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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF PELHAM
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Pelham Joins the Nation in Celebrating America 250

In 2026, the United States will mark a once-in-a-generation milestone—the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Known as America 250, the semiquincentennial offers communities across the country a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the nation’s founding ideals, honor the sacrifices that secured our freedoms, and look ahead to the future we are building together.

The City of Pelham is proud to be part of this historic national observance. In support of the celebration, the Pelham City Council has passed a resolution endorsing the Alabama USA Semiquincentennial Commission (AMERICA250AL), aligning the city with statewide efforts to commemorate this important anniversary. As a visible symbol of that commitment, an America 250 flag now flies over Pelham City Hall, representing unity, reflection, and civic pride.

Mayor Rick Wash believes this milestone arrives at a particularly important moment in the nation’s story.

“In this day and age, we need to take every opportunity available to celebrate our country’s history,” Wash said. “America 250 helps us better understand how we achieved our independence and how we established our system of constitutional self-government.”

To guide Pelham’s local efforts, Mayor Wash has appointed a citizen-led America 250 committee charged with planning and coordinating activities throughout the year. The committee’s goal is to create events that are inclusive, educational, and engaging, offering residents of all ages meaningful experiences.

Through community gatherings, educational programming, and celebratory events, Pelham’s

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America 250 initiative will highlight both national history and the city's own local story.

"This celebration plays a huge role not only for our country, but for our own community," Wash said. "I hope the events we're planning allow families to get involved and learn more about the role Pelham has played in shaping our nation's history, as well as our rich tradition of honoring veterans."

Pelham's participation also complements Alabama's broader America 250 efforts, many of which are centered at American Village in Shelby County. As a neighboring community, Pelham is uniquely positioned to connect residents with these statewide resources while also offering programming that reflects Pelham's own heritage, culture, and sense of community.

For Mayor Wash, the semiquincentennial also carries a deeply personal meaning—one tied to memory, pride, and the next generation.

"I was a seventh grader during the Bicentennial celebration in 1976, and I still remember how important that moment felt," he said. "I hope the youth of our community remember that they had the opportunity to live through the celebration of our nation's birth. This is a historic time, and we should all stand with pride and gratitude for what we have. Most importantly, it's a reminder that we are all Americans."

As plans continue to take shape, Pelham's America 250 efforts will emphasize participation, learning, and community connection.

Residents and visitors alike will be invited to take part in honoring the past, celebrating the present, and envisioning the future.

Mayor Wash hopes the celebration serves as a reminder of the values that unite us—especially during challenging times.

"Our country is at a crossroads," he said. "But it's often at our lowest points, and when our neighbors need help, that we put our differences aside and stand side by side. I hope America 250 helps remind us of the foundation on which our country was built: liberty and justice for all. God bless America."

Additional details, events, and opportunities to get involved will be shared as planning continues. Together, Pelham will honor America's past, celebrate its present, and look confidently toward the future.



Pelham's America 250 committee is hard at work planning activities, events, and educational opportunities throughout the semiquincentennial.

Fall in Love with Your Next Read at the Library

This Valentine's Day, skip the chocolates and try something a little more unexpected. The Pelham Public Library invites adults to take a chance on a story during Blind Date with a Book, happening Saturday, February 14, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Roberts Room A&B.

Participants are encouraged to follow their curiosity—not a cover—as they select one or more surprise books from the library's specially wrapped display. Each book offers only a few keywords as



clues, giving readers the chance to discover a new favorite from the Adult Fiction, Adult Non-Fiction, or New Adult Fiction collections. It's the perfect way to add a little mystery to Valentine's Day.

While registration is not required, it is encouraged. Registered participants are guaranteed a Valentine-themed craft or activity and will be entered for a door prize drawing. Snacks, coffee, and water will be available for all attendees.

Registration closes at 11:00 a.m. on February 14. For more information, email Melanie Carden at mcarden@pelhamalabama.gov or call the library at 205-620-6418. Whether you arrive solo or with friends, you might leave with a new literary love.



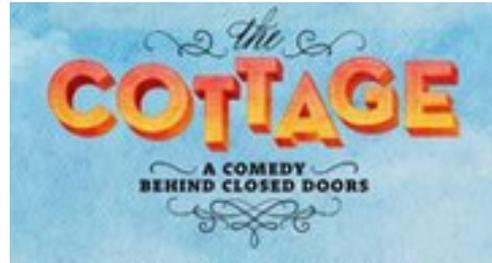
Visit Your
Public Library!



Storytelling with Music

Families with young children are invited to enjoy Storytelling with Music on Saturday, February 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the Pelham Public Library's Storytime Room. This special program features Ms. Russell of Hello Music Teacher, who brings stories to life through music and movement for children ages 7 and under.

Registration is required and opens February 7. Space is limited, so families are encouraged to sign up early for this fun and engaging musical storytime experience.



South City Theatre Presents "The Cottage"

South City Theatre brings fast-paced comedy to the stage with *The Cottage*, a witty farce filled with scandal, secrets, and mistaken identities. Set in a countryside cottage in 1920s England, the play delivers nonstop laughs as lovers, spouses, and unexpected guests collide in increasingly hilarious ways.

Evening performances are February 6–7 and February 13–14 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on February 8 at 2:00 p.m. Please note that the production contains adult situations and language. Tickets and additional information are available at southcitytheatre.com.



REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 23

Start Smart Soccer

Pelham Parks & Recreation is offering Start Smart introductory youth programs designed to build skills, confidence, and a love for activity.

Start Smart Soccer - \$60 Register Now!

Start Smart Soccer
Monday, May 4 - June 22 (six weeks)
5:30pm-6:30pm
Ages 3-5 years old

This introductory program is designed for children ages 3-5. This developmentally appropriate program helps young players learn the basics of soccer in a fun, non-competitive, and non-threatening environment. The focus is on building confidence, coordination, and foundational skills without the pressure of organized competition.

Using age-appropriate equipment from Franklin Sports and Kwik Goal, participants will learn kicking, dribbling, trapping, throw-ins, and agility skills. Parents are also included in the experience, helping them feel comfortable supporting their child as they prepare for future organized soccer play.

An introductory 30-minute parent meeting will be held at the Pelham Recreation Center for registered participants, where all program information and equipment will be distributed. Each child receives a T-shirt, participant manual, soft-bounce soccer ball, cones, and a set of shin guards.

For more information, please contact Will Mayhall at wmayhall@pelhamalabama.gov or 205-406-6805



Pickleball Clinic Registration Open Now!

Stay active this season with a variety of pickleball and adult recreation programs at the Pelham Recreation Center!

Players can sharpen their skills at our Pickleball Clinic on March 14, led by USA Pickleball-certified instructors and offered in beginner, 3.0, and 3.5 levels.

Regular morning and evening Indoor Pickleball sessions are available for ages 16+.

[Register now online!](#)

Pick-Up Volleyball, 16+

Looking for team-free play? Adult Pick-Up Volleyball runs March 9-May 11, offering a fun, structured open-gym experience for all skill levels. Many programs are free for members, with affordable options for non-members. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required, so sign up early. Visit our website for full details and registration.

[Register now online!](#)



Learn to Play: Archery

Learn to Play Archery - \$15: Ages 8-12

Provides a four-week, instructor-led experience focused on safety, technique, and skill development, with all equipment and park entry included. Session one filled immediately. Session two slots are now open!

Registration is now open—visit our [youth activities](#) pages for more details.

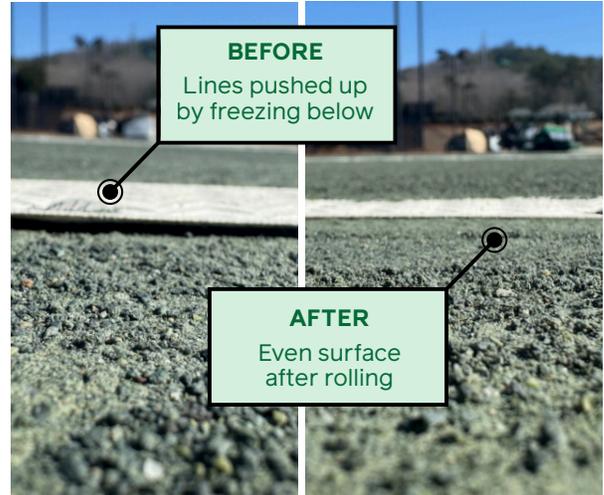
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Did you know that clay courts respond very differently to winter weather than hard courts?

When temperatures drop below freezing, the moisture that gives clay courts their signature playability can also carry some interesting side effects. Clay courts retain moisture, and when water in the clay freezes, it expands, making the playing surface uneven until it fully thaws. Freezing water below the surface is one of the main reasons courts can close during cold snaps.

“Clay courts are designed to hold a specific level of moisture beneath the top layer,” explained Chris Byrd, Pelham Racquet Club Supervisor. “When that moisture freezes, it expands. As the court begins to thaw, that water has to go somewhere.”

[Read More on our website](#)



How Freezing Temperatures Affect Clay Courts



Upcoming
Socials at PRC

Valentines & More 

Celebrate the season with our **Valentine’s Day Social** on Saturday, February 14, from 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Pelham Racquet Club. Open to adults and juniors, this social includes match play and lunch.

Cost: \$25 members / \$30 non-members.

Then plan to join us again to celebrate with a St. Patrick’s Day Social on March 14 from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Enjoy snacks and festive fun on the courts with divisions for both adults and juniors.

Cost: \$25 members / \$30 non-members.

Space is limited for all events, so be sure to register early and join us on the courts!

[Register on our website](#)



Community Day at Pelham Tennis Center

Try Tennis for Free

Plenty is happening on and off the courts this winter, with events designed for both competitive play and social fun. PTC Community Day is a featured event you won’t want to miss. Join us at the Pelham Tennis Center on

February 28 from 9:30–11:00 a.m.

for a free opportunity to try tennis. This open-house style event is perfect for beginners, families, and anyone curious about getting involved in the game—no experience required.

No registration needed!

Skate With Your Sweetheart This February!

Looking for the perfect date day or evening? Glide into February at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena with public skate sessions happening all month long, including two special sessions on Valentine's Day.

Whether you're celebrating with your sweetheart, friends, or family, skating together is a fun and memorable way to enjoy the season.

Our public skating sessions offer a relaxed, festive atmosphere—perfect for a casual afternoon date or a cozy evening on the ice.

It's a unique way to spend time together and create lasting memories.

Plus, snag a great gift for someone interested in skating! Our Learn to Skate sessions are also available and make a thoughtful experience-based gift.

Session 2 of 2026 begins March 2, offering skaters of all ages the chance to build skills and confidence on the ice.

Check our schedule online and join us this February for a sweet skate you won't forget!



See the full Public Skate Calendar Online

or download a printable calendar!

PGA Jr League

Young players can learn to play golf at Ballantrae

Spring Season
Registration Open Now!

Ballantrae Golf Club is excited to offer PGA Jr. League for juniors ages 7–13 this spring.

Running March 2–April 24, this team-based golf program introduces young players to the game in a fun, supportive environment that emphasizes sportsmanship, teamwork, and skill development.

The Spring League fee is \$300, which includes a one-time administrative fee of \$120 and a coaching fee of \$180. Registration closes February 13.

For more information, contact Ty Bowen at tbowen@pelhamalabama.gov or Drew Vice at dvice@pelhamalabama.gov, or call 205-620-4653.



Little Toros Hockey Begins February 19

Little Toros is back on the ice beginning February 19, introducing young players to the fundamentals of hockey skating and playing in a fun, supportive environment. Designed for beginners, this program helps build confidence, coordination, and basic skills while preparing participants for future Learn to Play and league opportunities. Registration is now open—join us and get your future Toros started on the ice!

[Register online at pelhamhockey.net](http://pelhamhockey.net)



Good News for Pelham!



Railroad Crossing Elimination Project Moves Forward

A long-awaited infrastructure project designed to improve traffic flow and emergency response in Pelham is officially moving forward. At a recent City Council meeting, City Manager Gretchen DiFante announced that federal funding for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Project on Shelby County Road 52 has been fully obligated, allowing the City to begin the next phase of work.

The project is supported by a \$41.7 million Federal Railroad Administration grant, covering 80 percent of the estimated \$52.4 million total cost. The remaining 20 percent will be funded by the City of Pelham, the City of Helena, Shelby County, and CSX. The project will permanently eliminate two CSX railroad crossings at County Road 52 and Lee Street, locations that frequently cause traffic delays and block emergency vehicles.

"This is an exciting day for Pelham," DiFante said. "With the funds now obligated, we can officially begin moving the project forward."

Development Services & Public Works Director André Bittas said the project will significantly improve safety and mobility along one of the area's busiest corridors. "This is going to improve traffic flow and give public safety reliable access across the tracks," he said.

Work will begin with environmental assessments, engineering, and design, followed by right-of-way acquisition and utility coordination. Construction is expected later in the project timeline, with completion required by 2031. The City plans to provide regular updates through its website and City Council reports as the project progresses.



Property Acquisition Begins on the Last Phase of Greenway Trail

Property acquisition is underway for Phase III of the Pelham Greenway Trail, the final and one of the longest segments of the city's trail system. This phase will extend from the north end of Pelham City Park, connecting nearby neighborhoods along Cahaba Valley Creek (Bishop Creek) to Pelham's Entertainment District at Campus 124.

Mayor Rick Wash is currently meeting with property owners to acquire land needed for construction. The \$4 million project is part of the larger 6.5-mile Pelham Greenway Trail, which will ultimately connect the sidewalks of Bearden Road to the entrance of Oak Mountain State Park. Construction is set to begin later this year.

Although Phase III is the last section of five phases to be built, the construction order shifted due to access challenges and other development projects. Phases III and IV were temporarily placed on hold. At the same time, work progressed on Phase V. Portions of the trail were completed in 2022 during the widening of Oak Mountain State Park Road and again in 2024 as part of the Amphitheater Road widening project. Phase III was completed in January. The Pelham Greenway Trail will provide a continuous, scenic connection through the heart of the city.

Pelham Parks & Recreation Named ARPA Agency of the Year

A year of growth, connection, and community pride Pelham has always been a city that values community, and in 2025, that spirit was on full display through the work of Pelham Parks & Recreation. From packed community festivals and youth sports seasons to facility upgrades, growth in senior programming, and new partnerships, Pelham Parks & Recreation helped create a year full of meaningful experiences for residents of all ages.

That dedication has now been recognized statewide. Pelham Parks & Recreation was honored with the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) Agency of the Year Award, celebrating the department's exemplary service, leadership, and impact across the community.

This award reflects more than one successful program or event: it recognizes a department that consistently delivers high-quality recreation services, listens to its community, and continues to invest in Pelham's future. Over the past year, the department delivered meaningful experiences for residents of all ages through festivals and concerts, youth sports seasons, growth in senior programming, facility upgrades, and new partnerships that strengthened community connections.

Pelham Parks & Recreation maintains more than 120 acres of parkland across the city, with facilities that support everyday recreation, tournaments, and large-scale events.

The Pelham Recreation Center continues to serve as a hub for indoor wellness and activity, offering courts, fitness areas, studios, and multipurpose spaces, with membership now exceeding 3,000 members. In 2025, the department also celebrated major progress with new facility investments, including breaking ground on a new ballpark, opening an outdoor court for the NHL Street Hockey league, and adding a new disc golf course.

The department's success is guided by thoughtful, long-range planning, using tools such as Plan Pelham, the Parks & Connectivity Master Plan, and the Clemson University Needs Assessment, ensuring growth is driven by community input and data-driven decisions. Residents experienced this impact through a full calendar of community events, youth athletics serving more than 2,300 participants, and a thriving Senior Center that saw record growth in participation, membership, and program offerings in 2025.

Pelham Parks & Recreation is proud to serve its community and honored to be recognized as ARPA's Agency of the Year, reflecting a year defined by connection, innovation, and service.



New Council Meeting Schedule Proposed

The Pelham City Council is considering a change to its regular meeting schedule that would separate City Council work sessions and formal Council meetings onto different days. Currently, both meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month, with work sessions typically beginning around 5:30 p.m. and Council meetings starting at 7:00 p.m.

During recent discussions, the newly seated City Council raised the possibility of holding work sessions and Council meetings on separate days, citing meeting efficiency, workload management, and best practices in municipal governance. Under Alabama law and long-established municipal practice, each city council has the authority to set its own meeting dates and times.

Several operational considerations were discussed, including giving Council members adequate time to review and research agenda items before votes are taken, allowing staff time to respond to questions that arise during work sessions, reducing the length and intensity of meeting nights for all involved, and clearly separating discussion-focused meetings from action-focused meetings to enhance transparency and deliberation.

In a memo to the Council, City Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale noted, "While no meeting schedule will fully eliminate challenges or public concern,

separating these meetings will allow for more thoughtful decision-making and better serve the long-term interests of the City and its residents." He also acknowledged that changes to long-standing schedules can raise concerns related to accessibility, convenience, and tradition, emphasizing the importance of clearly communicating the rationale and maintaining the City's commitment to open and effective governance.

A first reading of the proposed ordinance was held during the City Council meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026. A vote is anticipated at the next meeting on Monday, February 16. Based on initial discussion, the general consensus is to hold work sessions on Mondays and City Council meetings on Thursdays during the first and third weeks of each month. Potential meeting times are still under consideration, and updates will be shared as decisions are finalized.



Officer Elizabeth Lamar Honored with Blue Heart Award

Pelham Police Officer Elizabeth (Minter) Lamar was recently honored by The Wounded Blue, a national nonprofit supporting injured and disabled law enforcement officers, during a Pelham City Council meeting. She received the organization's Order of the Blue Heart Award, recognizing officers seriously injured in the line of duty.

Officer Lamar was critically injured in 2023 while assisting with traffic control following a DUI-related crash on Interstate 65. Despite sustaining life-altering injuries, she has since returned to serve the Pelham community in a new role with the Pelham Police Department.

Pelham Police Chief Ed Delmore praised Officer Lamar's strength and perseverance, and Officer Lamar expressed gratitude for the support she received from her family, the department, City leadership, and the community throughout her recovery.

The City of Pelham is proud to recognize Officer Lamar's courage, resilience, and continued commitment to public service.



New Play Features Planned for Pelham Dog Park

Pet lovers will soon see improvements at the Pelham Dog Park at City Park, where several aging play structures are set to be replaced with new, commercial-grade amenities. The current wooden features have deteriorated over time and are being upgraded to provide a safer, more durable experience for dogs and their owners.

To fund the improvements, the Pelham City Council approved reallocating \$30,000 originally budgeted for a proposed disc golf course. After further evaluation, City staff determined City Park was not an ideal location for disc golf due to consistently high pedestrian traffic. The updated plan allows the City to reinvest those funds into enhancing an already popular park amenity that serves Pelham's four-legged residents.



CITY PARK BENCH TO HONOR JUNE FLETCHER

A new bench will soon be installed at Pelham City Park to honor the memory of June Fletcher, a longtime resident and dedicated community advocate. The bench is being donated by Jack LaRosa, with support from Danny Berry, as a lasting tribute to Fletcher's impact on the Pelham community.

The Pelham City Council gratefully accepted the private donation, and the Parks and Recreation Department will coordinate the installation. The bench will match existing City Park seating and provide a meaningful place for reflection in honor of a woman who cared deeply about Pelham.

June Fletcher passed away on January 30, 2025, at age 82. She was a very civic-minded individual, and often volunteered her time and talents for the betterment of Pelham.

SPRING SHRED & E-RECYCLE EVENT ANNOUNCED

Pelham's semi-annual Shred and E-Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in front of Pelham City Hall.

Complete details for the event, including items accepted, and prohibited, can be found on the City of Pelham website.

An additional event will be held on October 3, 2026.



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.

- Declared certain items as surplus personal property and authorized disposal of the property.
- Approved the FY2025 Carry-Forward Capital Project Funding.
- Authorized a Property Listing Agreement for property owned by the City of Pelham.
- Accepted the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Temple J Electric, LLC for the Pelham Greenway Phase IV Trail Lighting Project.
- Accepted the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Preferred Sandblasting and Painting, LLC for the High Ridge Water Tank Painting Project.
- Accepted a proposal from and entered into an agreement with Video Industrial Services, Inc. for storm sewer repairs along Royal Lane.
- Amended the FY2026 Parks & Recreation Departmental Budget for amenity upgrades at the Pelham Dog Park.
- Voted to allow for a one-time membership allowance for certain existing members of the Pelham Recreation Center.
- Accepted the donation of private funds to be used exclusively for the purchase and installation of a bench at Pelham City Park in memory of Ms. June Fletcher.
- Amended the FY2026 Mayor and City Manager Departmental Budgets.
- Approved an ABC License Application 050-Retail Beer (off-premises only) and 070 - Retail Table Wine (off-premises only) for applicant SKAL USA, Inc., operating under the trade name Mama's Country Cooking, located at 3350 Pelham Parkway, Suite A.
- Approved an ABC License Application 011 - Lounge Retail Liquor - Class II (Package) and 990-tobacco only for applicant SKAL USA, Inc., operating under the trade name Toast Trends located at 3350 Pelham Parkway, Suite B.
- Approved a final summary change order for the Lift Station B Dry Prime Pump Addition Project.
- Approved a final summary change order for the Wastewater Treatment Plan RAS Pumps Replacement Project.
- Adopted revised language regarding the City of Pelham's Floodplain Development Ordinance consistent with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.
- Amended Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2-4 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Pelham to employ the Mayor as Utility Superintendent.
- Declared certain items (vehicles and equipment as surplus personal property and authorized disposal. This included two vehicles from the water department, three vehicles from public works, and a pull-behind aerator.
- Voted to establish an AMERICA250 Committee to commemorate the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



City Updates Floodplain Development Ordinance

The Pelham City Council recently adopted revised language for the City's Floodplain Development Ordinance to ensure compliance with requirements set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

City Manager Gretchen DiFante explained that the update does not introduce new regulations, describing the changes as "housekeeping" to align the City's ordinance with current federal language. Maintaining compliance with FEMA and NFIP standards is essential to preserving Pelham residents' eligibility for federal flood insurance and disaster assistance programs.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PELHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Safety Starts at Home

Fire safety begins with simple steps taken every day at home. According to Pelham Fire Inspector Scott Lee, many house fires are preventable with proper planning, routine maintenance, and awareness. "Protecting your family starts with being prepared," Lee said. "A few small actions can make a big difference when it comes to fire safety."

Lee emphasizes the importance of working smoke alarms, noting they should be installed on every level of the home and inside and outside sleeping areas. Alarms should be tested monthly, with batteries replaced at least annually. Cooking safety is another major focus, as unattended cooking remains a leading cause of house fires. Residents are encouraged to stay in the kitchen while cooking, keep flammable items away from stoves, and turn pot handles inward to prevent spills. Electrical safety also plays a key role. Avoid overloading outlets, replace damaged cords promptly, and unplug appliances when they're not in use.

Using candles and space heaters requires extra caution, especially during the colder months. Lee recommends keeping open flames and heaters at least three feet away from anything flammable and turning them off before leaving a room or going to sleep. Being prepared is just as important as prevention. Homes should have fire extinguishers in key areas such as the kitchen and garage, and everyone in the household should know how to use them. Families are also encouraged to develop and practice a fire escape plan, identifying two ways out of each room and choosing a safe meeting place outside.

"Planning ahead saves lives," Lee said. "If a fire does start, remember to get out, stay out, and call 911 from outside." The Pelham Fire Department remains committed to helping residents stay safe and encourages everyone to review their home fire safety plans.



**PELHAM FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

Did you know?

The Pelham Fire Department offers free smoke detector installation for homes within the city limits. Homeowners may receive up to three smoke detectors at no cost, along with information to help create a family fire escape plan. Detectors are provided through the State of Alabama as part of an effort to reduce fire-related injuries and loss of life.

To request an installation, call 205-620-6500. Installations are typically scheduled Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., with weekend appointments available upon request. Remember, smoke detectors older than 10 years should be replaced, and all alarms should be tested monthly. Please note: The smoke detectors we install are battery-powered. We're unable to install wired smoke detectors or any devices that require interconnectivity.





City Considers Update to Vape & Hemp Business Licensing

The Pelham City Council will continue discussion of a proposed ordinance related to hemp and vape business licensing at an upcoming meeting, following a first reading held on February 2, 2026. The proposed changes are administrative in nature and are intended to align the City's business license code with new state requirements, not to expand or encourage new businesses.

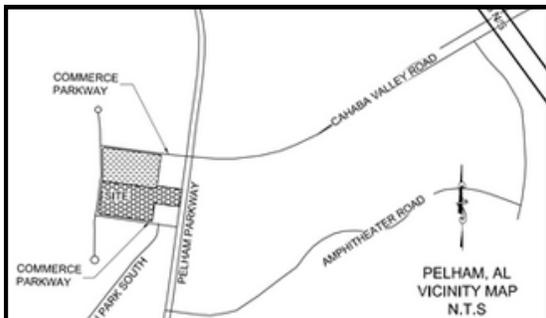
Recent legislation passed by the Alabama Legislature in 2025 created new licensing categories for certain hemp, CBD, THC, and electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) products. These licenses are administered by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board and became effective January 1, 2026. For existing businesses to comply with state law, municipalities must recognize the appropriate license types in their local ordinances.

City officials emphasize that the proposed ordinance does not lift

or change Pelham's existing moratorium on new hemp or vape businesses, nor does it alter zoning or location restrictions. Businesses selling these products may continue to operate only where already legally permitted by zoning, and only if they obtain the required state and local licenses.

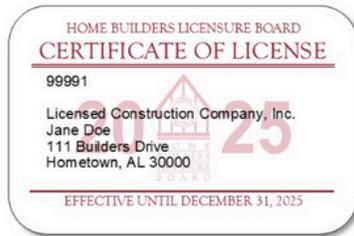
The City's approach is focused on compliance, clarity, and oversight. By recognizing the state-created licenses, Pelham can ensure existing businesses are operating legally, track who is selling regulated products, and work with the ABC Board if violations occur. City officials note that, to date, only one business has contacted the City to seek compliance under the new framework.

Because state and federal guidance in this area continues to evolve, the City is proceeding carefully and conservatively, addressing only what is currently required under state law. Additional updates will be shared as the ordinance process moves forward.

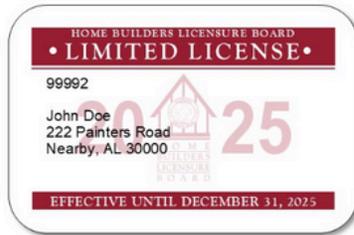


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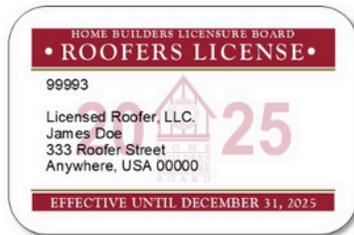
The City of Pelham permit office reports Genrev Properties and MTTR Engineers submitted civil plans for a proposed commercial development at 105 Commerce Parkway. Construction is planned for the new Edgar's Bakery production facility, located behind Purple Onion on Highway 31.



Unlimited License Wallet Card



Limited License Wallet Card



Roofers License Wallet Card

Roofing Projects & Permits: What Homeowners Should Know

With spring approaching, roofing projects tend to increase across Pelham. The City of Pelham reminds residents that roofing companies are required to obtain a permit before starting work so the City can verify proper licensing and certifications.

Homeowners are encouraged to ask contractors to show both a Pelham business license and their Alabama Roofers Certification card for projects

exceeding \$2,500. This certification is required by state law and helps ensure contractors meet established standards. Residents can also verify a roofer's certification through the Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board's online license search. Taking a few extra steps before work begins can help protect your investment and ensure the job is done safely and legally.



Welcome to Pelham

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

Beer, Wine, & Liquor Stores

Gallops Liquors & Spirits

Drywall & Insulation Contractors

Attic Insulation Co., Inc.
C&F Drywall & Acoustical, LLC

Lessors of Non-Residential Buildings

C&F Property Holdings, LLC
Central Alabama Rental Properties, LLC
James Sullivan
Moiz Fouladbakhsh

Lessors of Real Estate

Hometown Home Buyers, LLC
JS Holdings, LLC
Parker Plaza, LLC

Lessors of Residential Buildings

4E Map, LLC
Aaron & Emily Sanders
Abode Holdings, LLC
Briana Crump
Diana Valdez
Katelyn Cotton
Laurie Freeman
May Saddekni
Megan Parker
Michael Valladares
RRAM, LLC
TEFI III, LLC
Wildewood Properties, LLC

Merchant Wholesalers

Timber Trek Resources, LLC

Nail Salons

Thao Xuan Diep Tran

Non-Store Retailers

Willow & Wood LLC

Residential Remodelers

Weldone