

EXPLORE



Quick Facts

Meets:

2nd Thursday

10:00 a.m.

Pelham Public Library

Roberts Room A

Membership:

The Pelham Garden Club is open to all adults interested in all areas of gardening. A Pelham residency is not required. There is no cost to attend.

CLUB OF ACTION

Pelham Garden Club Celebrates First Year

Many new organizations take a few years to gain momentum, but the Pelham Garden Club hit the ground running and hasn't looked back. In just one year, the group has removed invasive plants along the walking trails at Pelham City Park, established a Bluebird Trail, partnered with the Cahaba River Society to remove litter from Cahaba Valley Creek (AKA Bishop Creek), and tagged some native plants with QR codes so Pelham residents can become more familiar with them.

The club started meeting in October 2022. David Smith, a Library Supervisor and head of adult programming at the Pelham Public Library, saw an opportunity to unite people for a common purpose. To get the ball rolling, he turned to Master Gardeners Teresa and Larry Riddle, who had been doing presentations at the library for several years. "Teresa and Larry are the backbones of the club, and this could have never happened without their involvement," Smith explained.

The club met on October 12, 2023, to celebrate the club's first anniversary. "We are so excited about the things we've learned and the projects we've accomplished. This is a club of action," said Teresa Riddle. Dr. Sue Webb, Master Gardener and native plant specialist at Petals From the Past, was the club's first speaker in October 2022, and she returned to speak at the October 2023 meeting.

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The club focuses on bringing in more native plants and reducing the invasive ones. “We want to help Pelham residents identify these species and raise awareness of the importance of native plants to our environment,” said Riddle.

After reviewing the projects completed during the first year, the Garden Club discussed ongoing and upcoming projects. The club is doing some planting at the Destiny Riekeburg Memory Garden at Pelham City Park. They also hope to increase pollination gardens and eventually secure a Bee City USA designation for Pelham. If successful, Pelham will become just the second city in the state with the designation.



Let's Go On an Elf Adventure!

Pack your sleuthing skills, shop local, and go on an Elf Adventure to kick off the holiday season. The adventure is scheduled for November 30th through December 2nd. During this time, Pete the Pelham Elf will be hiding in twelve local retailers. It's your job to find him!

Alicia Walters, Assistant Director of Pelham Parks & Recreation, said “passports” for the Shop Local Elf Adventure will be available at the Pelham Rec Center. Participants will visit the twelve retailers and have their passports stamped. On Saturday, December 2nd, a Shop Local Elf Adventure finale party will be held at the Pelham Rec Center from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. At that time, participants can turn in their passports to win prizes from participating retail businesses. “We have it on good authority that Santa will make an appearance for a photo op. We will also have hot chocolate, cookies, and crafts,” said Walters.

The Shop Local Elf Adventure is a new event offered by the City of Pelham Parks & Recreation Department designed to celebrate local retailers by helping to attract customers during the busy holiday shopping season. “Not only is it a way to bring the community together, but it also creates exposure for our local retailers. We encourage Pelham residents to shop small this holiday season,” said Walters.

Complete details will be coming soon to the [Pelham Parks & Recreation website](#) and also the department's [Facebook page](#).



November Tennis Offerings

No matter your age or skill level, there are plenty of opportunities for tennis enthusiasts this month at Pelham Racquet Club and the Pelham Tennis Center. Here are some fun events and clinics to mark on your calendar:

PELHAM RACQUET CLUB

100 Racquet Club Parkway, Pelham, AL 35124

Iron Bowl Mixer

Friday, November 24, 2023 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Family Doubles or Doubles

\$25 per person, meal included

Wear your team colors!

[Sign up now.](#)

Turkey Burn-Off Clinics

November 27 & 28 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\$85 per person, meal included

[Sign up now.](#)

PELHAM TENNIS CENTER

315 Ball Park Road, Pelham, AL 35124

Mixed Tennis Clinics Beginner

Mondays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

\$20 per person

Ladies Beginner Clinics

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

\$20 per person

Youth Clinics Learn to Play

Ages 5-8- Tuesdays 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 8-10- Tuesdays 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 10-14- Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

After School Clinics

November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th - 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

\$10 per person

Call the Pelham Racquet Club at 205.621.3380 for additional information.



Learn to Bowl

Here's your chance to learn to bowl or enhance your skills. A new four-week program is being offered by Pelham Parks & Recreation on Sunday, November 12 and 19, and December 3 and 10 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Oak Mountain Lanes. The program is for those new to the sport, or experienced bowlers who may want to polish their skills with fundamental practice. Gold Level, certified bowling coach, Chris Felts will lead this program. Bowlers may register for all sessions, or for any single session they choose. The program is for people aged eight and up.

The cost is \$15 per person, per session, and pre-registration is required. For additional information, please email Charlie Sanders.



Christmas Break Fun

The holiday season is upon us, and Pelham's parents will be busy with shopping, baking, and, of course, working. If you need a helping hand during the school break, Pelham Parks & Recreation has some options to help you plan your busy schedule.

Youth Game Night is scheduled for Friday, December 15th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Children ages 11 - 14 are invited. Not only will it give parents of older children an evening to get some things done, but the kids will love spending time with their friends. Our Parks & Rec staff will be on hand with indoor kickball, basketball mini-games, volleyball, tailgate-style games, e-sports, and more. Pizza and snacks will be provided. The cost is \$5 per child, and parents must check their child in and out of the program. For additional information, please email Jared Thornton.

Perhaps Santa's helpers need a little extra time without the younger kids. The Youth Christmas Camp is December 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for ages 7 - 12. We'll spend time at the Rec Center playing kickball and basketball, creating holiday crafts, and more. Lunch will be provided, and the cost is \$15 per child. Please email Charlie Sanders for more information.

HAPPENING IN PELHAM



SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 4 7:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. | BALLANTRAE Pancake Buffet

Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes at Ballantrae Golf Club! The breakfast buffet includes pancakes, blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and grits.

\$10 (Kids 5 & under \$6)
Contact Ballantrae Golf Club: 205.620.4653

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 9 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Creative Card Making

Let's get creative together as we make a set of five different cards. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary.

\$10/ 55+
Call the Pelham Senior Center at 205.620.6064

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 4 10:30 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Water Safety with Goldfish Swim School

Learn why it is always important to be safe around water. Meet mascot Bubbles the Goldfish and learn how the word W.A.T.E.R. can help you remember swimming safety.

Free/Geared towards children 12 & under.
Find out more on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 9 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Pelham Garden Club Meeting

This month's speaker is Theresa Johanson from the Alabama chapter of Wild Ones, which promotes environmentally-friendly landscaping.

Free/All Adults Welcome/Pelham residency is not required.
Learn more on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 6 1:00 P.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Drumming

Drumming can lift your mood, exercise your brain, and it is fun! Our instructor leads the class in drum circle style. Space is limited.

Free/ 55+
Call the Pelham Senior Center at 205.620.6064

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

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

Free with park entry.
Additional details can be found on the [OMSP website](#).

HAPPENING IN PELHAM



TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 14 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Mixed Media Art/Painting

Join us as we create mixed media art with Sandy Johnson. All supplies are provided and no experience is necessary. Space is limited.

\$10/55+
Call the Pelham Senior Center at 205.620.6064

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 24 10:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK #optoutside2023 Black Friday Guided Hike

This Black Friday, #OptOutside with us and enjoy nature. The hike is considered a beginner-level hike with only a few inclines along the way.

Free with park admission. Lunker Lake Trail.
Learn more on the [QMSP website](#).

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 16 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY The ABC&Ds of Medicare

Does Medicare confuse you? Get answers at this seminar provided by Karen Haiflich. The presentation simplifies complex issues such as Medicare parts, enrolling, & more.

Free and open to the public.
Find out more on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 18 8:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Death by 5K

Death by 5K is RunStrong's signature 24-hour challenge. It requires participants to run ten 5Ks, starting each 5K spaced 2.5 hours apart. The race begins at Dogwood Pavilion at South Trailhead.

Registration is limited to 100 participants.
Learn more on the [QMSP website](#).



November Home Schedule

November 9	vs. Pensacola
November 10	vs. Macon
November 17	vs. Pensacola
November 18	vs. Knoxville
November 24	vs. Pensacola

All games begin at 7:00 p.m.
For tickets and special promotions, please visit the [Bulls website](#).

PELHAM SENIOR CENTER

FALL Craft Show



NOVEMBER 9, 2023
10AM-12PM

FOOD • PRIZES • GIVE AWAYS

50 RACQUET CLUB PKWY • PELHAM • AL



Guided Hike King's Chair Overlook

Saturday, November 11, 2023
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Oak Mountain State Park

More information on the [OMSP website](#).

2024 XTREME INTERNATIONAL ICE RACING

JANUARY 20, 2024



ON SALE TODAY!

THIS FRIDAY
OCT 06

I DID IT MY WAY TOUR

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA TICKETMASTER OR AT THE PCCIA BOX OFFICE

PRESENTED BY



RACING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM

LOCAL RIDERS WANTED VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO

TICKETS: \$30 GOLD LEVEL \$25 GENERAL ADMISSION \$10 KIDS TICKETS

MOTORCYCLE RACING ON ICE RETURNS TO PELHAM FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROMOTER ANTHONY BARLOW

PELHAM CIVIC COMPLEX & ICE ARENA | 500 AMPHITHEATER RD | PELHAM, AL

VISIT WWW.PELHAMCIVICCOMPLEX.COM A  **MANAGED ARENA FOR MORE INFORMATION**

SCARECROWS IN THE PARK

On Display
November 7-17



Volunteers Needed

Pelham Garden Club Work Day

Monday, November 6, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Walking Trail - City Park

We're clearing the trailhead near the park entrance at Bearden Road. Bring water, eye protection, gloves, loppers and/or pruning saws. Wear closed-toed shoes.



ROTARY CLUB OF ALABASTER-PELHAM

A SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

PELHAM CIVIC COMPLEX
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022

9:00AM-4:00PM



ADULTS \$8.00
CHILDREN \$3.00

\$1.00 DISCOUNT ON EACH TICKET WITH A CANNED FOOD ITEM

SAVE THE DATE!



2023 PELHAM HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

SPONSORED BY:
PELHAM STRONG · FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE OF SHELBY COUNTY ·
KIWANIS CLUB OF CENTRAL SHELBY COUNTY · RIVERCHASE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Drop Off Locations

Pelham

- A Birthday Place
- Gifted Handmade Gifts & More
- Pelham Church of God
- Pelham Fire Station #1
- Pelham Racquet Club
- Synovus Bank
- Three M Karts & Mowers

Alabaster

- The Albert L. Scott Library
- Rancho Escondido Mexican Grill

Calera

- Calera Police Department
- Shelby County Courthouse

Columbiana

- Chelsea Animal Clinic
- Shelby County FOP Lodge 41
- Station 41 Kitchen

**Please bring new,
unwrapped gifts to the
above locations anytime
Nov 15th-Dec 13th**



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- Annabelle's Boutique
- Cahaba Valley Learning Center
- North Shelby Baptist Church
- Sharkey's Cuts For Kids
- Windham Tire & Repair

Harpersville

- Black Sheep
- Harpersville Police Department

Helena

- Helena Hardware
- Helena Police Department

Mt. Laurel

- Area 41 Mt. Laurel Pizza
- University of Montevallo

Montevallo

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Riverchase

- Riverchase Church of Christ

**Toys will be provided to
children in Shelby County and
Children's Hospital
Intervention and Prevention
Services Center (CHIPS)**



Saturday, December 9, 2023
Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena

Schedule of Activities

2:30 p.m. - Sponsor Row Open

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Free ice skating for children 10 & under

5:00 p.m. - Christmas Parade
(Theme: "Christmas Around the World")

Following the Parade:

- Tree Lighting
- Free Ice Skating - All Ages
- Family-friendly activities