



## New Flavors on the Menu in Pelham

The holiday season is upon us, and there's no better time to meet up with family and friends for a meal and great conversation. Pelham's restaurant scene is expanding, with new options offering a variety of cuisines—whether you want to dine in or pick up takeout for a cozy evening at home.

Shaami Mediterranean Grill recently opened its doors in the former Sarris Café space at 2651 Pelham Parkway. While the Sarris sign remains on the building as they await their new signage, fans of Mediterranean food will savor offerings such as shawarma, kabobs, and baba ghanoush, to name a few.

Another recent addition is Tokyo Express, located at 2230 Pelham Parkway (near 24e Health Club). The restaurant serves fresh hibachi, ramen, and pho—a perfect way to warm up on a chilly day.

Bojangles has also made a comeback in Pelham, opening its 31st Alabama location in the renovated building that once housed Burger King. The Charlotte-based chain serves its signature chicken and biscuits, along with favorites like Bo Rounds and Bo-Berry Biscuits. The Pelham location is operated by Cedartown Foods, LLC, which focuses on serving great food while supporting the local community.

The highly anticipated Big Bad Breakfast opened in its Canopy Trail location on November 11. Strategically located across from the Pelham Civic

Complex & Ice Arena, Big Bad Breakfast is poised to become a gathering place for early risers and lunch lovers alike. Be sure to try their bacon cured with Tabasco mash.

Rounding out the list of newly opened restaurants is Edgar's Bakery & Cafe near the Pelham Public Library. A ribbon cutting was held on October 29, with owners Terry and Dottie Smith acknowledging Pelham's role in the company's history. They shared the story of building a small commercial kitchen on Southgate Drive 24 years ago—a space that has now grown and will serve as the company's commissary. Known for their cakes and pastries, Edgar's also offers an extensive breakfast and lunch menu, including eggs benedict, breakfast bowls, omelets, pancakes, grilled and deli sandwiches, soups, and salads.

With so many new spots to try, there's never been a better time to explore Pelham's growing food scene. This season, consider gathering your loved ones at a local restaurant, and support the businesses that help make Pelham feel like home.



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### The Latest on the Oak Mountain Amphitheatre Property

The submission deadline for the ReAmp Reimagine OMA Request for Qualifications (RFQ) closes on November 13. Issued in September, the RFQ has already drawn interest from several developers. Once proposals are submitted, finalists will be invited to present their plans in a public meeting before the Pelham City Council in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to learn how the former Oak Mountain Amphitheatre property could be transformed.



### A New Purpose

It's always good to see an empty building get new life. The former Advance Auto Parts at 3308 Pelham Parkway is being repurposed into a medical clinic. We'll share more details as they become available.



Another building in the same area is getting a second life as the new home of Struthers Recreation, a local supplier of playground equipment. The company transformed the former American Car Care building, giving the once-abandoned space a fresh new look.

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