



## Exciting Progress on Pelham's Culinary Scene

There's exciting momentum all around Pelham, with visible progress taking place at several key restaurant locations.

Big Bad Breakfast is moving right along at its new location in The Canopy on Amphitheater Road, just across from the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. The project has reached the interior framing stage, bringing it one step closer to opening. It won't be long before the smell of bacon and biscuits fills the air.

Just down the road on Highway 31 near the Pelham Public Library, Edgar's Bakery is taking shape. The exterior is being bricked, and the building is starting to reflect the classic Edgar's charm locals know and love.

Waldo's Chicken and Beer, also located near the library, is nearing completion. On July 21, the Pelham City Council approved an ABC liquor license for the restaurant. Local operating partner Casey Atherton says the team hopes to open in the first or second week of August, adding, "We're excited to be in Pelham."

Not far away, Bojangles is giving new life to the old Burger King location on Highway 31 near Mi Pueblo and PNC Bank. The exterior has already been refreshed, and interior renovations are underway.

Stay tuned for more updates as construction wraps up and grand opening dates are announced.

## City Places Temporary pause on new vape & hemp retailers



In response to recent changes in state law, the Pelham City Council has approved a temporary moratorium on new businesses that sell hemp or vape products within city limits. The decision was made during the July 21 council meeting following the passage of two new state laws, Act 2025-385 and Act 2025-403, which introduce new licensing and regulatory requirements for products containing THC, CBD, nicotine, and similar substances.

Assistant City Manager Justin Smith said the temporary pause allows for a better understanding of the city's responsibilities under the updated state laws. The moratorium is scheduled to remain in effect through December 31, 2026.

## Community-Driven Priorities for the Oak Mountain Amphitheatre Site

The feedback we received during ReAmp: Reimagine OMA highlights a shared vision: creating a connected, vibrant, and welcoming destination that reflects Pelham's natural beauty and community character. Here are the common themes that emerged from the community engagement sessions:

### Site Design: Connectivity, Nature, and Accessibility

Participants expressed a strong desire for seamless connectivity within the site, to surrounding properties, and to key destinations like the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. A well-integrated trail system and creek access are seen not only as recreational features but as defining elements of the site's identity.

Creating a walkable, pedestrian-friendly environment was a top priority, complemented by bike lanes that link trails with major roads. The site's natural setting, from its topography to its water features, was emphasized as an asset to be embraced and preserved. There was also strong support for fully accessible environments that welcome individuals of all abilities. Unique play structures woven into the landscape and thoughtful attention to floodways and natural landscaping further underscored the community's desire to blend functionality with beauty.

### Development Approach: Thoughtful, Scaled, and Diverse

Community members favored a mixed-use approach that combines dining, retail, entertainment, office space, and carefully planned residential options. Residents repeatedly emphasized the importance of right-sizing the development to fit Pelham's character, avoiding anything overwhelming in scale.

A successful development should attract activity both day and night, with a high-quality tenant mix that includes respected retail and dining brands. Stakeholders also expressed the need to avoid redundancy by not duplicating offerings already available in the city.

The idea of a village or town center approach was warmly received, with a focus on creating a place where people can gather, interact, and feel a sense of belonging. Indoor and outdoor recreation space, as well as strong branding and identity, were seen as critical to long-term success.

### Placemaking: A Unique Destination for All Generations

The community voiced a clear call for an active, vibrant entertainment district that serves as Pelham's new heart, a true city center. Desired features include an active green space with shade, a community stage or pavilion, and a civic space for social events, gatherings, and festivals.



Participants envisioned a place that welcomes all ages, emphasizing a multigenerational, family-oriented draw. The space should also offer opportunities to honor Pelham's past while creating new memories, reinforcing a deep sense of place and belonging.

By staying true to Pelham's natural setting and celebrating its unique identity, the community hopes to create a destination that's not just new but authentically Pelham.





## Welcome to Pelham

Business licenses were granted to the following individuals, companies, and firms in June 2025. Some existing Pelham businesses on this list may be under new ownership.

### Ambulatory Health Care Services

- Abundant Benefits & Counseling, LLC

### Electrical Contractors

- Parra Electric Co, LLC

### Landscape Services

- Champions Landscaping, LLC

### Lessors of Real Estate

- Atlas Property Services
- Maynard, LLC
- MDR Holdings, LLC
- Prickett Partners, LLP
- Vu The Nguyen
- Wayne Grubb

### Management Consulting Services

- Jessica Robertson

### Non-Store Retailers

- Stephani McDowell

### Offices of Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapists & Audiologists

- Divine Pediatrics, LLC

### Offices of Physicians

- Vascular Interventional Specialists of Alabama

### Offices of Real Estate Agents/Brokers

- AKS Realty Group, LLC

### Other Specialty Food Stores

- Sweet Treats by Hayley, LLC

### Residential Building Construction

- Starpoint Builders, LLC

### Services for the Elderly & Persons with Disabilities

- Amada Senior Care/Devon Health LLC

### Wood Products Manufacturer

- Damon M. Hammett