

# EXPLORE



## Sunday, October 30

### Fall Fun in City Park

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

- Bounce houses
- Carnival games
- Activities for Children
- Vendor booths
- Trick-or-treat

3:30 - Costume Parade

### Music in the Park

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Sweet Tea Trio

## AWESOME AUTUMN!

### Fall Fun in City Park + Music in the Park

Many people have enjoyed Music in the Park this season, but on Sunday, October 30, Pelham families will have two great reasons to come out to enjoy the crisp fall air. Fall Fun in City Park will be held before the start of Music in the Park, providing an entire afternoon of entertainment.

The idea of a fall festival came about through a "meeting of the minds" between Alicia Walters with Pelham Parks & Recreation, and Mary Campbell, Director of the Pelham Public Library. "In the past, the Library has offered a fall carnival, so Mary and I started brainstorming and decided this would be a great opportunity for us to partner together and create a larger family-friendly fall event in the park," stated Walters.

"Events like this are a great way to build community," said Campbell. Fall is the best Alabama season, and City Park is an absolute jewel! There is something for everyone at this event, and nature is good for the soul."

Festival-goers can expect bounce houses, face painting, crafts, carnival games, and a trick-or-treat trail. Over 15 community vendors will have booths decorated in a fall or Halloween theme. A costume contest will begin at 3:30 pm.

Following the Fun Day activities, Music in the Park will feature Sweet Tea Trio.

The all-female harmony group has opened for Bon Jovi and Alabama and is managed by singer-songwriter, rapper, and producer, Kid Rock. Their music is described as "old-school country with a rhinestone flair".



Sweet Tea Trio



**Pelham Parks & Recreation 5K  
Presented by  
Maximum Physical Therapy**

Saturday, November 12, 2022  
8:00 am - Pelham City Park

Late registration going on now  
\$30 per participant

Contact Pelham Parks & Recreation for  
more information - (205) 620-6426

- Cash prizes for the top three male & female finishers.
- Age group awards for the top three male & female finishers: 19 & below, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & above.
- Race t-shirts & finisher medals cannot be guaranteed for late registration.

## A 5K for Everyone

The Pelham Parks & Recreation 5K Presented by Maximum Physical Therapy is back for a fourth running. This year, organizers hope to build on the momentum of last year's success. In 2021, the course was certified by USA Track and Field for the first time. Runner Erica Speegle won the 2021 race and broke a state record for her age. Kevin Washburn, the organizer of the 5K, said the certification is very important. "It gives us some great potential opportunities for the race and makes any records set on our course official. I was proud to see Erica's name added to the record, knowing that she set it at our event. Now we can describe our course as 'record-breaking'."

The 5K, which will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Pelham City Park, takes runners on a flat course around the recreational facilities along Cahaba Valley Creek. "The course is about as flat as you can find, especially in Pelham," Washburn stated. "Runners will find plenty of opportunities to pass others or simply find their own space on the roads. On the trail, they will experience the beauty of autumn, especially in the sections close to the creek." Washburn went on to say one participant described the course as 'quirky but fast'. "The 'quirky' parts of the course are three 180-degree turns and a short unpaved section by the dog park. The 'fast' descriptor comes from the overall flatness of the course combined with a nice downhill finish. The most common comment we get from runners experiencing our course for the first time is, 'I can't believe you found 3.1 miles all right here!' We manage to run the entire race without taking runners onto busy streets, and the Pelham Police Department keeps traffic off the few roads we do use during the event."

Washburn said the race was created with two goals in mind: to make it an event for all types of participants and to use the race route to showcase City Park. That's why Washburn said both serious runners and run-for-fun participants alike will enjoy this 5K. Cash prizes are offered for the top three finishers for both men and women. "We're one of a very few 5K's that offer that kind of prize." He went on to point out that serious runners hoping to run their fastest 5K will find an event that is close to perfect for their attempts. On the other side, families, and anyone attempting their first race, whether they run or walk will enjoy the event. "Anyone who crosses the finish line gets a medal. Kids strut around with their medals afterward like they won Olympic gold."

Although the deadline for early registration has passed, participants can still sign up for \$30 from now to the day of the event.

Maximum Physical Therapy is the lead sponsor of the 5K and has been a generous partner since the beginning. Mayfair, Bike Link of Hoover, and They Guy's Place are additional sponsors. The Pelham B.E.A.T. is partnering with the race this year to provide support. Washburn is happy to have them on board. "If there are any funds remaining after the expenses are covered, the Pelham B.E.A.T., which is a 501c3, will use what remains to continue with their mission of supporting the arts, cultural organizations, community beautification, entertainment, and artists in the City of Pelham. We've always approached the 5K as a community event, so it's great to know that if we raise more than we need, the extra will be used to enhance the lives of Pelham residents."

## HAPPENING IN PELHAM



**FRIDAY | OCTOBER 28**

**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Halloween Boo Mixed Doubles**

Come out for a fun night of tennis at Pelham Racquet Club. Dress up for extra points & win prizes throughout the evening. Sign up individually, or with a partner.

\$25 per person - All ages welcome.

Call 205-621-3380 for more information and to sign up.



**SUNDAY | OCTOBER 30**

**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Alabama Bats!**

Learn about the different species of bats we see in Alabama skies. You'll also have the chance to make a bat mask. Oak Mountain State Park Interpretive Center.

Free with paid park admission - All ages welcome.

[More information is available at this link.](#)



**TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 1**

**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Day of the Dead Family Event**

The Pelham Public Library invites you to celebrate and explore the history behind Día de Los Muertos.

Free - All ages welcome.

Call 205-620-6418 for more information.



**SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 19**

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**A Southern Christmas Bazaar**

Get a jump on your shopping with great gift ideas from dozens of local crafters and artisans. The event will be held at the Pelham Civic Complex.

Adults \$8 / Children \$3- \$1 discount with a canned food item to be donated to Oak Mountain Ministries.

For information on vendor space and event details, [visit this link.](#)