



Fall Shredding & E-Recycling Event

It's time to start cleaning out your filing cabinets and old electronics! The City of Pelham will host its bi-annual free Shredding & E-Recycling Event on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in front of Pelham City Hall.

Residents may bring up to six boxes of documents for secure, on-site shredding, along with select electronic items for recycling. This convenient drive-through event is offered twice a year in partnership with Secure Shredding & Recycling.

For a complete list of guidelines and accepted items, [please visit the City of Pelham website.](#)



Accessibility Improvements

The City of Pelham is committed to making neighborhoods more accessible for everyone. Each year, the city budgets to install curb ramps and upgrade sidewalks in a neighborhood to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

This year's improvements will take place in the Stonehaven neighborhood, with work expected to begin in September and last 60 days.



Highway 11 & Grey Oaks Traffic Study

A contract for a traffic light warrant study at Highway 11 and Grey Oaks will be presented to the City Council on September 22, 2025. Unlike previous studies, which only monitored traffic for two days, this study will gather data over 5-7 days. The intersection has been a major concern for residents living along Highway 11.



Traffic Management Upgrades Near Completion

Traffic management consistently ranks as one of the top concerns for Pelham residents in citizen surveys. A project to install thermal imaging and video detection cameras at 23 key intersections is now complete.

These high-tech systems replace outdated in-ground signal loops, reducing maintenance needs and streamlining traffic flow with smarter, real-time vehicle detection.

City Manager Gretchen DiFante said that within three to six months, the City will be able to gather and share data showing how the cameras are improving travel times. The information will help the City demonstrate the impact of the upgrades and guide future traffic management efforts.

Baseball Complex Bids

Bids for the new baseball complex at Pelham City Park will be opened on September 11. Six potential bidders have already picked up copies of the plans. More interest means a more competitive process, and that's great news for the project!

Highway 261 Widening Project Moves Forward in Pelham

Pelham is one step closer to seeing long-anticipated improvements along Highway 261. The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has completed all 69 property acquisitions in Pelham, clearing the way for the next major phase of the widening project.

This milestone means residents will soon see visible progress along the corridor as utility relocation gets underway.

Initially, the widening of Valleydale Road in Hoover and Highway 261 in Pelham was covered under one ALDOT project. Since the Pelham portion of the project is ready for utility relocation, ALDOT separated the project so Pelham's portion can proceed without delay.

City leaders are working closely with ALDOT to keep momentum strong. In the coming weeks, Pelham's Director

of Development Services & Public Works, André Bittas, will meet with ALDOT to establish a timeline for utility relocation — the first step residents will see as construction activity begins.

"We're thrilled to see this project moving forward," City Manager Gretchen DiFante said. "The utility relocation is a big step, and while it will take some cooperation from all of us as work begins, the end result will be a smoother, safer Highway 261 for everyone."

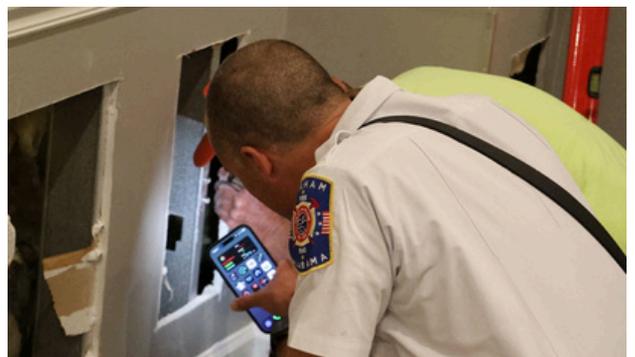


Kitten Rescue

A routine day at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena turned into an unexpected rescue mission when employees heard faint meows coming from the walls of the Silver Room. Using an ultrasound tool typically reserved for detecting water leaks, Director of Development Services & Public Works André Bittas and Andrew Golden with Municipal Consultants were able to pinpoint the kittens' location.

Crews carefully cut into the drywall while Two By Two Rescue stood ready with crates. In all, four kittens—two solid black and two gray tabbies—were safely pulled from the wall. The rescue determined the kittens were about three weeks old.

The mother cat had likely slipped in through a gap in the sheet metal. A trail camera and trap were later used to reunite her with her babies, and all five are now thriving in foster care with Two By Two Rescue. [Watch a video of the kittens in their foster home here.](#)





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.

- Accepted the State of Alabama Tourism Department grant award on behalf of the Pelham Parks & Recreation Department.
- Approved an ABC license for Radhamohan LLC, operating under the trade name Comfort Suites.
- Authorized an agreement granting non-exclusive right-of-way use to MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a fiber-based communications system within certain public rights-of-way within the City of Pelham.
- Appointed Kenneth Walters and Bob Burleson to the Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- Denied access request made by QuikTrip for property located adjacent to Racquet Club Parkway.
- Entered into a contract agreement with Gillespie Construction, LLC for sidewalk repairs and the installation of curb ramps in the Stonehaven neighborhood.
- Accepted a proposal from Jackson, Renfro & Associates, Inc. for electrical engineering services related to the main switchboard and HVAC electrical panel improvement project at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.
- Accepted a bid from Mark Johnson Construction, LLC for the Wastewater Treatment Plant blower replacement project.
- Adopted the City of Pelham Transportation Plan for FY2026. The plan is adopted each year as a requirement for federal and state funds from the Rebuild Alabama Act (approximately \$150,000 per year).
- Amended the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham, changing the present zoning B-2 (General Business District) to R-1A (Single Family Residential District) for property located near Ridge Drive, containing 5.22 acres (+/-)



Grant Awarded to Pelham Parks & Rec

Pelham Parks & Recreation Director Brian Cooper announced the department received a \$3,900 grant from the Alabama Tourism Department to support this year's Fall-O-Ween event on Sunday, Oct. 26, at Pelham City Park. Cooper thanked Senator April Weaver for her role in securing the funding.