

# EXPLORE



## At A Glance

Putting the Movement On the Move: The 1961 Freedom Rides

Saturday, February 3, 2024  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Pelham Public Library  
Roberts Rooms A & B

Free

[Visit the Library website to learn more.](#)

## HISTORY IN MOTION

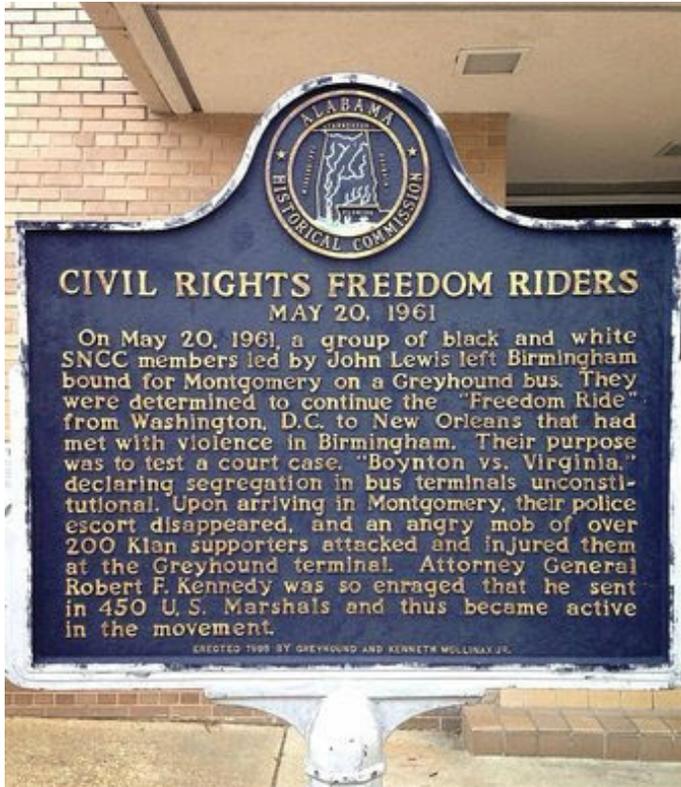
### Library Hosts Program On Freedom Riders

In recognition of Black History Month, the Pelham Public Library will offer all residents an educational opportunity. "Putting the Movement on the Move: The 1961 Freedom Rides" is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Roberts Rooms A & B. The program will be presented by Alexander Strickland, Operations Manager of the Freedom Rides Museum in Montgomery, an official U.S. Civil Rights Trail destination. The museum is part of the Alabama Historical Commission.

Russ Mitchell, Senior Librarian for Pelham Public Library, said the presentation will examine the Freedom Rides, a campaign involving 436 Black and white men, women, and youth from 35 states who traveled into the Deep South during the summer of 1961. These brave people risked their lives and freedom to attempt to bring about an end to segregated practices.

Segregation on public transportation existed for years, but the courage to take a stand can be traced back eleven years before Mrs. Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give her seat to white passengers on a Montgomery city bus. In 1944, Ms. Irene Morgan defiantly refused to give her seat to white passengers on a Greyhound Bus in Virginia. Ms. Morgan's courageous action and brutal arrest led to a landmark ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court declaring it unconstitutional for Greyhound and Trailways buses to segregate passengers. However, operators of these buses, planes, and trains, especially in the Deep South, continued to

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practice segregation.

Fast forward to 1961. The Freedom Riders faced violent attacks as they fought to put an end to the segregation. More than 300 were arrested and incarcerated in Mississippi's infamous Parchman Penitentiary. Mr. Strickland's presentation will examine the stories and heroism of the Freedom Riders while also detailing the failures of leadership at the local, state, and federal levels.

Mitchell stated the Pelham Public Library is committed to serving and providing education opportunities to our diverse community. "We acknowledge the importance of Black History Month to celebrate the contributions of African Americans to the United States throughout its history. This presentation highlights a crucial moment in the Civil Rights Movement's endeavor to bring an end to segregation through non-violent protest."

Learn more about "Putting the Movement on the Move: The 1961 Freedom Rides" and reserve a seat on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

**YOU MATTER PELHAM**  
Fun Run

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 10AM - 12 PM**  
REGISTER BY FEB 2ND TO RECEIVE A SHIRT

**REGISTER HERE!**

**WALK OR RUN**  
ENTIRE FAMILY CAN PARTICIPATE  
DOOR PRIZES  
FAMILY ACTIVITIES  
FOOD TRUCKS  
PET FRIENDLY  
STROLLER FRIENDLY  
CHECK OUT OUR FITNESS FAIR

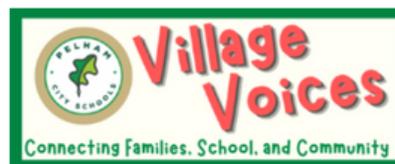
**ORDER A T-SHIRT \$20**

**DON'T WANT A SHIRT? DONATIONS \$10 OR \$20**

**WHO** Pelham City Schools and Pelham Community  
**WHAT** Community fun run to support *Vineyard Family Services* and Family Fitness Fair presented by *Village Voices*  
**WHEN** Saturday February 17th, 2024 10 am - 12 noon  
**WHERE** Pelham City Park (walking track by pavilion)

## Support Our Schools

Pelham City Schools is engaging with parents and the community through Village Voices, a series of monthly workshops presented by the school system, in collaboration with Compact, Vineyard Family Services, and other community partners. The goal of Village Voices is to help parents understand how they can help their children achieve through focusing on how foundational wellness can increase school success. We'll keep you updated on future events hosted by Village Voices. We'd love to have you and your family participate in the You Matter Pelham Fun Run and Fitness Fair on Saturday, February 17.



# HAPPENING IN PELHAM



## SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 3 8:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Thrift Store Half Marathon & 10K

Test your bargain-hunting abilities and outfit your entire race kit with thrift store finds! Your outfit can't exceed \$20, except for your shoes, socks, and underwear.

The race begins at the Red Bud Pavilion by the BMX track. [Use this link](#) to learn more and register.

## SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 3 7:30 A.M. | BALLANTRAE GOLF CLUB Pancake Buffet

The Fireside Grill at Ballantrae Golf Club will be serving up hot and delicious pancakes from 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. No to-go orders, please.

Adults \$10; Kids five & under \$6  
Learn more on the [Ballantrae Golf Club Facebook](#) page.

## SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 3 3:00 P.M. | BEER HOG 8th Annual Guinness Beer Chili Cookoff

Taste the best chili in town and help the Wings of Hope Pediatric Foundation. Teams will compete for the title. Cooking begins at 11:00 a.m., and tasting is at 3:00 p.m.

\$10 for adults; kids 12 and under free.  
Learn more at the [Beer Hog event page](#).

## THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 8 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Pelham Garden Club

The monthly meeting of the Pelham Garden Club is open to all adults interested in various aspects of gardening. A special guest speaker will present the program.

Adults. Pelham residence is not required. | Free  
Visit the Pelham Library website to learn more.

## THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 8 1:00 P.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Social Media Safety

Detective Cruz with the Pelham Police Department presents basic internet safety practices. Learn how to keep your social media experience safe and enjoyable.

Age 55+ | Free  
Call the Pelham Senior Center to learn more 205.620.6064.

## THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 8 4:00 P.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY STEAM After School: Egg Drop Challenge

Can you construct a device that will allow a raw egg to safely land on the ground? Find out in the Egg Challenge! Registration is required and space is limited.

Ages 8-12 | Free  
Register on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

# HAPPENING IN PELHAM



## FEBRUARY 9-10, 11, 16-17 7:30 P.M.\* | SOUTH CITY THEATRE "Crimes of the Heart"

Don't miss the opportunity to witness the magic of "Crimes of the Heart", February 9-10 & 16-17 at 7:30 p.m. \*A matinee is scheduled for February 11 at 2:00 p.m..

Performances held at 2969 Pelham Pkwy., Suites J-K.  
For tickets, please visit the [South City Theatre website](#).

## SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 17 10:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Eagle's Nest to King's Chair Hike

The [Body Liberation Outdoor Club of Birmingham](#) invites everyone to participate in this moderate, 3.5 mile hike with an elevation gain of 734 feet.

Parking at North Trailhead.  
Learn more and register at the [BLHC event page](#).

## SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 10 10:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Ultra Donut Dash 5K Trail Run

Runners will eat a total of three donuts during the race. Each participant must finish their donut before running to the next stop.

Hosted by Zombie Trail Races.  
Learn more at the [Donut Dash event page](#).

## WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 14 1:00 P.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Crafting Together

Get creative with your friends and have fun making seasonal crafts. All supplies are provided. No experience is necessary. Join the fun!

Age 55+ | Cost varies.  
Call the Pelham Senior Center to learn more 205.620.6064



### February Home Schedule

February 3	vs. Roanoke	7:00 p.m.
February 10	vs. Evansville	7:00 p.m.
February 16	vs. Huntsville	7:00 p.m.
February 17	vs. Huntsville	7:00 p.m.
February 19	vs. Evansville	1:00 p.m.

**Ticket information available on the [Birmingham Bulls website](#).**

# COMING IN MARCH



## Indoor Community Yard Sale

Here's your chance to clean out your closets and garage and perhaps make a little extra money! Pelham Parks & Recreation is hosting an Indoor Community Yard Sale March 9, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Pelham Rec Center Gymnasium. We need participants! Register today for a 12 x 12 booth space for only \$10 (limit two booth spaces per person). You must bring your own table and chairs. Commercial or business sales are not permitted.

The Indoor Community Yard Sale is a great way to do some spring cleaning and sell those unwanted items. Best of all, you won't have to brave the elements!

Booth set up is Friday, March 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Email [Alicia Walters](mailto:Alicia.Walters@pelham-nc.gov), or call 205.621.4773.

## KITES & BITES

Sunday, March 10, 2024  
3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Pelham City Park



- Free Family Fun
- Food Trucks
- Live Music
- Bring your kites & lawn chairs



## COLLEGE FAIR FOR GR 9-12 2024

Roberts Room  
Saturday, March 9  
12pm-4pm



### Colleges Attending:

