pelham, like many cities that grew up on the Highway 31 corridor, grew rapidly with few or no zoning regulations. Fast forward fifty years, and we have a city that reflects that pattern."

To address this, the City Council voted on April 21 to repeal and replace the Zoning Ordinance—a significant step toward ensuring modern, effective zoning policies. It's the first comprehensive update of the code, and one of several changes made over the last seven years to improve how Pelham grows.

### Enforcing the Code

From January 1, 2024, to the present (476 days), zoning inspectors identified 423 businesses or structures operating without proper permits or with building violations. In the same period, 68 businesses were discovered operating without a license, most unaware of the requirement. But as DiFante put it, "The message is getting out, and behaviors are changing."

Perhaps the most noticeable change has come from the

removal of abandoned signage. What was once a common eyesore in Pelham's business corridors has nearly vanished. In 2023, inspectors removed 4,200 small signs from city rights-of-way—about 11.5 per day. In 2024, that number dropped to just 1,400, averaging 3.8 per day. Abandoned pole signs have dropped from 38 to just six.

And the most frequent complaint from residents? Yard parking. A total of 1,302 citations have been issued, averaging 2.7 violations per day. "It's the biggest citizen complaint we get," DiFante said.

### The Team and the Tools

One reason for these outstanding results is the strong collaboration between multiple departments working together toward a common goal. When we talk about Pelham's zoning team, it's more than just the zoning inspectors on the ground. It includes finance and business license office staff, IT professionals who manage and analyze real-time property data through geographic information systems (GIS), and even a dedicated police officer focused on zoning violations.

The team also works closely with the City's building staff and the Office of the Fire Marshal to ensure that properties meet safety standards. This coordinated, citywide approach makes zoning enforcement in Pelham efficient and effective, keeping neighborhoods and business districts safe, orderly, and visually appealing.

## 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.

- Approved participation in the WBRC Fox 6 2025 Summer Staycation Campaign.
- Appointed citizens to fill vacancies in Place Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 5 on the City of Pelham Commercial Development Authority.
- Accepted the lowest and most responsive bid for upgrades and improvements at Sewer Lift Stations "KOA" and "P" and to authorize the mayor to execute the Notice of Award.
- Accepted the lowest and most responsive bid for the city's FY2025 street resurfacing projects.
- Accepted the lowest and most responsive bid for a remote-controlled commercial mower for the Public Works Department.
- Approved a Water Resources, Conservation, and Emergency Plan for the City of Pelham.
- Accepted the sole bid, plus alternate for street hockey dasher boards and netting for the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Accepted the CAWACO R&D grant of \$7,500 for the benefit of the Pelham Garden Club.
- Accepted the lowest and most responsible bid for the US-31 Roadway Lighting Project.
- Approved an ABC license for special events retail for Margarita Grill Cinco de Mayo.
- Authorized the funding and phasing of City Park Baseball Complex improvements.
- Appointed a citizen to the Pelham Board of Education, Place 2, with the term of office ending on May 31, 2030.
- Deannexed property owned by the North Shelby Library District, containing approximately 4.490 acres, located at 5521 Cahaba Valley Road.
- Approved the 2025 contract with Pyro Shows of Alabama for the City's annual "Fire on the Water" fireworks show on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at Oak Mountain State Park.
- Authorized the purchase of software from CivicPlus to improve the City's internal workflows and provide more accessible digital services for residents.
- Accepted a Network Designation Grant award from Innovate Alabama.
- Accepted a proposal from Pinnacle Custom Signs to install one gateway sign on Shelby County Highway 11 near the entrance of Wild Timber.
- Approved a summary change order for HVAC improvements at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.
- Approved a summary change order to amend the original contract amount for services related to the turbo chiller replacement project at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.
- Repealed and replaced the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Pelham.
- Amended and repealed certain sections of Chapter 5 of the Pelham Code of Ordinances pertaining to business licenses.
- Annexed real property owned by Stephan Allen Thompson and Mary Jeanette Thompson, located at 1063 Shelby County Highway 72.
- Annexed real property owned by Benjamin Thompson and Katie Thompson located at 1060 Shelby County Highway 72.



### Memorial Day Closings & Special Hours

**Pelham City Hall & Administrative Offices:**  
CLOSED

**Pelham Public Library:**  
CLOSED

**Pelham Senior Center:**  
CLOSED

**Pelham Rec Center:**  
Open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Pelham Racquet Club:**  
Open 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Ballantrae Golf Club:**  
Open all day (holiday hours & rates)

**Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena:**  
CLOSED Sunday & Monday

**Amwaste:**  
Monday pickups will be shifted to Tuesday