

# EXPLORE



## Quick Facts

9th Annual  
Pelham Palooza in the  
Park

Saturday, May 18, 2024  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Pelham City Park  
Free Admission

Live Music:  
10:00 a.m. - The Divines  
1:00 p.m. - The M-80s

## FUN IN THE PARK

### City of Pelham Hosts Community Festival

The 9th Annual Pelham Palooza in the Park is a must-attend event for families and individuals looking for a fun-filled day. Scheduled for Saturday, May 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. along the Greenway Trail at Pelham City Park, this one-day festival promises live music, local artisans, merchants, and food trucks. Best of all, admission is free, making it a perfect outing for the whole family.

Paula Holly, one of the organizers of Pelham Palooza, said a new feature this year is the addition of Birmingham Knochersball. You will have a chance to suit up in a giant bubble and play games while being able to bump, flip, and feel like you're floating on air. She said she hopes the new playground will be open in time for Pelham Palooza and that the Splash Pad will be open for all to enjoy. The ever-popular Kidzapalooza area will include crafts with Party Art, face painters, music from Feel the Beat Entertainment, inflatables, and a rock wall.

Live musical acts include The Divines at 10:00 a.m. and The M-80s at 1:00 p.m. The Divines are a cover band that spans all decades and genres with a diverse playlist. The M-80s are familiar to Pelham audiences, having played at Music in the Park last October. The group will bring you 80s throwback vibes as you recall the early days on MTV, parachute pants, and Pac-Man.

Pelham Parks & Recreation will celebrate our youth athletes with a parade along the trails and a dunking booth. Make plans now to attend!



## XTERRA Returns to Pelham

XTERRA organizers say the trails at Oak Mountain State Park are second to none. For many elite athletes, the third stop of the 2024 XTERRA World Cup, the XTERRA North American Championship triathlon, is a highlight on their competition calendar.

The four-day weekend of events, set for May 16-19, celebrates athleticism and family fun. It features live coverage of the thrilling new XTERRA Short Track off-road triathlon format, full-distance and sprint off-road triathlons, and a fun kids' bike race. It's a perfect family outing where everyone can find something to enjoy.

Oak Mountain is one of seven stops in a global series of events that will award \$340,000 to XTERRA's fastest professional athletes. The other stops in the series include Taiwan, Greece, Belgium, Québec, and Czech, and the title competition in Trentino, Italy, in September.

Participating in the North American Championship is a challenge, but it's also a stepping stone to something bigger. The Full Distance Triathlon, which includes a 1.5K swim in Double Oak Lake, a 21-mile full bike course with 1,650 feet of overall elevation gain, and a 10K run course on hard-packed, tight, and twisty trails with scenic views at every turn, also serves as a qualifier for the prestigious 2024 XTERRA World Championship.

The XTERRA Sprint is a shorter distance race with a 750-meter swim, 14K mountain bike, and a 4.5K trail run. It is ideal for newcomers and those wanting a less demanding XTERRA experience.

The Short Track Triathlon is an invite-only showdown featuring XTERRA World Cup professionals. The off-road triathlon format includes a 400-meter swim, a 7.5-kilometer bike ride, and a 3 Km run that will be covered live.

One of the weekend's highlights for the general public and athletes alike is the XTERRA Festival, filled with family-friendly fun, music, food trucks, yard games, axe throwing, kids' activities, and beer. The XTERRA Battle of the Bands starts Saturday afternoon following the XTERRA Awards Ceremony. Be sure to cast your vote for your favorite band because they'll play a complete set on Sunday. The Festival is free and open to the public.



SAVE THE DATE FOR  
SOUTH CITY THEATRE'S PRODUCTION OF

*Love, Loss and What I Wore*

PRESENTED BY  
  
MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND

**BY NORA EPHRON & DELIA EPHRON**

Based on the book by Ilene Beckerman | Directed by Sue Ellen Gerrells

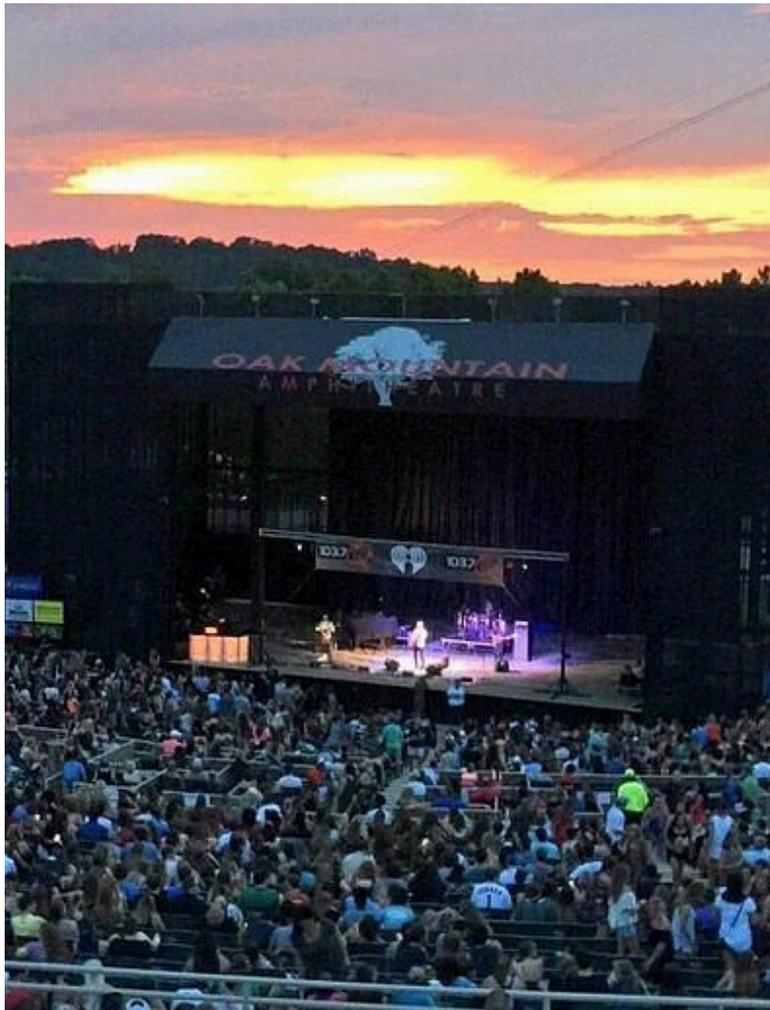
**FRIDAY, MAY 10TH | DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM**

## BEAT Hosts Dinner Theatre

The Pelham BEAT (Beautification, Entertainment, & Arts Team) is thrilled to announce a collaboration with South City Theatre for another spectacular dinner theatre production. Join the fun on Friday, May 10th, at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena for a memorable evening as we present "Love, Loss, and What I Wore" by Nora Ephron and Delia Ephron, based on the book by Ilene Beckerman and directed by Sue Ellen Gerrells.

Ticket holders will enjoy a catered dinner, a cash bar, and live acting by a talented local cast. The lobby opens at 6:00 p.m. for cocktails. Open seating will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the play will start at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at this link. Be sure to purchase yours today and support the local arts.



## Concert Season Begins

Oak Mountain Amphitheatre kicks off the 2024 summer concert season this month with ten shows on the lineup so far. Here are some of the artists you can see right here in Pelham.

- Sunday, May 5                      Hozier: Unreal Unearth Tour
- Wednesday, May 15              Staind: The Tailgate Tour with Special Guest Seether
- Tuesday, June 11                  21 Savage: American Dream Tour
- Friday, July 26                      Hootie & the Blowfish: Summer Camp with Trucks Tour
- Sunday, July 28                      Third Eye Blind: Summer Gods Tour with Special Guests Yellowcard
- Tuesday, August 6                  Barbie The Movie: In Concert
- Friday, August 9                      Loserville 2024: Limp Bizkit, BONES, N8NOFACE, Corey Feldman, and Riff Raff
- Wednesday, August 14              Creed: Summer of '99 Tour
- Friday, August 16                      Train: Summer Road Trip
- Tuesday, August 27                  +LIVE+ & Stone Temple Pilots: The Jubilee Tour

Tickets information and details available at [LiveNation](https://www.livenation.com).



## A Glimpse Into History

Cemeteries, large and small, dot our landscape. They are found along highways, backroads, country lanes, and urban landscapes. While many think of cemeteries as merely final resting places, they are also repositories of a location's history and culture.

[Pelham Public Library](#) hopes to reveal some of that history and culture through the special program "Alabama Cemeteries: Common Symbols and Architecture," held on Saturday, May 11th, at 11:00 a.m. in Roberts Room A at the Library.

Our esteemed presenter, Mollie Smith Waters, a renowned expert from the Alabama Humanities Alliance Road Speakers Bureau, will be your guide through the common symbols and typical architecture found in Alabama's cemeteries. She'll also delve into the unusual and macabre, and discuss the state's famous cemeteries and their intriguing inhabitants. This is a unique opportunity to learn about symbols, secret organizations, epitaphs, and grave styles that you can recognize the next time you explore an old cemetery. [Registration is required.](#)



## Magic City Ice Classic

Figure skaters from several states will descend on the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena May 3-5 for the 14th Annual Magic City Ice Classic, a three-day event hosted by the Birmingham Figure Skating Club that's packed with competition events from all levels of ice skating - from Compete USA Snowplow Sam up to Senior USFS.

Last year, 205 skaters from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, New York, South Carolina, and Tennessee came to Pelham to compete, and the event grows each year.

The public is invited to watch the competitions, shop the on-site vendors, and cheer on local figure skaters from the Pelham Skate School and the Birmingham Figure Skating Club. The Magic City Ice Classic is a designated Excel Series competition for the 2024 Excel Series.

## Summer Camp Reminder

As listed in our April 2024 edition of the City of Pelham E-Newsletter, we have a packed lineup of summer recreation camps available to kids of all interests and abilities. Make plans for your kids to attend, and register them today!



**SUMMER CAMPS & PROGRAMS**

**Scan for Details**

[Pelham Racquet Club](#)



Scan to Register

[Pelham Tennis Center](#)



Scan to Register

## THE COOLEST CAMP IN TOWN!

**TWO OPTIONS:**

- FIGURE SKATERS & ASPIRING HOCKEY PLAYERS
- HOCKEY PLAYERS

**Four Sessions:**  
 June 10-14, 2024  
 June 24-28, 2024  
 July 8-12, 2024  
 July 22-26, 2024

**Ages 6-18**  
 Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.




Registration Info



**Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena**

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**June 10 - 13**

# Junior golf camp



fun, games & golf instruction from our PGA Professionals

\$200 per golfer ages 5 - 12

Call the Golf Shop to register | 205.620.4653



**Ballantrae**

# HAPPENING IN PELHAM



## FRIDAY | MAY 3 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. | BALLANTRAE GOLF Cobra Demo/Fitting Day

Here's a chance to improve your swing and your game. Come out to Ballantrae Golf Club for an exclusive Cobra demo and fitting.

Open to the public.  
Find out more on the [Ballantrae Golf Club website](#).

## SATURDAY | MAY 4 4:45 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Sunrise Hike to King's Chair Overlook

Make plans to join the fun for a guided hike to King's Chair Overlook. The hike is open to all but is considered intermediate to advanced, so come prepared.

Enter at the OMSP front gate only.  
Read more details on the [Facebook event page](#).

## SATURDAY | MAY 4 9:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK BUMP Ladies Beginner Ride & Learn

Join Birmingham Urban Mountain Peddlers for the next ladies' only beginner ride-and-learn group. We'll hit the trails to focus on skills building.

Free with OMSP gate fee.  
Learn more on the [BUMP event page](#).

## TUESDAY | MAY 7 VARIES | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Pickleball 101

Learn to play America's fastest-growing sport! Beginner Clinic: 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m., Advanced Beginner Clinic: 1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Adults 55+ | \$15 per person  
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

## WEDNESDAY | MAY 8 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. | PELHAM CITY PARK PCS/Village Voices Pelham in the Park

Pelham City Schools & Village Voices team up for a free community resource fair tailored to meet the needs of our multilingual families.

For PCS Students & their Families  
Call Pelham City Schools Central Office: 205.624-3700

## THURSDAY | MAY 9 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Baking Class

Teresa Cooper with Siggis Table teaches us how to make delicious baked goods. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary.

Adults 55+ | \$10/class | Space is limited.  
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

# HAPPENING IN PELHAM



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

The Pelham Garden Club is open to adults interested in all areas of gardening. A Pelham residence is not required. Local experts present the program each month.

Free  
More details on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

## FRIDAY | MAY 10 10:30 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Ladies Mother's Day Brunch

Ladies, we're setting aside this day to honor you and your importance to us. Join us for brunch with great food and friends.

Ladies 55+ | Free  
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

## FRIDAY - SATURDAY | MAY 10-11 8:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Runk the Gap

Runk the Gap is a two-person relay event benefiting Designs for Hope. The grueling 12-hour lap race will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and end at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Meet at Redbud Pavilion.  
Read more details on the [Facebook event page](#).

## MONDAY | MAY 13 8:30 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Men's Breakfast Club

Calling all men! Join us for a delicious breakfast at a local restaurant while enjoying conversation with new friends. It is held on the third Monday of each month.

Men 55+ | \$1 + cost of breakfast  
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

## SUNDAY | MAY 19 10:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Paddling 101

This three-hour workshop by the Birmingham Canoe Club introduces beginners to canoeing and kayaking.

\$30 per person  
Details and registration information are [available here](#).

## MONDAY | MAY 20 1:00 P.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Drumming

Improve your coordination, lift your mood, and exercise your brain. A professional instructor will lead the class in a drum circle. Space is limited

Adults 55+ | Free  
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

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### MONDAY | MAY 20

10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. | PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Help save a life and donate blood at the Pelham Public Library's convenient location.

Free

More details on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

### TUESDAY | MAY 21

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.

Adults 55+ | \$10/class

Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

### TUESDAY | MAY 21

6:00 P.M. | PELHAM RECREATION CENTER

#### Learn to Play NHL Street

Learn the fundamentals of street hockey. We'll emphasize teamwork & sportsmanship as we prepare for the new NHL Street League this summer.

Ages 6-12 | \$15 per player

Learn more & register on the [Parks & Rec website](#).

### THURSDAY | MAY 23

8:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

#### Full Moon Paddle

Join Flip Side Watersports for an evening paddle under the full Flower Moon. Additional details will be posted soon on the [Facebook event page](#).

Flip Side Watersports - 100 Terrace Drive, Pelham, AL  
205.423.5457

### FRIDAY | MAY 24

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. | BALLANTRAE GOLF

#### Wilson Demo/Fitting Day

Here's your chance to improve your game with a professional golf club fitting from the Wilson experts. Learn more about their products and find your perfect fit.

Open to the public.

Find out more on the [Ballantrae Golf Club website](#).

### SATURDAY | MAY 25

8:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

#### Memorial Day Trail Run - 12 & 6 Mile

Southeastern Trail Runs hosts this 12- and 6-mile race, which offers challenging climbs, including Shackelford Point, the highest point in Oak Mountain State Park.

Park entrance fees apply | Redbud Pavilion.

Visit the [Southeastern Trail Runs website](#) for details.

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### TUESDAY | MAY 28 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Watercolor Painting

Join us as we create watercolor paintings with Mary Weller. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. Space is limited.

Adults 55+ | \$10 per class  
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

### TUESDAY | MAY 28 2:00 P.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY The Science Guys of Nashville

Children of all ages will enjoy this fun and interactive science program presented by Mr. Bond's Science Guys of Nashville.

Free  
Details are available on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

### THURSDAY | MAY 30 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Pottery Class

Create your own masterpiece under the direction of Potter and the Clay. All supplies are included, and no experience is necessary. Space is limited.

Adults 55+ | Cost varies.  
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

**THE CITY OF PELHAM  
LIBRARY**

**Virtual Author Events**

**MAY 1, 2024 | 2:00 p.m.**  
**Douglas Brunt**  
*The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I*

**MAY 21, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.**  
**Rebecca F. Kuang**  
*Yellowface*

[Click here](#) to learn more.

*Congratulations*  
**PELHAM  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
Class of 2024

## COMING SOON

Summer is heating up in Pelham, and here are just a few events to put on your family's calendar now.



Pelham Parks & Recreation  
Presents  
**FAMILY KICKBALL NIGHT**  
Friday, June 7, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.  
[Click here for information](#)

\*Followed by  
**Movies Under the Stars:**  
The Super Mario Bros. Movie -  
8:15 p.m.



**MOVIES**  
Under the *Stars*

**Friday, June 7**  
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)

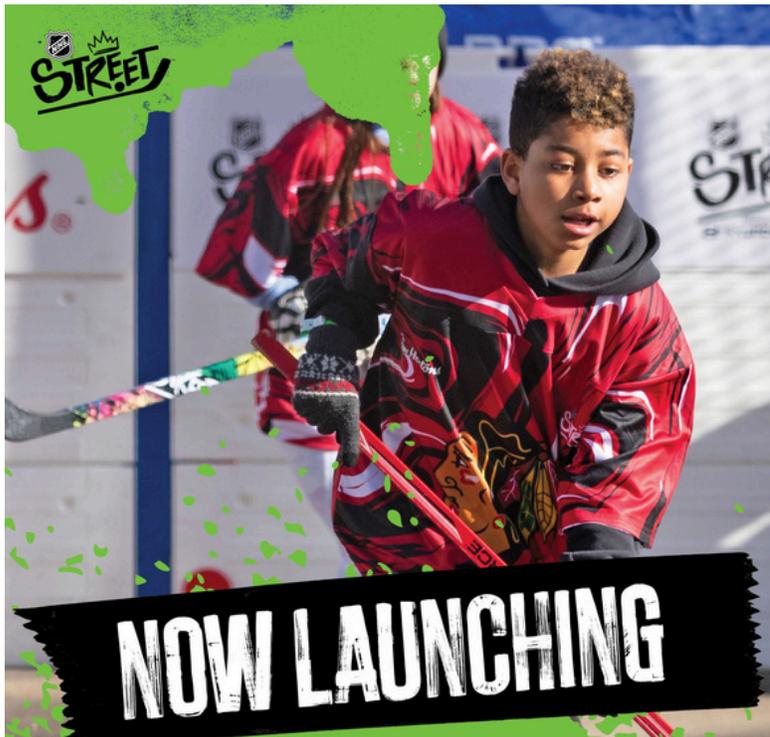
**Friday, July 12**  
Migration (PG)

**Pelham City Park**  
6:30 p.m. - Games, Family Fun,  
& Food Trucks  
8:15 p.m. - Movie

Follow Pelham Parks  
& Rec for updates.

[www.pelhamalrecreation.gov](http://www.pelhamalrecreation.gov)

**STREET**

**NOW LAUNCHING**

**LEARN TO PLAY NHL STREET**  
May 21 - June 11, 2024  
Pelham Recreation Center  
Registration Closes May 20  
[Learn More & Register Here](#)



**YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINICS**  
Tuesday, June 18 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 23 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Ages 8 - 12  
Pelham Recreation Center  
[Learn More & Register Here](#)