

# EXPLORE



## Salsa in the Park

Sunday, September 17th  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dance Lessons offered  
in two 30-minute  
sessions

Enjoy food trucks,  
crafts, and children's  
activities

Registration is  
encouraged, but not  
required. [Sign up here.](#)

## LET'S DANCE!

### New Event Brings Salsa to City Park

Get on your feet and move to the beat! For the first time, Pelham Parks & Recreation is offering Salsa in the Park, an afternoon of fun filled with music, dance, and food. The event will be held on Sunday, September 17th, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Pelham City Park.

"Pelham Parks & Recreation strives to offer a variety of community events. Pelham City Park is a great place to have families and communities come together," said Alicia Walters, Assistant Director. "This event is open to everyone, whether you live in Pelham or not. We will offer two 30-minute free salsa dance classes, and then we'll have some social time to dance. We will also have crafts and a face painter for the kids. La Chilanquita Taqueria and Kona Ice food trucks will be on site. Whether you dance or not, we encourage you to come out and enjoy being outdoors with great music and lots of fun." Walters said families might want to bring chairs and blankets to enjoy the park when they're not dancing.

The instructor for the salsa lessons might be familiar to some. Lorie Flanagan, owner of Twist Ballroom Studio, was once a ballroom instructor at the Rec Center. Walters said Flanagan's ballroom classes were in high demand. "Her class outgrew our facility, so she opened a dance studio to offer more classes to the community."

The event is free. Registration is not required but is encouraged for planning purposes. [You can sign up here.](#)



New signage at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena proves the facility is the "coolest place in town".



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Xtreme International Ice Racing returns to the PCC in January.

## Coollest Place in Town

The Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena is a great place to be when Alabama's summer temperatures become almost unbearable. The facility touts itself as the "coolest place in town", and not just because of the ice.

"Where else can you find professional hockey, ice racing, and soon, professional soccer all under one roof?" said Susie Gray, Director of Skating. She adds figure skating, youth hockey, exhibitions, charity events, trade shows, weddings, and interactive dinner theatre to the long list of events the versatile facility can accommodate.

The PCC calendar is quite full for the coming months. Take note of the following special events and family-friendly options available for all.

The formation of a new professional soccer team, Magic City SC, was recently announced by the National Indoor Soccer League (NISL). The club will make its home at the Complex (Read more in the "Grow" section of this newsletter). The new team will begin play in January.

The Birmingham Bulls are back in action this fall, with the home opener set for Friday, October 20, 2023, against rivals Huntsville Havoc. The Bulls finished second in the SPHL last year, and this year they hope to bring the President's Cup home to Pelham.

Xtreme International Ice Racing returns to the PCC on January 20, 2024. The event isn't just about the races. It's also an adrenaline-packed experience for the entire family with chances to meet and interact with the athletes. Tickets will go on sale starting October 6th.

The University of Alabama hockey team plays home games at Pelham Civic Complex and Ice Arena. Some of this year's opponents include Middle Tennessee, Missouri State, Auburn, Wake Forest, and more.

Big special events are only the tip of the iceberg. There's fun year around with Learn to Skate programs, youth hockey lessons and leagues, the Annual Pelham Skate School Christmas Show, summer camps, and much more.

To learn more about events and opportunities for the entire family, please visit the [Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena website](#).

## Bishop Creek Cleanup: Volunteers Needed

Saturday, October 7, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Pelham City Park - Meet at the pavilion

Bring closed-toed shoes (to wade in the creek), reusable water bottle, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, and friends.

Volunteers of all ages needed.



Hosted by:  
Cahaba Riverkeepers,  
Pelham Garden Club, and  
Pelham Parks & Recreation

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## Creek Cleanup

Bishop Creek is a beautiful natural attraction at Pelham City Park. But when the creek becomes littered with trash and other artificial items, it not only takes away from the beauty but also causes problems for other major waterways.

Recently, some patrons of the Pelham Dog Park approached Brian Cooper, Director of Pelham Parks & Recreation, to plant the idea for a creek cleanup. Cooper met with Teresa Riddle with the Pelham Garden Club and Wil Ranier, Field Programs Director for the Cahaba River Society, to brainstorm an event that would unite volunteers for the cause.

Ranier explained the importance of local tributaries like Bishop Creek to the health of our waterways. "The Cahaba River is only as clean as its tributaries. Bishop Creek flows into Buck Creek, which drains into the Cahaba. Trash from Bishop Creek will one day end up in the Cahaba River. It's just as important to ensure a clean and native ecosystem in our creeks and streams as it is to ensure cleanliness in our rivers' main channels. A clean Cahaba River Watershed means a clean Cahaba River."

Teresa Riddle is very active in the beautification of our community. As a member of the Pelham Garden Club, she's always on the lookout for ways to enhance the quality of life in Pelham. When discussing the need for the creek cleanup, Riddle explained, "While there has been some removal of big objects such as metal buildings from our past flooding event, there is still trash that blocks the water flow in some cases."

Volunteers are needed for the creek cleanup scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2023. Volunteers should arrive at Pelham City Park by 9:00 a.m. wearing clothes that they are comfortable getting wet or dirty. "There will be opportunities to clean throughout the park and along and in Bishop Creek. I recommend old tennis shoes for the creek," Ranier stated. "People are welcome to bring waders, but they should know that knee-high wading boots will likely be overtopped when walking through the creek." Volunteers of all ages are needed. "We will have a job for everyone," said Ranier.



Volunteers are needed to help clean Bishop Creek at Pelham City Park.



Litter is not only unsightly, but it also presents a much larger problem.

## HAPPENING IN PELHAM



### SATURDAY - MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 2-4 BEGINS 8:00 A.M. | PRC USTA Southern 14S, L4 Tournament

Pelham Racquet Club will host players from across the Southeast Labor Day weekend. See boys and girls aged 14 and under compete in both singles and doubles matches.

Spectators free.  
Learn more on the [Pelham Racquet Club website](#).

### SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 2 BEGINS 7:00 A.M. | OMSP Zombie Backyard Ultra

This backyard-style ultra will be held at Oak Mountain State Park. Run a fun 4.167 loop starting every hour until one runner remains.

Various categories.  
See additional details and [register here](#).

### SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 9 11:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Birds on the Boardwalk

Meet the amazing birds of prey of Oak Mountain State Park! Join park interpreters at the Treetop Nature Trail boardwalk to learn about these majestic creatures.

Free with park entry.  
Learn more on the [Oak Mountain State Park website](#).

### SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 10 11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M., & 3:00 P.M. | OMSP BUMP Women on Wheels

Join Birmingham Urban Mountain Peddlers for a ladies beginner mountain bike clinic. Meet in the field across from the South Trail Head.

Bikes and helmets provided for those who need them.  
Learn more on the [BUMP website](#).

### MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 11 6:00 P.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Adult Craft Workshop

Join your friends and make a book page pumpkin. The program is free and supplies are provided. Registration is required.

Ages 18+  
Reserve your seat and [register here](#).

### THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 14 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Pelham Garden Club

Our guest for September will be John Vanderford, County Extension Coordinator for Shelby County. He will be speaking on Integrative Pest Management.

Free. Ages 18+.  
Register on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

## HAPPENING IN PELHAM



### SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 16 6:30 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATRE Nickelback: Get Rollin' Tour

Experience the raw power of the multi-platinum band Nickelback as the "Get Rollin' Tour" makes a stop in Pelham, with special guests Brantley Gilbert and Austin Snell.

Ticket prices vary.  
See a seating chart and [purchase tickets here](#).

### SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 17 7:30 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATRE Peso Pluma - Doble P Tour

Get ready for an evening of explosive hip-hop rhythms, danceable tunes, and electrifying beats from one of Mexico's rising stars.

Ticket prices vary.  
See a seating chart and [purchase tickets here](#).

### TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 19 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Mixed Media Art/Painting

Create mixed media art with Sandy Johnson. All supplies are provided and no experience is necessary. Space is limited for this class. 205.620.6064

\$10 per class; Ages 55+  
Registration opens at the beginning of each month.

### TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 19 ALL DAY | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Talk Like a Pirate Scavenger Hunt

Celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day with a scavenger hunt! Stop by the Children's Department for a map and details. Maybe you can find a bit of treasure.

Free. Children through 6th grade.  
Find out more on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

### THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 21 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Creative Card Making

Have fun making a set of five different cards. All supplies are provided. No experience is necessary. Space is limited for this activity. 205.620.6064

\$10 per class; Ages 55+  
Registration opens at the beginning of each month.

### SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 23 10:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Hike with Mike

Take advantage of this opportunity to see the rare Porter's sunflowers and endangered Boynton oaks. Alabama State Park's Naturalist Emeritus Mike Ezell leads this easy hike.

Free with park admission.  
Read details on the [Oak Mountain State Park website](#).



**Labor Day Closings & Special Hours  
Monday, September 4, 2023**

Pelham City Hall & City Offices: CLOSED  
Pelham Public Library: CLOSED  
Pelham Rec Center: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Pelham Racquet Club: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Ballantrae Golf Club: Holiday hours & rates  
Civic Complex & Ice Arena: CLOSED  
September 3 & 4.  
Pelham Senior Center: CLOSED  
AmWaste Garbage Pickup: There will be  
NO trash pickup on September 4th. For  
Monday/Thursday routes, trash will be  
collected on Thursday only.



**PREPARE NOW!**  
**Fall Shred & E-Recycling Day**  
Saturday, October 7, 2023  
Pelham City Hall  
[Visit this link](#) for more information.



**Winter Youth Sports  
Registration**

Girls and Boys Basketball  
Grades 3-6

Registration deadline  
October 9

[Register online here.](#)



**MUSIC  
IN THE PARK**

OCTOBER 1 - TAKE 7  
OCTOBER 8 - LIZ & THE GRAND TOUR  
OCTOBER 15 - THE M-80s  
OCTOBER 22 - BLACK SEDAN BAND

**4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.**  
**PELHAM CITY PARK**

**CITY OF PELHAM NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
 Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
 Pelham City Park

**FUN FOR ALL!**

- Free hot dog supper for first 1,400
- Police & Fire equipment displays
- Music
- Inflatables, rock climbing wall & kid's activities
- Pelham High School Marching Band
- Over 40 local organizations

**PHS Homecoming**

Thursday, September 28, 2023  
 Panther Prowl & Community Pep Rally  
 The parade begins at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, September 29, 2023  
 Pelham vs. Chelsea  
 7:00 p.m.

**MIDNIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE**  
**DIAMOND HEIST**  
 NOW YOU SEE IT NOW YOU DON'T

Cash Bar · Live Acting · Dinner

**MYSTERY DINNER THEATRES**

We beckon you to unravel secrets over a sumptuous meal. Prepare to be captivated by an evening of suspenseful twists and delectable clues!

**PURCHASE TICKETS NOW!**

**13 & 14**  
 OCTOBER, 2023 @ 6 PM  
 PELHAM CIVIC COMPLEX

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## Pelham Beat To Host Dinner Theatre

Make plans to attend this Mystery Dinner Theatre production hosted by the Pelham BEAT. Enjoy interactive experiences featuring a catered dinner, a cash bar, and live acting. Until September 15, take advantage of a special \$10 discount using the code 10off.

On Friday, October 13, "Midnight at the Masquerade" will be staged at the Pelham Civic Complex. Step into a world of opulence and suspense at the Billionaires' Club Annual Masquerade Ball. Amidst elegance, a shocking murder surfaces, unraveling secrets and hidden motives. Become a detective, gather clues, and unveil the enigmatic killer in an unforgettable night of intrigue. [Buy your tickets here.](#)

On Saturday, October 14, the curtain rises on "Diamond Heist: Now You See It, Now You Don't". Experience elegance and mystery as the Stomach of the Ocean Diamond disappears from a grand museum. Join us in exquisite attire to untangle deception, recover the stolen gem, and solve the enigmatic carat caper. [Tickets are available here.](#)