



CITY OF BOAZ
Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026

Boaz Public Library, Mastin Conference Room – 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Walker called the Council Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Tim Walker

Council Member Rodney Frix

Council Member Steven Bates

Council Member Alan Hales

Council Member Matt Brannon

Council Member Caleb Williams

II. Invocation

Mayor Walker gave the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Brannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Would anyone like to speak under Public Comments?

Mayor Walker asked if anyone would like to speak under Public Comments. There was no response.

V. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Hales, Seconded by Council Member Frix. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Reading and/or Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

1. Adopt the Work Session minutes from April 27, 2026.

Motion made by Council Member Williams, Seconded by Council Member Brannon. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Adopt the Council Meeting minutes from April 27, 2026.

Motion made by Council Member Frix, Seconded by Council Member Hales. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Council Member Reports

1. Boaz Senior Center Report for April 2026.

Council Member Frix gave a report for the Boaz Senior Center for April 2026. See attached report.

2. Boaz Public Library Report for April 2026.

Council Member Frix gave a report for the Boaz Public Library for April 2026. See attached report.

3. Boaz Street Department Report for April 2026.

Council Member Bates gave a report for the Boaz Street Department for April 2026. See attached report.

4. Boaz Fire Department Report for April 2026.

Council Member Hales gave a report for the Boaz Fire Department for April 2026. See attached report.

5. Boaz Police Department Report for April 2026.

Council Member Brannon gave a report for the Boaz Police Department for April 2026. See attached report.

6. Boaz Parks and Recreation Report for April 2026.

Council Member Williams gave a report for the Boaz Parks and Recreation Department for April 2026. See attached report.

VIII. Public Hearings

1. There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at the Boaz Public Library Mastin Room located at 404 Thomas Avenue Boaz, Alabama 35957 to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to amend the City of Boaz Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2021-1154) and the Zoning Map of the City of Boaz and to hear a request for a zoning change from R-4 (Multi-Family Residential District) to R-2 (Medium Density Detached Residential District) for a property located on Doris Street Parcel # 1907364000108001. The Boaz City Council will discuss and vote on the rezoning of said property.

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2. A public hearing in regards to the appropriate Municipal Official, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-1150, has made a finding that a building located at 1125 Marvin Pearce Road, Boaz, Alabama 35957 is a dangerous building because it is unsafe to the extent that it is a public nuisance and is subject to demolition.

Motion made by Council Member Brannon to open the Public Hearing at 6:15 P.M., Seconded by Council Member Williams. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Walker asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of this property not being demolished. There was no response. Mayor Walker asked if there was anyone here to represent the property. There was no response.

Mayor Walker asked if anyone would like to speak against this property. There was no response.

Council Member Frix asked if we notify property owners by certified mail. Mayor Walker answered yes. City Attorney Christie Knowles answered that she did a title search and finds all information. She stated all certified mail was sent to all known addresses for this property and came back as unclaimed for all. Building Inspector Landon Knott wanted to make known the owners were there and met previous Building Inspector Nick Borden when he posted the unsafe notice. Council Member Williams asked when we demolish this if it will be taken to the dirt. City Attorney Knowles said in the past we have hired a contractor who typically takes it to the ground and straw and seed it.

Motion made by Council Member Frix to close the Public Hearing at 6:18 P.M., Seconded by Council Member Williams. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IX. New Business

1. Accounts Payable - Approve the accounts payable vouchers dated April 24, 2026 through May 1, 2026 totaling \$440,873.61.

Motion made by Council Member Brannon, Seconded by Council Member Frix. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-1959 approving the building located at 1125 Marvin Pearce Road, Boaz, Alabama 35957 is a dangerous building because it is unsafe to the extent that it is a public nuisance and is subject to demolition.

Motion made by Council Member Williams, Seconded by Council Member Hales. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-1960 authorizing the execution of a master software license and services agreement with Advanced Property Exposure Inc. (APX) and providing for payment from the Public Safety Fund.

Motion made by Council Member Hales, Seconded by Council Member Frix. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-1961 to declare all items listed on Schedule A be deemed as surplus property and authorizing the Purchasing Director to donate the surplus property to the Cowboy Church, where we will receive services to provide a place for people to go if faced with local disasters due to severe weather or other events.

Motion made by Council Member Hales, Seconded by Council Member Bates. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-1962 authorizing Change Order 1 for Bid No. 2025-12-132 Boaz Street Paving Project: Fiscal Year 2026 be awarded to Rogers Group, Inc. in the amount of \$78,987.34 to be paid from the 2023 A Bond Account.

Motion made by Council Member Bates, Seconded by Council Member Hales. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. Introduce Ordinance No. 2026-1198 regarding open burning and outdoor fire regulation.

Motion made by Council Member Frix to suspend the rules, Seconded by Council Member Williams.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Council Member Frix, Council Member Bates, Council Member Hales, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Williams

Motion made by Council Member Frix to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-1198, Seconded by Council Member Brannon.

Discussion: Mayor Walker stated we have state rules on this but this makes it local. Council Member Williams asked Fire Chief Wesley Wilson to give a general idea on this. Chief Wilson stated they have had some issues in the past with people burning various items they may not realize they're not allowed to burn. This will give us the ability to hopefully prevent that. Chief Wilson explained the process for the burn permit. There will be no fee, it will just make the Fire Department aware.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

7. Reappoint Chad Cofield to the Boaz City School Board with a term expiring April 26, 2031.

Motion made by Council Member Williams, Seconded by Council Member Brannon.

Discussion: Council Member Bates voiced his desire for transparency to keep the citizens more in the know of what is going on in the City with appointments. Council Member Williams stated he believed it was a good idea to discuss improvements that could be made on letting citizens know what is going on in the City. Council Member Frix stated his issue was not with the reappointment of Mr. Cofield but with the process for letting the public know about such appointments and he wanted to raise that issue in a public meeting so it could be discussed with everyone. There was general discussion on how the process should be handled and how long one person should be allowed to be on a board. City Attorney Knowles said they can have a Work Session to discuss the process. Council Member Hales mentioned advertising positions open for appointment more for the public to see and asked who handles the website and social media. HR Director Jeff Sims answered himself, Crystal Buchanan, and Beth Stephens handle social media posts and the website that is through Civic Plus. Mr. Sims said we can post it however the Council decides.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Council Member Frix, Council Member Bates, Council Member Hales, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Williams

X. Public Comments

XI. Mayor's Comments

1. The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Mayor Walker announced the next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Mayor Walker announced the Legacy Museum will host Lesa Carnes Shaul Saturday, May 16th from 10AM until 12PM. She is the author of "A Shooting on Sand Mountain."

XII. Adjourn

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Motion made by Council Member Williams, Seconded by Council Member Hales. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Tim Walker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Stephens
City Clerk/Treasurer

Boaz Senior Center

April 2026

During the month of April:

We served 1,632 meals. Of these meals 866 were home delivered. There were 766 meals served at the center.

We had a total of 1,731 passenger miles. Vehicle miles were 2,128. Total Passenger trips were 586.

Susan Duvall

Boaz Senior Center-Director

Boaz Public Library
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Statistics for April 2026

Total items checked out, including print and digital = 10,817
Internet uses = 3,771
New registered patrons = 75
In Person/Virtual/Recorded Programs = 23 with 718 in attendance
Passive Programs = 12 with 1,018 participating
Total library visits = 5,215

Announcements

Be sure to check the library's website and Facebook page for up-to-date information on programs and services.

Monthly Report for Boaz Public Library: April 2026			Director: Lynn Burgess
Print Circulation	Adult	YA	Juvenile
Books	1980	480	4320
Print Magazines	9	0	0
Print Circulation Total	1989	480	4320
Physical Audio/Video Circ.			
DVD	218	0	226
CD	34	0	4
Physical Audio/Video Total	252	0	230
Other Physical Circulation			
Games	20	12	29
Microfilm	0	0	0
Other Physical Material	220	12	177
Other Physical Total	240	24	206
Electronic Circulation			
eBooks	608	30	735
eMagazines	177	0	0
Downloadable Audio	1216	60	84
Streaming Video	83	1	82
Electronic Total	2084	91	901

Interlibrary Loan	Loaned: 0	Borrowed: 0	Total: 0
Internet Usage	Adult: 600	Children: 0	Wireless: 3171
New Borrowers	Juvenile: 29	Adult: 46	Total: 75
Reference Questions	Total: 491	Volunteer Hours	Total: 34

Library Resources	Added	Deleted
Books	388	51
CD's	11	1
DVD's	5	0
Other	21	1

Programs	Children 0-5	Juvenile 6-11	YA 12-18	Adult 19+	General All Ages	Total
In Person/Live Virtual Programs	7	4	1	2	9	23
In Person/Live Virtual Attendance	339	87	5	26	261	718
Recorded Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recorded Views	0	0	0	0	0	0
Passive Programs	1	8	0	0	3	12
Passive Attendance	32	566	0	0	420	1018

Total Material Circulation	Total Electronic Circulation	Grand Total Circulation	Total Internet	Library Visits
7741	3076	10817	3771	5215

Boaz Public Library
Programs & Activities
April 2026

April 1, 2026

All Ages - Homeschool Hangout - Students could play Giant Uno, Twister, Checkers, draw with chalk, bowl, dive into a ball pit, and other fun activities.

36 Children, 5 YA, and 15 Adults

April 6, 2026

All Ages - Burrirt on the Mountain: Old Glory & Lanterns - Patrons took a step back in time to learn about the American flag and the art of tin lanterns. Then, they designed their own punched paper decoration.

18 Children, 1 YA, and 10 Adults

April 7, 2026

Preschool - Preschool Storytime - Mrs. Savannah led Storytime by marching, playing instruments, singing, and reading "The Case of the Missing Chalk Drawings" by Richard Byrne and "Chalk" by Bill Thomson. Each child received their own mini chalkboard. Then, we started day one of our butterfly growth.

30 Children and 19 Adults

April 8, 2026

All Ages - Crafternoon - Everyone decorated door mats.

35 Adults, 4 Young Adults, and 12 Children

April 9, 2026

Juvenile - Snack Skills - Children followed Mrs. Savannah as she made Beach Cups with vanilla pudding, food dye, Oreos, and mini umbrellas.

31 Children and 14 Adults

April 10, 2026

Preschool - Preschool Storytime - Mrs. Savannah led Storytime by marching playing instruments, singing, and reading "The Case of the Missing Chalk Drawings" by Richard Byrne and "Chalk" by Bill Thomson. Each child received their own mini chalkboard. Then, we started day one of our butterfly growth.

20 Children and 14 Adults

April 11, 2026

Preschool - Preschool Prom - Preschoolers and their families were invited to a morning of snacks and dancing.

36 Children and 24 Adults

April 14, 2026

Preschool - Preschool Storytime - Mrs. Savannah led Storytime by marching, playing instruments, singing, and reading "Secret World of Butterflies" by Courtney Sina Meredith. We painted ceramic bugs.

49 Children and 30 Adults

March 18, 2026

All Ages - Let's Cook - Ms. Tori taught patrons how to make No Bake Oreo Sushi.

18 Adults, 2 Teens and 15 Children

April 16, 2026

Juvenile - STEAM Day - Children decorated potatoes and added wheels so they could race against each other.

12 Children and 6 Adults

April 17, 2026

Preschool - Preschool Storytime - Mrs. Savannah led Storytime by marching, playing instruments, singing, and reading "The Story of a Butterfly" by Margaret Rose Reed. We painted ceramic bugs.

12 Children and 9 Adults

April 20, 2026

All Ages - Family Night - Everyone participated in a balloon science experiment.

10 Children and 5 Adults

April 21, 2026

Preschool - Preschool Storytime - Miss Tori led Storytime by marching, playing instruments, singing, and reading "The Story of a Butterfly" by Margaret Rose Reed. Each child made a bug headband.

35 Children and 25 Adults

April 21, 2026

Teen - Teen Tuesday - Teens made beaded plants.

5 Teens

April 21, 2026

Adult- Genealogy - This month's speaker was Mr. Tony Holcomb, who presented a topic related to America's 250th Anniversary: Yorktown, Lafayette, and a connection to North Alabama.

19 Adults

April 22, 2026

All Ages - Bingo - Everyone played Bingo, earned Bingo Cash and shopped in the Bingo Shop.

5 Children and 18 Adults

April 23, 2026

All Ages - Reading Dragons Club - Everyone followed along with Miss Rylee as she demonstrated how to make perler bead dragons. Then, everyone could trade cards.

11 Children and 7 Adults

April 24, 2026

Preschool - Preschool Storytime - Miss Tori led Storytime by marching, playing instruments, singing, and reading "Secret World of Butterflies" by Courtney Sina Meredith. Each child put together a bug craft.

19 Children and 17 Adults

April 25, 2026

Adult- Genealogy - Participants watched a webinar titled: From Research to Data with AI : From Records to Raw Data—Extracting with AI.

12 Adults

April 27, 2026

Juvenile - History Explorers Book Club - We discussed the book "Who Were the Tuskegee Airmen?" by Sherri L. Smith.

12 Children and 2 Adults

April 28, 2026

Preschool - Preschool Storytime - Mrs. Savannah led Storytime by marching, playing instruments, singing, and performing "I'm a Frog!" by Mo Willems as Piggie and Miss Rylee as Gerald. We released our butterflies, then came inside to make frog door hangers.

36 Children and 22 Adults

April 28, 2026

Adult- America by the Book Book Club - We discussed the book "March" by Geraldine Brooks while enjoying treats from the book's time era.

14 Adults

April 29, 2026

Juvenile - Pursuit Academy - Students visited the library and explored our different areas for kids. Then, they painted a ceramic trinket.

7 Children and 3 Adults

Passive Programs

Family Room	74
Crafty Wagon	37
STEAM Area	26
Lego Tables	93
I Spy Tank	96
Puzzle Tables	26
Umbrella Hide and Seek	201
Reading Dragons	320
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	32
Alexander Graham Bell bags	42
Pop-Up Crafts	33
Question of the Month	38

April 2026 Load Sheet Totals - Street Dept.

Leaf Truck/ Sweeper – 69 loads

Limbs – 105 loads

Junk/Rubbish – 85 loads

Litter – 80 bags

Notes:

On February 6, the street department began enforcement of ordinances already in place regarding tree and junk removal. These changes include charging for tree removal under certain conditions, as well as limiting the types of materials we are picking up on regular routes and checking addresses for those who bring their items to the street department. All services have been closed to those outside city limits, businesses and contractors.

These changes have been made in an effort to reduce both the volume of garbage and cost of disposal for the city. Checking vehicles as they come in has also greatly reduced the disposal of hazardous materials (tires, shingles, paint, batteries, etc.) being thrown into the dumpsters, which is prohibited by Republic Services.

The Street Department has also been discussing these changes with citizens in an effort to help them understand and comply with ordinances.

If anyone has any questions or would like to learn more about ordinances regarding junk or limb or tree removal, they are welcome to contact the street department at (256)593-5741.

There are multiple paving projects going on between the City and ALDOT. Please be cautious around work zones and understand that the roads may be rough during this time of construction, but in the end, it will be better for everyone. Please slow down in these areas and watch for hazards and workers.

Boaz FD Activities Report

Please scale to "printable area" when printing

Months in Incident times dispatch call creation date/time
04/2026

Total Incidents

Total Incidents
175

Fire Calls

Fires
9

EMS Calls

EMS Calls
121

Other Calls

Other
47

Annual Life Safety Business Inspections

Annual Life Safety Business Inspectio...
32

Hydrant Inspections/Maintenance

Hydrant Inspections/Maintena...
0

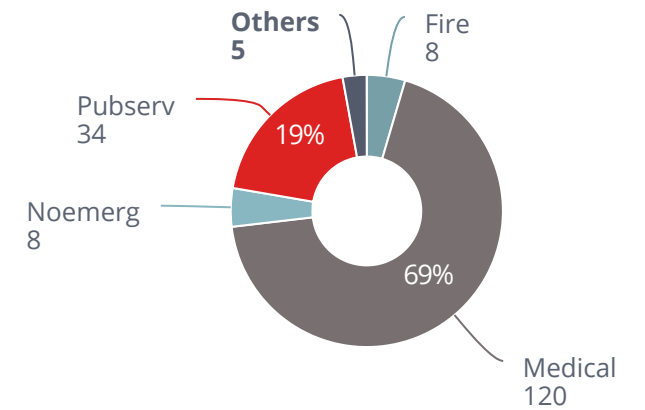
Employee Training Hours

Credit Name	Total Hours
	true
ISO Company Training	393.5
ISO Existing Driver/Operator Training	14
ISO HazMat Training	51
ISO Officer Training	39

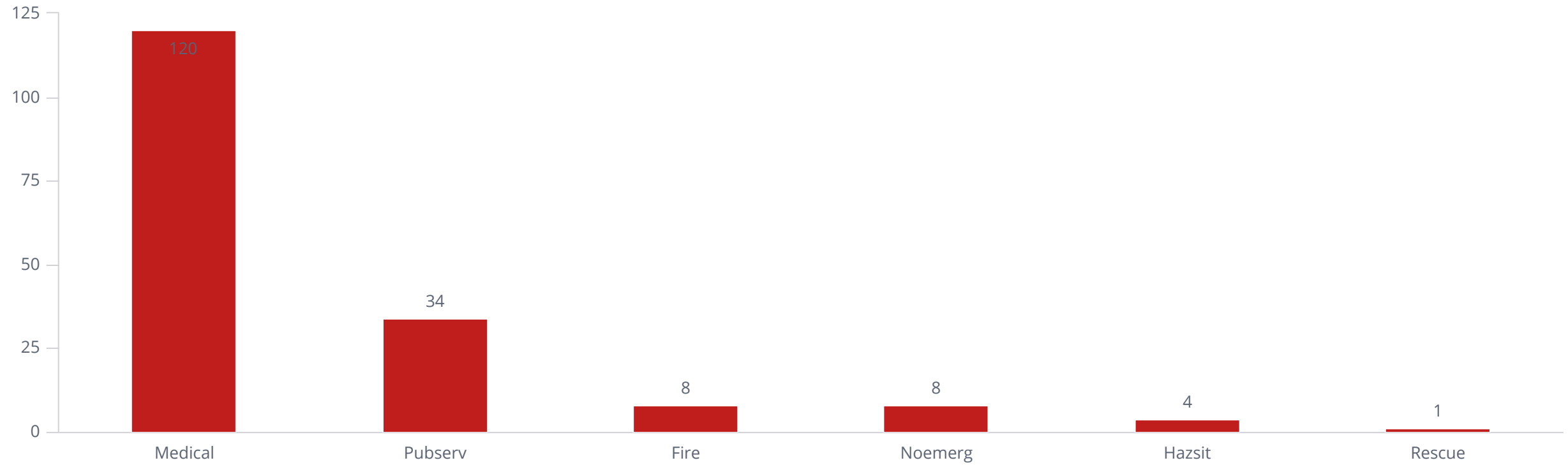
Count of Incidents by Type

Core primary incident type category	Core primary incident type subcategory	# of unique Core incident number
Fire	Outside fire	5
	Structure fire	2
	Transportation fire	1
Hazit	Hazard non chemical	3
	Investigation	1
Medical	Illness	79
	Injury trauma	40
	Medical other	1
Noemerg	Cancelled	3
	False alarm	5
Pubserv	Alarms non medical	2
	Citizen assist	31
	Disaster weather	1
Rescue	Transportation rescue	1

Percentage of Incident Type Group




Count of Incidents by Incident Type Group



Operational Task

Task Type	Task Name	Task Note	Days in Task Completed Date ^	Task Shift
Fire Hose Test	Annual Hose Test	Tested the all hose on the wall and ev...	4/1/26	C Shift
Daily Station Cleaning	Thursday Station Cleaning	Thursday Station Cleaning.	4/2/26	A Shift
Station Maintenance	Station Maintenance	Used L9 to fix soffit on Station 1.	4/3/26	B Shift
Station Maintenance	Station Maintenance	Pulled weeds from around Station 1.	4/3/26	B Shift
Daily Station Cleaning	Daily Station Cleaning	N/A	4/4/26	C Shift
Weekly Bay Cleaning	Monday Bay Cleaning	Weekly bay cleaning	4/6/26	B Shift
Fire Hose Test	Annual Hose Test	Tested 1 3/4" handlines	4/7/26	N/A
Monthly Station Deep Clean	Monthly Station Deep Clean	N/A	4/7/26	N/A
Fire Hose Test	Fire Hose Test	Tested E1 & B1 fire hose.	4/8/26	A Shift
Daily Station Cleaning	Thursday Station Cleaning	Cleaning of Station 1.	4/9/26	B Shift
Fire Hose Test	Annual Hose Test	Tested 700' of attack hose line from E2	4/9/26	B Shift
Daily Station Cleaning	Saturday Station Cleaning	Cleaned the station.	4/11/26	A Shift
Weekly Bay Cleaning	Weekly Bay Cleaning	N/A	4/13/26	N/A
Weekly Apparatus Maintenance	Weekly Apparatus Maintenance	N/A	4/13/26	C Shift
Daily Station Cleaning	Tuesday Station Cleaning	Performed Tuesday station cleaning.	4/14/26	A Shift
Weekly Truck Cleaning	Truck Cleaning	Cleaned R1, E1, E2, and U1	4/15/26	B Shift
Fire Hose Test	E2 Hose Test	Tested: 1000' 5" supply hose 50' 3" s...	4/15/26	B Shift
Daily Station Cleaning	N/A	N/A	4/16/26	C Shift
Daily Station Cleaning	Saturday Station Cleaning	Saturday station cleaning	4/18/26	B Shift
Fire Hose Test	E2 Hose Test	Tested hose: 350' 1 3/4" attack hose	4/18/26	B Shift
Daily Station Cleaning	Station Cleaning	Saturday Station Cleaning.	4/18/26	B Shift
Weekly Bay Cleaning	Monday Bay Cleaning	Pulled the trucks out and sprayed the...	4/20/26	A Shift

Community Events

Event Type	Event Name	Days in Event On-Site End Date 	Event Shift	Event Note
Assist Boaz PD	Data extrication from wrecked vehicle	4/3/26	B Shift	Assisted Boaz PD and Alabama Stat...
Station Tour	Station/Truck Tour	4/11/26	A Shift	Showed the fire trucks to a little boy.
School Visit	How-To Conference	4/17/26	A Shift	N/A
Station Tour	Station Tour	4/27/26	B Shift	Gave station tour to 2 children and 1 ...
Car Seat Install	Car Seat Install	4/27/26	B Shift	Installed 2 car seats into a single SUV

Boaz Police Stats

April 2026

Arrest: 77

Response Calls: 1686

Incident Reports: 133

Traffic Citations: 392

To include:

Written Warnings: 125

Verbal Warnings: 130

Accidents: 33

Private Property Accidents: 15

Fatalities: 0

Animal Control

Response Calls: 63

Animals Picked Up: 51

Sheltered: 33

Boaz Parks & Recreation – April 2026 Report

Boaz Parks and Recreation recorded a total of 1,828 program visits and participations across our facilities and offerings.

Our Walking Track continues to lead in usage with 567 visits, followed closely by Open Play Basketball with 535 participants. Pool admissions reached 506, reflecting steady community engagement with our aquatic facilities.

Additional program participation included Pickleball with 135 participants, Water Aerobics and Deep-Water Aerobics with a combined 61 participants, and Yoga and Power Yoga with a total of 24 participants.

In addition to daily programming, we hosted several rentals and special events. There were 3 Old Mill Park Pavilion rentals, 3 Conference Room rentals, 12 Basketball Court rentals, 4 Public Pool Parties, and 3 Private Pool Parties.

We also successfully held our Midnight Madness Tournaments for both softball and baseball, and Just Dance Academy hosted their recital on May 1.

Looking ahead, the Recreation League End of Season Tournament will take place May 11 through May 16, 2026.

On Memorial Day, our facilities will operate on a modified schedule. The indoor pool, walking track, and basketball courts will be open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The outdoor pool will open for the season from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and the Splash Pad at Old Mill Park will be open from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Pool admission will be \$5 per person, with children ages 6 and under admitted free. We accept cash as well as Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. There is no charge to use the splash pad.

Our annual Memorial Day Celebration will be held at Old Mill Park from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

These numbers and events reflect continued strong participation and community involvement across our programs and facilities.

Thank you.