

# EXPLORE



## E-Waste Facts

### By the Numbers

- 150 million - the number of mobile phones discarded in the USA each year
- >20% recycled - over 100 million go to landfills each year.
- For every 1-million cell phones recycled, these metals are recovered:
  - 35,274 lbs. copper
  - 772 lbs. silver
  - 75 lbs. gold
  - 22 lbs. palladium
- The amount of these metals that can be recovered from a metric ton of circuit boards far exceeds the amount contained in a metric ton of mined ore.

Sources: EPA & Earth911.com

## SPRING CLEANING

### Shred & E-Waste Recycle Day Scheduled

Here's your chance to clean out your filing cabinets and responsibly discard your unused electronic equipment. The City of Pelham has partnered with Protec Recycling to provide free document shredding and e-waste recycling services for residents. Protec will accept your recycling at Pelham City Hall, located at 3162 Pelham Parkway, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm on April 2nd.

Danny Skinner, owner, and CEO of Protec Recycling said e-waste and the secure shredding of sensitive documents are something we should all prioritize. "There are different economical and ecological reasons to recycle electronics. Most of us upgrade to a newer computer and phone equipment regularly. The more base metals we recycle from these devices, the less we have to mine."

For those wishing to shred documents, Skinner said residents can bring the paper materials in any sort of receptacle. "Boxes, bags, totes, anything is fine. We'll give the receptacles back. We ask that residents do not include 3-ring binders and binder clips. Paper, manila folders, staples, and paper clips are okay to include. Do not bring wet paper."

There is a nominal fee associated with some items. For example, CRT monitors and hard drive destruction will be charged \$10.00 each. Flat-panel monitors are free. Skinner says you can rest assured your data is secure. All data is destroyed before the device is recycled.

Protec Recycling has partnered with the City of Pelham in the past, and it is a service we are happy to provide. For a complete list of recyclable items, as well as items that are not accepted, please visit [our website](#).



## Slightly Warmer Polar Plunge

Covid-19 certainly disrupted many plans, including the 2022 Pelham Polar Plunge. The event, which is usually held in January at Oak Mountain State Park, is an Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run event hosted by the Pelham Police Department. It benefits Special Olympics Alabama by raising awareness about the games and money to support Alabama's Special Olympics athletes.

The Pelham Polar Plunge will now take place on April 2nd at 2:00 pm, which will hopefully mean warmer water! "We are thankful for the community's support, especially the support of the businesses that sponsor and contribute to the event," said Lt. Mike Williams, an event organizer. There's still time to sign up if you want to participate. Visit the event page by [clicking here](#).

Sponsors: Publix, Oak Mountain State Park, Southwest Water Co., Kirkland Wrecker Service, Wheeler Wrecker Service, AmFirst Federal Credit Union, Issis & Sons Carpet and Flooring, Dunkin Donuts

## A Very Special Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is on his way to Pelham, with an appearance at the 2nd Annual "A Very Special Easter Egg Hunt," Tuesday, April 12th from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm at the Pelham City Park Rectangular Field. This event is designed specifically for families of children with a disability or limitations, and their siblings.

Alicia Walters, Assistant Director of Pelham Parks & Recreation, said the event is purposefully kept on the smaller side in order for the staff to interact with and individualize each child's experience. "We want to provide a fun, safe, and comfortable environment," said Walters. For example, there will be no candy-filled Easter eggs. Instead, participants will find eggs with stickers and small toys. Even the Easter Bunny is prepped ahead of time to move slowly and be more patient with the children. There will be eggs tied to balloons for those who use wheelchairs or walkers, allowing children to hunt eggs from a sitting or standing position.

Meredith and Jonathan Hornsby brought their daughter Caroline to last year's event, and plan to do so again this year. "It was incredible to be with other families who had children with different needs and to be surrounded by adults working the event who understood that these children may do things differently. Everyone was so kind and patient, letting each child participate in their own way."

[Families may register online.](#) The registration deadline is April 6.

[Read the complete story here.](#)



Photo courtesy of Meredith & Jonathan Hornsby

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## Ballantrae Junior Golf Camp

Get your child off the couch this summer with three great opportunities at Ballantrae Golf Club.

The Beginner Junior Golf Clinic is for children ages 6-12. The program begins May 1st and will be held weekly on Sundays from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm. This clinic focuses on the golf swing, chipping, putting, and golf etiquette. The cost is \$30 per session.

The Advanced Junior Golfer Clinic is open to children ages 8-13 with approval by Head Golf Professional Jay Chambers. There are eight total sessions, and the class size is limited to eight. The clinics will be held on Sundays beginning May 1st from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm, with a course day on Tuesdays from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm. The cost is \$240 per month.

The Ballantrae Summer Golf Camp is open to children ages 6-14 with three different sessions: June 14-17, June 21-24, and July 19-22 from 8:30 am-10:30 am. The cost is \$150, with beverages and snacks included. Golf clubs are provided if needed at no cost.

For more information, [email Jay Chambers](#).

## Pelham Racquet Club Pro Classic

By: Ainsley Allison

The Pelham Racquet Club is one of the largest public clay court facilities in the state, with 20 clay courts and five hard courts. It has an impeccable reputation in the tennis community here at home and around the world.

The Pelham Racquet Club hosts an annual USTA Pro Circuit women's tournament, which is sanctioned by the International Tennis Federation. Typically a \$25,000 event, the ITF and USTA chose to elevate it to a \$60,000 event in 2022. Because the purse is bigger, this tournament will attract higher-ranked players.

The USTA Pro Circuit tour serves as a pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and is a frequent battleground for established players who are looking to earn points and prize money.

"The Pelham Women's Event has been a staple of the USTA Pro Circuit family for almost 20 years and we have been incredibly fortunate to witness the growth of the event during that time," said Pro Circuit Senior Manager Idelle Pierre-Louis. "We are thrilled to see they are elevating to an ITF W60 and will be cheering them as they continue their tradition of world-class tennis combined with world-class hospitality in Pelham."



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